

Arable land

In my summer holidays I visit Denmark and Himmerland, where I was born. The landscape of Himmerland is distinct from the Greenlandic landscape, which now for fifteen years has been my home. Climate, subsoil, flora and fauna, everything is different.

In particular, I have become aware of how "friendly" the landscape of Himmerland is compared to the Greenlandic landscape. The Greenlandic landscape seems more rough, impenetrable, perhaps not "unfriendly", but something one always must have respect for. Figuratively speaking you can drop a seed from a carrot a random place in Himmerland, and it will most likely grow up to a hefty carrot. In Nuuk, we now have a potato grower association, but I doubt that there will be many potatoes out of these experiments.

The landscape of Himmerland is in contrast to Greenland today almost fully utilized. Only in very few places you find unspoilt nature. Man has cultivated the land for agriculture. There is roads and traffic everywhere.

But like in Greenland everlasting fluctuation is dominating in Himmerland. The agriculture is only maintained more or less artificially by grants from the state or the EU. Perhaps in a not to distant future there will no longer exist fields here, and there may again be deep, impassable forests in most of Himmerland?



*Landscape south of the settlement Komdrup, Himmerland, July 2012
Jutland, Denmark*

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