



HERENBOEREN



Cooperative sustainable food production

Many people would want to have access to homegrown produce and meat: delicious, healthy, and local. However, not everyone has access to a private farm, a vegetable garden, enough time on their hands, or a green thumb. Now, there is a solution: the “Herenboerderij” [farmers co-op].

The farmers co-op is a small farming cooperative, owned by approximately 200 families (“Herenboeren”). Together they decide what to eat and what the farm shall produce. The farmer, who is employed by the cooperative, grows a dozen types of fruits and vegetables and looks after the farm animals that produces meat and eggs.

The participating families (“Herenboeren”) contribute a one-time 2,000 Euros for the formation of the farm. All participating families share in the annual operating cost. This includes the farmers' salary, real estate cost, utilities, seeds and plants, and food for the farm animals. The annual recurring cost may vary by farm, however, for approximately 10 Euros (per person, per week) you will be eating healthy and fresh food from your own farm.

Start your own 'Herenboerderij' (farmers co-op)

Not the farmer or the farm are at the inception of the "Herenboerderij", but the founding participating families ("Herenboeren") start the cooperative. Approximately 150 households are required to commence the local initiative and start the cooperative.

Enthusiastic and committed founding families use social media and information nights to gather like-minded families that are passionate about sustainable and local food production for their own consumption. After approximately 50 – 100 people are involved and committed, the search for a farm location and farmer can begin. The "Herenboerderij" (farmers co-op) and a board of directors will be established.

Herenboeren Nederland

Local enthusiastic community members aren't alone in their quest. They receive support from "Herenboeren Nederland". This organization aids in the establishment of the farm and shares its extensive knowledge and experiences. "Herenboeren Nederland" supports the participating founding families of a farmers co-op with communication and organizational direction for the cooperative, farm, and farmer.



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