

# BoerenNatuur

40 cooperatives

Aim: Agri-environmental scheme

Nature inclusive agriculture



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Agrarisch Natuur- en Landschapsbeheer



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- Dairy farmer, 120 cows, 2 Milking robots
- 70 ha. Grassland with 15 ha Meadow bird protection
- President of Farmers Nature
- Umbrella organization of 40 Cooperatives
- Agri-environmental schemes
- Long-term perspective



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- Cooperative: “Group of Farmers”
- Farmland bird protection
- Landscape maintenance
- 11,000 farmers, 100,000 hectares
- € 85 million



# Specific approach: 40 agricultural collectives, together covering the complete country



Provinciegrenzen

- |                                    |                            |                                    |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Collectief Groningen West        | 16 Achterhoek              |                                    |
| 2 Midden-Groningen                 | 17 Rivierenland            |                                    |
| 3 ANOG                             | 18 Veluwe                  |                                    |
| 4 Agrarische Natuur Drenthe        | 19 Noord Holland Zuid      |                                    |
| 5 Waddenvogels                     | 20 Water, Land en Dijken   |                                    |
| 6 Waadrane                         | 21 Hollands Noorden        |                                    |
| 7 Westergo                         | 22 De Lieuw                |                                    |
| 8 Sudwestkust                      | 23 Collectief Utrecht Oost |                                    |
| 9 It Lege Midden                   | 24 Collectief Eemland      |                                    |
| 10 ELAN                            | 25 Rijn Vecht en Venen     |                                    |
| 11 Noardlike Fryske Walden         | 26 ANV Lopikerwaard        |                                    |
| 12 Flevolands Agrarisch Collectief | 27 Rijn & Gouwe Wiericke   |                                    |
|                                    |                            | 31 Alblasserwaard/Vijfheerenlanden |
|                                    |                            | 32 Hoeksche Waard                  |
|                                    |                            | 33 Zuidhollandse Eilanden          |
|                                    |                            | 34 Collectief Midden-Delfland      |
|                                    |                            | 35 West Brabant                    |
|                                    |                            | 36 Oost Brabant                    |
|                                    |                            | 37 Midden Brabant                  |



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- System Change in Agri-Environmental schemes.
- From Farm approach to Habitat approach.
- Strong roll for cooperatives.
- Shift of responsibilities.
- Efficiency: from 13,000 contracts to 40 !
- Effectiveness, habitat approach.
- The farmer in the lead.



# What is being achieved?



- ▶ Regional authorities have granted subsidies;
- ▶ The groups of farmers have built their organisation and strengthened their professionalism, including ICT;
- ▶ A knowledge-network is developed;
- ▶ Monitoring protocols are developed in cooperation with environmental NGO's;
- ▶ Control and sanctioning protocols by management authority and groups of farmers themselves.





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# New challenges

- In addition to landscape, biodiversity and nature
- Climate solutions.
- Environment, for example nitrogen.
- Water quality and quantity.
- Let's face it, this is a system change.
- **Nature inclusive agriculture**





# Vision BoerenNatuur

- Focus on goals instead of measures.
- The goals must be integral.
- Solutions only work if they are area-specific
- Set goals at the farm level.
- Let the farmer be an entrepreneur.
- Critical performance indicators.
- Multiple forms of rewards.
- **We cannot do this alone**



# The Future

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# Thank You.



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