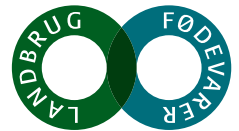


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Challenges with wetland projects and geospatial aid application

Danish farmers meet a range of challenges with the complexity of support schemes in wetland projects and with multiannual contracts in general. We have had the honour of discussing these challenges with Tom Tynan in the cabinet of Phil Hogan the 30th of January 2018 and at a meeting with D2 and D3 in December 2017. The cabinet has asked us to continue the dialogue about these challenges with you. Therefore, we hope to continue a good and constructive debate with you on how to solve these challenges.

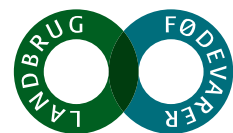
The challenges facing Danish farmers come partly from combining multiannual contracts with geospatial aid application, combining two or more support schemes in the same area, difficulties in mapping dynamic extensive areas near water, rules for field parcel updates and the rules for mapping and claiming support for areas with article 32 exemptions.

Farmers spend enormous amounts of resources correcting very small areas, and often the effort is much higher than the amount of support it concerns and for the last few years we have experienced significant delays in payments due to these complexities – also to a significant degree in organic payments.

Generally, this means that farmers hesitate to go into projects with multiannual contracts and specifically wetland projects. This is a huge problem as the establishment of wetlands is an important part of the planned environmental operation in Denmark in the coming years. This environmental operation will be of benefit for both farming and for the society with the aim of increasing the environmental sustainability of agricultural production. Therefore, we see a desperate need to simplify and improve the rules in this area.

We have attached a short PowerPoint presentation which illustrates the main challenges and some suggestions on how to improve the situation.

We would be very happy to meet with you and your colleagues responsible for the rules on multi-annual contracts in pillar II and go into a more detailed discussion on how to improve the situation for Danish farmers. The reaction from the meeting with Tom Tynan was one of clear expectation that this must be solved.



Sincerely

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