

PROVIEH Organic Cattle Day



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The Organic Cattle Day 2018 was organised by Bio Suisse (association of organic farmers in Switzerland), and FiBL Research Institute for Organic Agriculture in collaboration with the agricultural centre of Lucerne and its advisors for organic agriculture, the regional organic farmers' association as well as the host farm. It was the first event of its kind and was held in Central Switzerland. About 500 people attended the event. It is embedded in the PROVIEH programme by Bio Suisse aiming at fostering farmer-to-farmer learning in the realm of cattle and animal husbandry.

The Organic Cattle Day 2018 took place on June 12th and its **focus was on exchange of agricultural practice, extension and research on organic cattle husbandry. The event included sessions on grazing strategies, cow breeds, fodder, biodiversity, husbandry conditions and milking process, parasites and veterinary medicine, cost accounting, etc.** Various sustainability aspects played an important role, in particular grassland based feeding. The core of the event was fourteen thematic sessions on the above described contents and one session with **short testimonies by seven innovative farmers.** Each thematic session usually had **several speakers including both farmers and advisors or scientists.** The visitors could flexibly choose the sessions according to their interests and time. The sessions' contents were of high practical relevance and were complemented by the participants' involvement and exchange of experience.

ABOUT PLAID

The project has been designed to encourage farmers and farm employees to embrace innovations in agriculture by accessing high quality demonstration activities on commercial farms. Demonstration activities may also contribute to network building in agriculture communities, leading to longer term sustainability and economic development in rural areas. However little has been documented on agriculture demonstration activities in European countries and the lack of an inventory or on-line resources have been identified.

All practice abstracts developed by PLAID H2020 project are available in EPI-AGRI official website:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/find-connect/projects/peer-peer-learningaccessing-innovation-through>



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