

2025 in review

Below is a selection from Lantmännen's more than 90 posts published in our newsroom during 2025. It has been a journey through academia and politics, imports and exports, trade balances and investments. The common thread has been food production, preparedness and farm profitability—without compromising sustainability.

As usual, the harvest took center stage. It gave us opportunities to talk about agriculture and the food sector in morning shows, in newsrooms and—most importantly—where everything happens: on farmers' fields and farms. We explained, and repeated, the paradox of high volumes but low profitability.

Lantmännen also invested billions this year in infrastructure and facilities, with a clear purpose: to create the greatest possible value—from field to fork—for our members.

The numbers were many, and they were large. Full-year results for 2024 delivered the highest operating profit in our history. In addition to a SEK 1 billion dividend, the members also decided on an extraordinary dividend. In total, this means close to SEK 2 billion for Lantmännen's members—17,000 Swedish farmers.

Lantmännen published news about this and much more during 2025. Read a few examples below.

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Results and organization

Lantmännen demonstrated financial strength in 2025 by deciding on and presenting historic dividends to members, while also making one of the Group's largest structural changes ever through the divestment of Swecon.

The year began with the announcement that Lantmännen delivered an operating profit of SEK 2,868 million for the 2024 financial year. The record result laid the foundation for an ordinary dividend of SEK 1.125 billion—the second-highest in the company's history.

"Over the past decade, Lantmännen has grown substantially and consistently delivered strong results—while continuing to make major investments to drive growth in Swedish agriculture, Swedish food production and our international operations," said Magnus Kagevik, Lantmännen's CEO and Group President.

Toward the end of the year, the billion-krona dividend was complemented by a decision on an extraordinary dividend of SEK 750 million. This is conditional on the Swecon divestment being completed in early 2026.

"I know these are funds that are needed on farms, and it is gratifying that Lantmännen can continue contributing to the development of Swedish agriculture," said Jan-Erik Hansson, Chair of the Board of Lantmännen.

The first four-month period of 2025 delivered a lower result, while a cost-savings program of SEK 500 million was presented. The second four-month period delivered a higher result, mainly driven by a large Swedish harvest, effects of the ongoing savings program, and results from acquired and divested operations.

After a long and appreciated tenure as Chair, Per Lindahl declined re-election at the Annual General Meeting. He was succeeded by Jan-Erik Hansson, who has deep experience in agriculture and is also a member of Lantmännen's Board.

The harvest

The 2025 harvest year illustrated the complex economic reality of farming. Volumes were good, but for many growers the financial gain failed to materialize, due to globally depressed grain prices combined with high input costs.

It began with spring fieldwork, where Lantmännen expressed cautious optimism.

The harvest forecast was presented in early July. Lantmännen engaged with Sweden's largest media outlets, and held several press events on farms. The forecast pointed to an average harvest of 5.5 million metric tons. Lantmännen also emphasized the importance of domestic food production and Swedish inputs to reduce import dependence.

When the Swedish Board of Agriculture (Jordbruksverket) summarized the harvest in October, it became clear that the forecast had largely been exceeded and that the harvest ended up at just over 6 million metric tons. Quality was generally good.

"But despite the volumes and the good quality, it will be difficult for many arable farmers to make ends meet when grain prices are under pressure and input costs remain high," said Per Germundsson, Grain Director at Lantmännen.

Investments

2025 was a year of major industrial investments to develop and secure Sweden's future food production and infrastructure.

Lantmännen Unibake continued investing in Örebro. In late May, the company announced an investment of SEK 700 million in a new facility for the Group brand Korvbrödsbagarn.

In December, Lantmännen communicated the halfway point in its major investment in Lidköping. The facility—supported by the European Investment Bank (EIB)—is the largest of its kind in Sweden and is expected to be completed in the first half of 2027. The support underscores the project's importance for Europe's food preparedness.

Lantmännen also continued investing in plant breeding. This helps develop crops adapted to the Swedish climate, which can support growth and, over time, stronger preparedness. The latest example comes from Svalöv, where Lantmännen is investing SEK 100 million.

"By developing the plant breeding of the future, we want to contribute to a stronger Swedish agriculture," said Lars-Gunnar Edh, Head of Lantmännen's Agriculture Division.

Lantmännen Fastigheter communicated a project in Skåne where it plans around 1,900 homes in a mixed development, with retail, school, childcare and other community services in a nature-adjacent setting by the Kävlingeån river.

Tillväxtbolaget in which Lantmännen is a co-owner is an initiative to create better conditions for today's and tomorrow's farming—especially for the next generation. Its top-up loans have enabled investments of more than SEK 3.5 billion in around 120 farm businesses, and the recipients are, relative to the farming community overall, significantly younger.

