

Sweden

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Towards GMO-free Sweden: The key is cooperation

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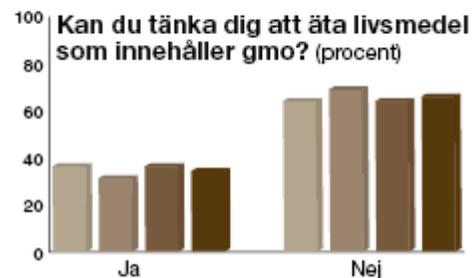
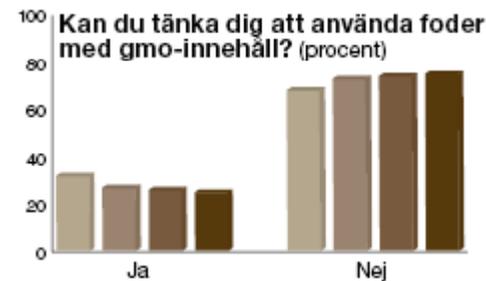
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Government yes to GMOs Farmers no to GMOs

- Swedish Ministers vote for approving GMOs
- Farmers no to GMOs



ATL:s opinionsundersökning

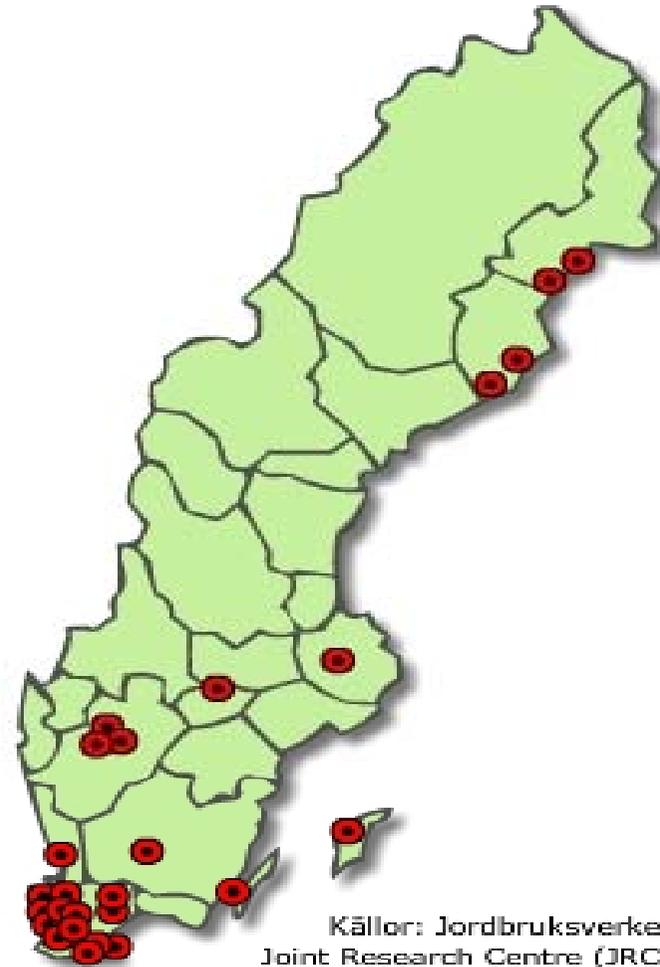
ATL gör varje år en opinionsundersökning med ett antal frågor. Målgruppen är lantbrukare med en åkerareal som överstiger 20 hektar. 1 000 företagare tillfrågades och 702 deltog. Undersökningen gjordes av Nordiska Undersökningsgruppen.

Co-existence regulation by the Swedish government

- According to the Swedish Board of Agriculture, GMO-maize (50m) and GMO-potato (3m) are of interest of Swedish agriculture
- A GMO farmer must inform the authority at least 2 weeks after seeding of GMO seeds
- Neighbouring farmers within 100m from a GMO field must be informed at least by the 1st Nov before the year of cultivation
- A GMO farmer has to pay 200SEK (18EUR) for registration to the authority

GMO field trials in Sweden

- 127 GMO crops have been cultivated as field trial in Sweden since 1989
- 43 GMO potatoes
- 46 GMO oilseed rape
- 22 GMO sugar beets
- 2 GMO maize
- 10 other GMOs



GMO in food in Sweden?

