



What can we grow in the Nordic countries in the future?

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Situation today

- The nordic countries import a lot of food that could be grown in our countries today.
- The import is cheaper because of:
 - greater range of pesticides that are forbidden in our countries
 - worse working conditions för the employees in the production
 - Warmer weather make more crops possible to grow



Potential in the nordic countries

- Colder climate gives less problems with fungus and insects
- Small problems with serious weeds and small problems with resistance against pesticides
- Access to water for irrigation
- Different soils for all type of crops, sand to clay
- Large areas of cereal production that could be used for other more profitable crops



Future – with warmer weather

- We could produce great amounts of crops that is imported today.
- Production for consumption or export to countries with less water.
- Cost of infrastructure for irrigation.
- Increased problems with insects and fungi = more insecticides/fungicides.



**Crop production (and animal production) in the
Nordic countries have great potential!**

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