

Agricultural Practices in Sweden

Animal and Environmental Welfare; The Swedish Perspective





Sweden



Sweden

- **Area:** 450,000 sq km (175,500 sq mi)
- **Population:** 8,850,000
- **Capital city:** Stockholm (pop 736,000)
- **People:** 90% Swedes, 3% Finns, 0.15% Sami (indigenous Lapp inhabitants)
- **Language:** Swedish, but English is widely spoken. Five Samish dialects are still spoken.

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- **Currency:** Krona (Crown)
- **Religion:** Lutheran
- **Government:** Constitutional hereditary monarchy
- **Prime Minister:** Göran Persson

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- GDP: US\$250 billion
- GDP per head: US\$28,283
- Annual growth: 1%
- Inflation: 2%

Sweden

Major industries:

- forestry, mining, agriculture
- engineering and high tech manufacturing
- telecommunications, IKEA

Socioeconomic Influence

- Legislation
- European Union
- Animal Welfare
- Secretary of Agriculture
- King of Sweden



Food/Companion Animal Issues

- Ban on subtherapeutic antibiotics
- BSE, FMD, pseudorabies free
- National cattle data base
- National animal data base
- Prohibited elective surgeries
- Insurance

Environmental Issues

- Chernobyl
- Reindeer ownership and harvests
- Biosecurity for necropsy/disposal



Veterinary Education

- 12 years previous education
- Certification in a natural science
- 5 ½ year program for DVM; 15:1
- 70 students; 80% female
- Free education
- Debt \$25,000 - \$30,000

Animal Welfare

- Specific space requirements
- Barns and facilities must be inspected
- New and previous buildings
- No advertising of pharmaceuticals
- Moral versus scientific
- Ethologist



Accommodations

- Youth hostel
- Breakfast included
- \$40-50
- Bus/minivans
- Near center



Conditions

- No food animal contact 4 days prior to departure
- Applications on CVM WEB site
- Cost \$1500

Travel Itinerary

- August 10 depart
- August 11 arrive
- August 12-13 campus
- August 14-15 farm tours
- August 16 to Stockholm
- August 17 Stockholm
- August 18 depart

Tours

- Dairy, swine, beef farms
- Poultry housing
- Aquaculture
- Veterinary Institute
- Veterinary College



Uppsala



Stockholm

- Gamla Stan
- Parliament
- The Vasa
- Townhall
- Royal Palace
- Historiska museet







