

# Field visits

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## A. Cattle farm 'Biohof Kinkelbur'



Minden (East Westphalia)



Livestock: 117 dairy cows, 700 laying hens in mobile housing

- > Farm owner + 4 employees
- > 165 ha of agricultural land
- > Organic farm (Bioland) | Farm shop with milk, meat, eggs, potatoes
- > <https://www.biohof-kinkelbur.de/>

The farm has participated in a network of demonstration farms ('Modell- und Demonstrationsvorhaben (MuD) Tierschutz'), with a focus on calf rearing. It has implemented several innovations in the last years. Calves are reared in double calf boxes for the first two weeks, and afterwards in constant groups. Calves are fed ad libitum with acidified whole milk. For enrichment, the calf groups have access to swinging brushes, roughage nets, and rubber balls for playing.

## B. Pig farm 'Hohls Becklingen GbR'



Becklingen / Bergen (Niedersachsen)





Livestock: 350 sows, including piglet rearing, fattening with outdoor areas, and straw bedding

- > 255 ha of agricultural land
- > Conventional farm | Own marketing (products offered in more than 70 shops)

The farm has participated in a network of demonstration farms ('Modell- und Demonstrationsvorhaben (MuD) Tierschutz'), with a focus on alternative farrowing systems. The farm has implemented loose housing in the service area, and farrowing crates. In the rearing pens, balconies are offered for piglets, and fattening pens are bedded with straw. Since six years, the farm has stopped tail docking, and it has its own feed mill.



## C. Laying hen farm 'Biohof Schieren Eichen'

-  Goslar (Niedersachsen)
-  Livestock: 27,000 laying hens in 4 stables and 1 mobile house
- > 150 ha of agricultural land
- > Organic farm (Naturland)

The farm has wide experience in enrichment materials. It has tested various materials (for example spelt, straw bales) in the barns, and it has implemented different structural elements in the outdoor areas. The farm is partner in the organic model region Goslar.

