

# Norges Bondelag

(Norwegian Farmers Union)

- we grow your food



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Norges Bondelag (Norwegian Farmers' Union) is the largest farmers' organization in Norway. We also work for the views of people who think growing food in Norway is important. Our main aim is to improve conditions in agriculture, and show how important agriculture is for the community.

Every day our members deliver delicious and healthy raw material for the food eaten by Norwegians. But we do more than that. We prevent reforestation, and we give work to people and contribute to vivid rural areas all through Norway.

## Our main priorities:

- A better economy and improved conditions for farmers and agricultural production in Norway
- Securing that good soil is being designated for food production now and in the future
- A robust and attractive countryside throughout Norway

## We want agriculture that:

- Produces delicious and healthy food for an increasing population
- Optimizes the use of soil- and grazing resources all through the country
- Is environmentally friendly, sustainable, and considerate to animal welfare
- Maintains the cultural landscape to the benefit of the community

## We also work for:

- Recruitment to the agricultural sector, focusing on quality agricultural education and the positive development of farmers economy
- The landholders right to develop business on all the resources connected to the farm
- Regulation of the number of predators so that grazing is possible within larger areas
- Defend the right of the nation to set customs that makes it possible to practice our own agricultural policy within our borders
- Secure Norway's right and duty to produce food for our own population



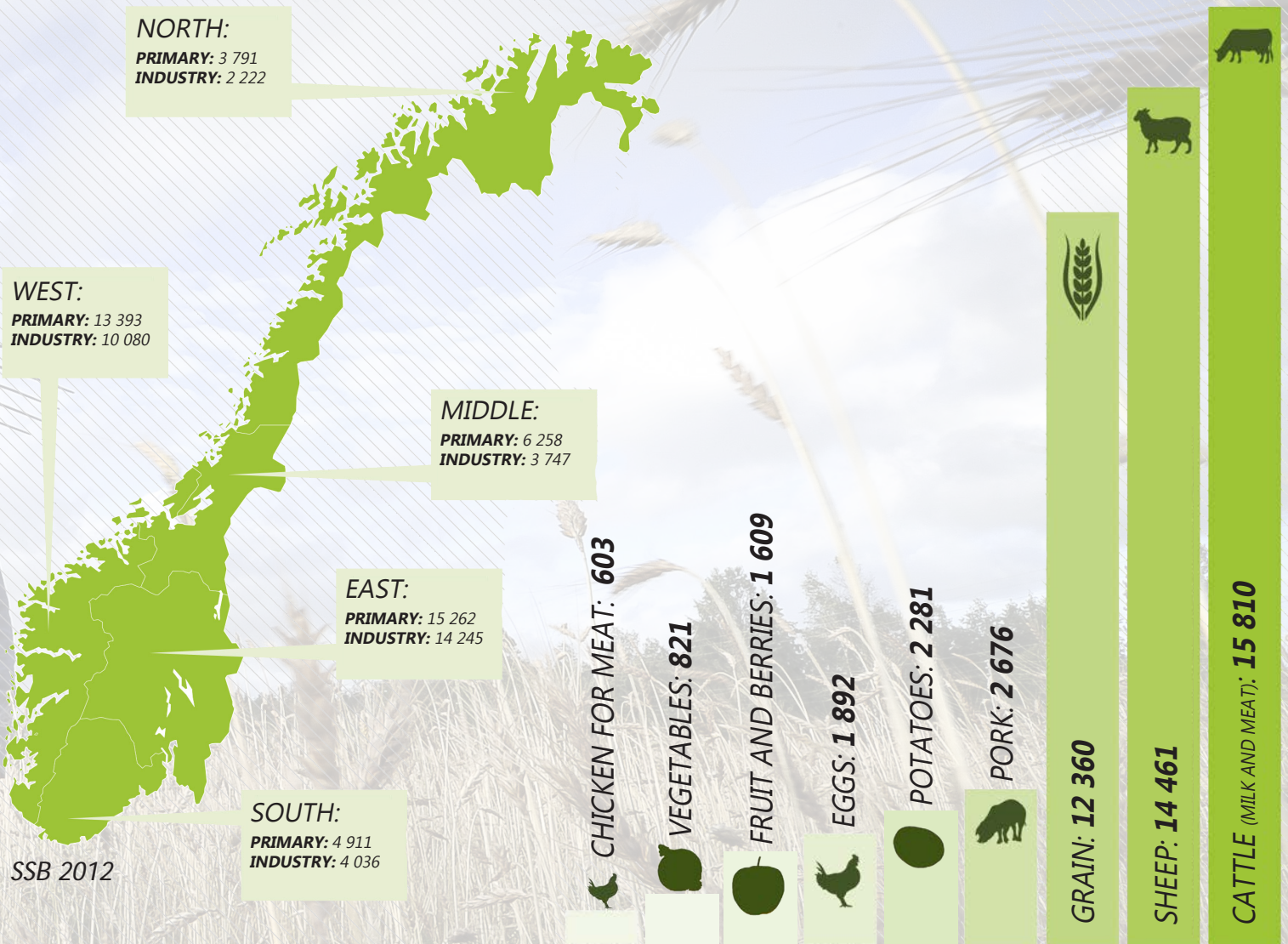


## We create value

- About 90 000 man years in agriculture and processing industry, of which about 45 500 in farming
- Jobs distributed all over the country

NUMBER OF FARMS AND WORKERS IN INDUSTRY DISTRIBUTED IN REGIONS

NUMBER OF FARMS MANUFACTURING GRAIN, VEGETABLES, BERRIES, FRUIT, MEAT, MILK AND EGGS



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## Our organization:

- Have more than 60.000 members, 540 local associations and 18 regional associations
- Have a central secretariat and regional offices in all parts of the country
- Is independent of political parties
- Negotiate with the government once a year about farmers income
- Invites to “Open farm”-arrangements all over the country





## Did you know that..

- More than 50% of Norwegian food is being imported. About 70% comes from the EU
- The growing season in Norway is only half of that in the areas around Paris
- In Norway there are almost 200 manufacturers of cheese
- all food and feed on the Norwegian market is non-genetically modified and manufactured without growth-promoting hormones
- Norway has some of the lowest occurrences of salmonella in eggs and chicken in Europe
- Livestock health in Norway is among the best in the world
- Norwegian agriculture has had 6% annual growth of productivity the last ten years



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