- 70% of consumers say no to GMO in food
- No GMO labelled products are on the shelves
- The National Food Administration finds GMO-soya and GMO-maize contaminated food every year without labelling
- Milk, egg, chicken, beef producers do not use GMO in feed
- Some Swedish pork producers may use feed with GMO-soya

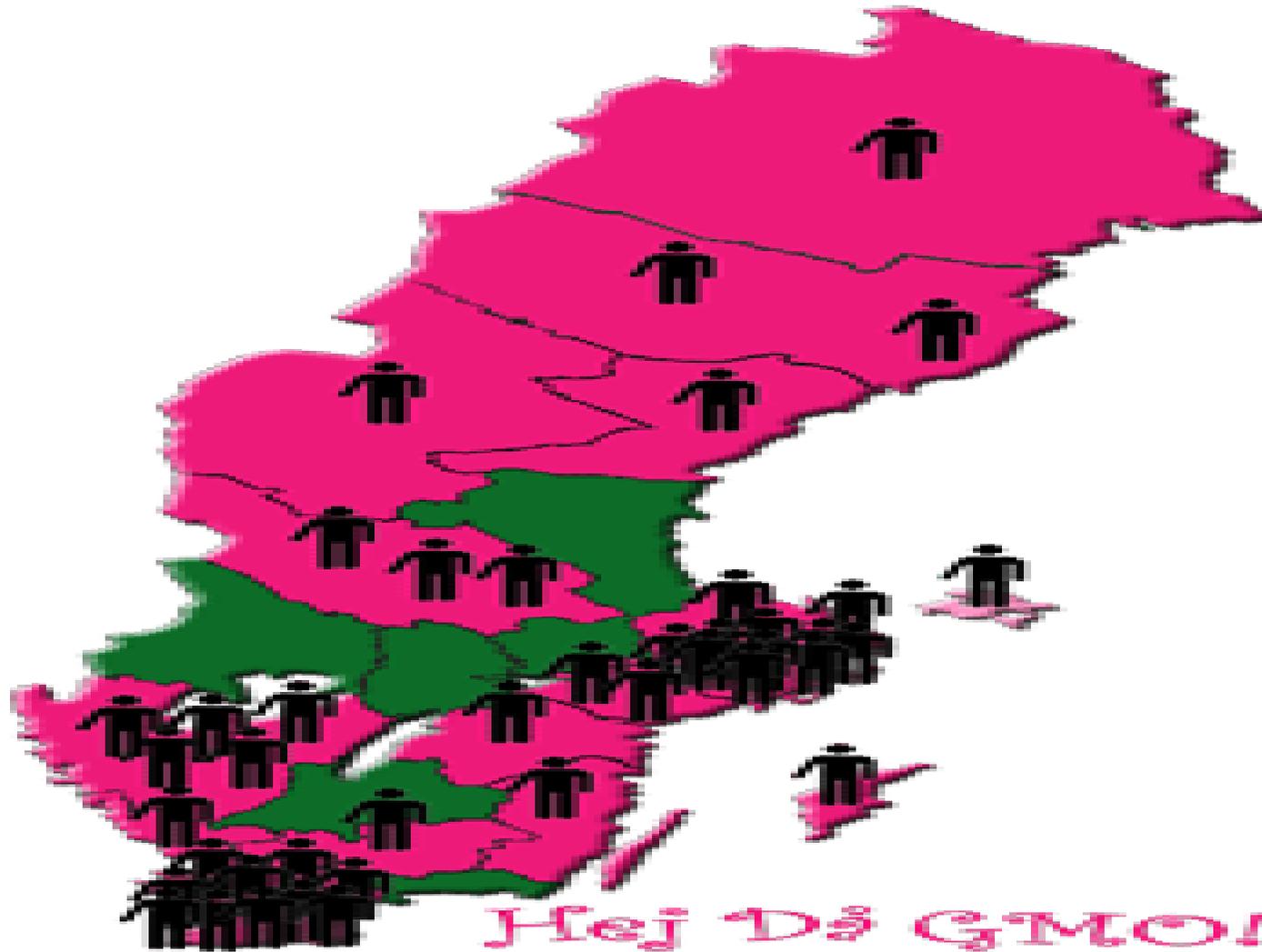
Working together works!

- First time in Sweden, many farmers and citizens organizations are working together in order to make Sweden GMO-free country
- Citizens proposal to municipalities
- Bills to organizations, political parties
- Organizing public gathering
- Sending opinions and letter to the editors
- Participate cyber actions

There is a hope in Sweden

- A nationwide network, Hej Då GMO, launched in Feb 2008
- 42 contact points in 15 counties out of 21 counties (As of April 2009)
- The first GMO-Free municipality is Östersund
- The second is Åre
- A county, Jämtland, is currently working to make the whole county GMO-Free

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