

MEATBALL Lithuanian experience

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Aim and goals

Aim: To reduce nutrient runoff applying best practices at the farm
level

<u>Goals</u>

- ✓ To install beef cattle farm for long term management of pastures and wetlands
- ✓ Remove biomass from wetlands and use them locally, e.g. for heating
- ✓ Restore valuable habitats: water bodies, meadows and sandy slopes within and <u>outside</u> nature reserve
- ✓ Reduce runoff by convertion of arable land into grazed pastures

Results

- 1 farm established
- 140 ha of meadows grazed
- combined grazing and mowing
- Biomass harvested in 60 ha of wetlands and pellets produced
- Restored 10 ha of meadows overgrown by bushes and tussocks
- Exchange trip to Sweden for Lithuanian farmers
- 3 seminars on agri-environmental schemes organised

