**One dairy farmer, two advisors of Organic Denmark and one veterinarian from Denmark,**

**24 – 26 september 2014.**

Ze willen graag met veehouders praten over het beheer van natuurterreinen door begrazing met schapen, rundvee en of paarden. Wat zijn de mogelijkheden en moeilijkheden voor veehouders en organisaties. Daarbij kunnen aan de orde komen de voeding van de dieren, gezondheid, dierenwelzijn, natuurontwikkeling, biodiversiteit in planten en dieren (vogels), overeenkomsten met organisaties, management behoeften en vaardigheden en de economie.

Like to see maintenance of nature area’s by grazing with cattle, sheep and horses (mixed as possible) and discuss possibilities and requirements for farmers and organizations. Topics will be nutrition, health and animal welfare, nature development, biodiversity plants and birds, agreements with organisations, management, needs/skills, economics.

**Wednesday 24th September**

Morning: 9.30 h. Teunis Jacob Slob, Tiendweg 4, 4225 PN Noordeloos, +31624139826, tjslob@solcon.nl. Organic farmer with nature land along the river Rhine and at home on peat land (dairy farm with 100 cows). Active in nature organisation De Haneker where local authorities, farmers and civilians work together to organize nature care for the area. Distance to next visit 160 km (1.45h).

Afternoon: 13.00 h. Jan Broenink, Balkenbeltsweg 37, 6779 TD Langeveen, +31546681246, J\_Broenink@hotmail.com. Farmer with dairy cows on production grassland and 140 steers grazing on 120 ha of nature land of Staatsbosbeheer. Marketing of meat is one of the branches that must be developed to be sustainably able to maintain nature land without subsidies. Distance from Langeveen to Loenen is 90 km (1.00h).

Late afternoon (5 o clock) visit a small rare breed herd of sheep and cows at Loenermark where Wim Geraedts will take you to the grazing area. He will pick you from the parking place at the restaturant De Loenermark, Eerbeekseweg 4, 7371 CG Loenen. Call Wim when leaving Langeveen so he knows approximately when he can expect you to arrive in Loenen. His phone nr is +316 53 81 69 43. The distance from Loenen to Eelde is 145 km (1.30h).

**Thursday 25th September**

Morning: 9.00 h. Sietse van der Goot, Westerhorn 43, 9761VN Eelde +31620677312, hoogeveld@home.nl. Organic suckler cow herd of Limousine to maintain about 800 ha of nature land of Natuurmonumenten (see website www.hoogeveld.nl). Distance from Eelde to Soest is 165 km (2 h).

Afternoon: 14.00 h. Meet at the parking place at restaurant 't Hoogt, Van Weerden Poelmanweg 220 3768 MN Soest, +31622708110, info@provinos.nl. Sheep flock de Treekerwissel in Soest. Judith van Andel and José Struik, the shepherd show and talks about grazing of nature area’s with sheep. And how maintaining nature for nature organizations can be realized under practical conditions.

Drive to the Zaandam after the visit, distance 50 km (50 min), and find a B&B in the region. You could try to make an appointment late afternoon/evening with Marijke Dirkson (+31650731575), shepherd in that region, managing a 800 sheep flock grazing nature areas and dikes.

**Friday 26th September**

Morning: 9.30 h. Jan& Connie Rutte, Westerwindpad 102, 1507 AL Zaandam, +31630311654, j.rutte1@kpnplanet.nl. Organic dairy farms with 80 cows and 40 ewes. 100 ha of nature land of Staatsbosbeheer. Distance to Tienhoven is 50 km (1 h).

Afternoon: 13.30 h. Willem van der Linden, Griendweg 1, 3612 AS Tienhoven (Stichtse Vecht), +31618875704, wbvanderlinden@hetnet.nl. Organic farm with 200 Groninger White Head cows, production grassland and 200 ha nature land grazed as maintenance for different nature organisations.

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