



Dörte Wolfgramm-Stühmeyer



THE INNOVATION JOURNEY

Dörte Wolfgramm-Stühmeyer has a degree in agroecology and runs a 330-hectare farm on 4 sites near Greifswald in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania in north-east Germany. She keeps 50 suckler cows with offspring, 90 ewes, 12 fattening pigs and 70 laying hens on 280 ha of grassland. The animals are slaughtered by a local butcher, then processed on the farm and sold in the farm shop. She also trained as a farm educator and uses this to explain to people where the products they eat come from. She took over the farm in 2016 from her father, who founded it in 1990.



THE IMPACTS OF INNOVATION

Dörte's farm is versatile. She manages her farm organically in accordance with Biopark standards. Cattle and sheep are kept on pasture in a species-appropriate manner almost all year round, while the pigs are kept as straw pigs. In addition to animal husbandry and direct

marketing, she undertakes many voluntary measures to promote biodiversity on her land. She does this in particular with a WWF programme.

She has planted a meadow orchard and offers flower sponsorships. At the same time, she wants to bring people closer to agriculture by linking her products to stories. It is not only important to her to farm sustainably, but also to raise awareness of agricultural production and the amount of labour involved. Minimising food waste is an important concern for her. Dörte brings added value to her structurally weak region: she has created two jobs and markets the products of 10 small farms from her region. She was honoured with the "Best Organic from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern" award for her production.



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<https://lwb-wolfgramm.de/>;

<https://www.biopark.de/>;

<https://www.landwirtschaft-artenvielfalt.de/>