



SWEDISH ORGANIC DAIRY FARMERS' PREFERENCES FOR FARM MANAGEMENT AREAS

BACKGROUND

Knowledge about farmers' preferences regarding different farm management areas is of great importance in order to give adequate and applicable advice that is actually implemented by the farmer.

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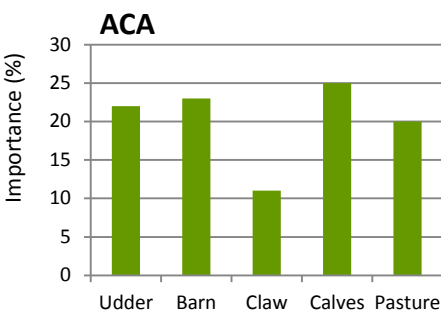
The objective of this study was to investigate the differences between preferences for five farm management areas according to Swedish dairy farmers.

METHOD

- 57 organic dairy farmers in Sweden were interviewed by using an computerized Adaptive Conjoint Analysis (**ACA**).
- **Lameness scoring** were performed in each farm according to the guidelines of the Welfare Quality® protocol for dairy cattle.



RESULTS



LAMENESS SCORING

Minimum	25 th percentil	50 th Percentil (median)	75 th percentil	Maximum
0	2	2	8.5	25

Distribution of herd prevalence of cows with lameness (%).

CONCLUSION

Our study implies that the claw health in Swedish organic dairy herds is good and we hypothesize that the farmers therefore grade the preference for claw health management low.

