

GRØN OASE I VILDMARKEN

GREEN OASIS IN THE WILDERNESS

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Rejser man med helikopter eller med båd i Sydgrønland, kan man mange steder se beboelser omgivet af store grønne arealer. Områderne er nemme at få øje på, fordi de grønne marker er rensset for sten. Det er Grønlands arktiske landbrug.

Midt ude i ødemarken, omgivet af store bjergområder og altid lige ned til fjorden ligger de små huse med deres indhegninger og landbrugsbygninger omkring sig.

Det er fascinerende oplevelse at besøge disse landbrug i ødemarken. Der er primært tale om fåreavl. Om sommeren ser man ikke meget til dyrene, der på denne del af året sammen med deres store lam lever deres liv ude i bjergene.

Mange brug supplerer deres indtægter fra landbruget med indtægter fra turister. Turisterne transporteres, både ud til rundvisning og måske frokost, kaffe og kage. Nogle landbrug har etableret små turisthytter, så turister kan tage længere ophold i de smukke, øde omgivelser.

Fakta om landbrug i Grønland

Erhvervet omfatter fåre- og kvægavl, rensdyravl samt gartnerivirksomhed.

- I 2015 udgjorde det samlede landbrugsareal 1.127 hektar, inkl. arealet på ikke-aktive brug. Hertil kommer ca. 242.000 hektar i form af fjeldafgræsningsarealer.
- En mindre del af det dyrkede areal – ca. 10 hektar – anvendes til produktion af kartofler og andre grøntsager.
- Langt den overvejende del af landbrugsarealet – ca. 1.117 hektar – dyrkes imidlertid med henblik på produktion af vinterfoder i form af hø.
- I 2019 er landbrugets husdyr opgjort på arter: 17.785 får, 3.000 tamrener, 300 kvæg, 129 heste, 189 høns og herudover et ukendt antal bi familier.
- Produktionen omsættes primært på hjemmemarkedet. Mindre mængder rensdyrkød og lammekød eksporteres. Modsat importeres der kraftfoder til supplement til egen produktion af vinterfoder.
- I år 2016 omfattede branchen Landbrug, jagt og skovbrug 122 virksomheder. Virksomhederne udbetalte en samlet lønsum på 24,2 millioner kroner.
- Ved udgangen af 2015 var der 39 aktive bedrifter i Grønland og herudover to stationer med tamrener.
- Landbrug, skovbrug og landbrugsrelateret industri og handel beskæftigede i år 2019 i gennemsnit 76 personer pr. måned.

Kilde: Grønlands Statistik, www.stat.gl, opslag marts 2021.

Green oasis in the wilderness

If you travel by helicopter or by boat in South Greenland, you see many places with residential areas surrounded by large green areas. The areas are easy to spot because the green fields are cleared of stones. This is the Arctic agriculture of Greenland.

In the middle of the wilderness, surrounded by large mountainous areas and always right down to the fjord, the small houses with the fences and farm buildings around them.

It is a fascinating experience to visit these farms in the wilderness. Primarily this is sheep farms. In summer, the sheep, together with their large lambs, live their lives out in the mountains.

Many farms supplement their agricultural income with income from tourists. The tourists are transported by boat on guided tours and are invited to lunch, coffee, and cake. Some farms have established small tourist huts so tourists can take longer stays in the beautiful, deserted surroundings.

Facts about agriculture in Greenland

The industry includes sheep and cattle breeding, reindeer breeding and horticulture.

- In 2015, the total agricultural area amounted to 1,127 hectares, including the area of non-active farms. In addition, about 242,000 hectares in the form of mountain grazing areas.
- A small part of the cultivated area – about 10 hectares – is used to produce potatoes and other vegetables.
- However, most of the agricultural area – about 1,117 hectares – is cultivated to produce winter fodder in the form of hay.
- In 2019, farm livestock is measured by species: 17,785 sheep, 3,000 domestic reindeers, 300 cattle, 129 horses, 189 chickens and, in addition, an unknown number of bee families.
- The production is mainly traded on the domestic market. Small quantities of reindeer meat and lamb are exported. In addition to its own production of winter fodder, concentrated feed is imported.
- In the year 2016, the agriculture, hunting and forestry industry comprised 122 companies. The companies paid out a total payroll of DKK 24.2 million.
- At the end of 2015, there were 39 active farms in Greenland and in addition two stations with domestic reindeers.
- Agriculture, forestry and agricultural industry and trade employed an average of 76 people per month in the year 2019.

Source: Statistics, www.stat.gl, reference March 2021.



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