

Peder Philipp is full of trust

We are in for some major challenges



Peder Philipp, dairy farmer in Ribe, Denmark, 150 dairy cows and 200 hectares of grassland, has operated 2 Lely Astronaut milking robots since 2005.

‘Development in farming will in the years ahead make heavy demands on new thinking and adjustments. As a Danish dairy farmer cattle breeder with 150 cows and 200 hectares of farmland I am convinced that dairy farming will not have lost its importance in 40 years, but there are considerable challenges lying ahead. Still I am convinced that farming run on a family line will survive in Denmark, as it has always been the pivotal element of Danish farming.’

To maintain viable farming in future it will be necessary to aim at correlation in the value chain i.e. product differentiation based on regards for the environment and animal welfare, including factual sales possibilities. This requires professional, effective management and consultancy. Product differentiation will lead to larger farms, and new forms of farm management will emerge.

The feed mix will influence and become part of the product differentiation. Roughage products will still be produced nationally, but special protein products will be imported.

Productivity makes heavy demands on farm management to secure overview, innovation, guidance and counselling and the ability to recruit motivated employees. The target is to create a balance between operations, automation and security. New technologies and self-sufficiency in energy will be new goals.

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