

Weather-beaten

The long unpaved road is on both sides wreathed with large grass fields where the cattle are munching. The cattle is staying here all the summer until they are transported back in the cow house September to May or until they are sent to the slaughterhouse.

Along the road small cattle pens are placed. They are put together by boards. This is the place where the cattle are herded together before the farmers transport them away.

The cattle pen is made of boards. Most are weather-beaten. They have been here for many decades in all kinds of weather. The wooden boards are rudimentarily repaired and put together with wire, or what the farmers have at hand when something has fallen apart.

Out here in the middle of the bog Lille Vildmose, the terrain is flat. Only a limited number of trees, the fence posts and these cattle pens stick up in the air. The boards are utilized by the birds of the fields. Both the white wagtail and the yellow bunting use the boards as observation posts. The boards are also covered by lichen and all the cracks in the wood are habitats for small insects. The wooden boards act as their own little ecosystem.



*Grønnevej, Lille Vildmose,
Himmerland in Denmark, July 2013*