Production, exports and preparedness

Lantmännen reiterated that preparedness, production and exports are three parts of the same whole. More production and more exports reinforce each other, resulting in more robust food preparedness. In short: tax revenue, jobs, industrial development and resilience.

During the year, Sweden's food preparedness took clear steps forward through government decisions on preparedness stocks, but also through international cooperation and export progress. Below is a selection.

In late March, Lantmännen welcomed Food Strategy 2.0 (Livsmedelsstrategin 2.0), highlighting five key areas in particular: production, preparedness, food quality, climate adaptation, and research and innovation.

The company also views exports as crucial for profitability and job creation. Toward the end of the year, Lantmännen welcomed the Swedish Board of Agriculture's (Jordbruksverket) proposed targets for Swedish food production. The proposal clearly reflects an ambition to increase Swedish food production in both crop and livestock farming, according to Lantmännen.

Exports are one factor behind increased food production and agricultural development. Lantmännen's facility in Hargshamn carried out a targeted export effort in late summer. Over three days—around the clock—33,000 metric tons of milling wheat were loaded onto a large vessel bound for Spain. The volume corresponded to more than 800 truckloads on a single ship.

"With this facility, we can load larger vessels than before," said Per Germundsson, Grain Director at Lantmännen.

For many, a summer without Almedalen is not really summer—and the same goes for Lantmännen. This year, the company focused on the importance of increasing food production and exports. Lantmännen repeated that this is one of the smartest ways to strengthen what many were talking about: Sweden's preparedness.

Lantmännen continued the same theme in the media. "It is difficult to defend a country while hungry" was the headline of Lantmännen's op-ed in Dagens industri, published the same day. Lantmännen and Arla hosted a seminar in Almedalen on preparedness in a European context.

The same message was delivered by Lantmännen on stage at a parliamentary seminar, where Vattenfall and Saab also participated.

When the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB, Myndigheten för samhällsskydd och beredskap) organized Preparedness Week (Beredskapsveckan), Lantmännen presented figures on Swedes' views of Sweden's food preparedness. A survey by Novus, commissioned by Lantmännen, showed that two in three Swedes are concerned about food supply during crisis and war. The concern has increased compared with last year.

International dialogues, projects and partnerships were high on the agenda in 2025.

Lantmännen held several meetings with the EU during the year, including when EU Agriculture Commissioner Christophe Hansen, Environment Commissioner Jessika Roswall and Sweden's Minister for Rural Affairs Peter Kullgren visited Backa gård in Vallentuna. There, the Federation of Swedish Farmers (LRF, Lantbrukarnas Riksförbund) and Lantmännen provided an in-depth view of Swedish agriculture. Lantmännen emphasized the need to strengthen agricultural competitiveness and EU support for bioenergy.

Minister for Rural Affairs Peter Kullgren visited China in November together with Lantmännen. Export protocols for oats and malt were signed—an important step forward for Swedish food exports.

"Increased exports are crucial if we are to raise food production in Sweden," said Per Arfvidsson, Deputy CEO of Lantmännen.

Exports were a recurring theme at many political events in which Lantmännen participated during the year. In early September, Lantmännen joined a Swedish-Finnish export delegation to Japan and South Korea to showcase the Swedish food sector's contribution to healthy, high-quality food.

Sustainability, health and well-being

Lantmännen has run the farming program Climate & Nature (Klimat & Natur) for a decade, as a clear initiative for more sustainable food production. The program has, among other things, enabled a fossil-free food value chain at scale. Beyond Lantmännen's own brands—AXA, Kungsörnen, Scan, Korvbrödsbagarn, Hatting, Bonjour and KRAFFT—several major brands have joined the program. What began in Sweden has now also expanded across the Nordics.

Another milestone was reached when Coop joined Climate & Nature at the start of the year. The partnership means that the program—which reduces climate impact by up to 30 percent—now gains broader exposure to consumers.

Lantmännen Cerealia, with the brands AXA and Kungsörnen, deepens its climate commitment within Climate & Nature by including fossil-free plant nutrition, achieving 45 percent lower climate impact.

It was also communicated that Spendrups and Lantmännen agreed to expand the scope of the same program, resulting in annual climate savings equivalent to nearly 4,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents. The ambition is for the program to cover all of Spendrups' needs for malting barley within a few years.

Lantmännen's brand Scan reported further sustainability progress, including its sustainability premium. The message was that Swedish meat production is not only ready for transition—it is already underway. A majority of Scan's suppliers now meet stricter requirements for climate, biodiversity and animal welfare.

To adapt cultivation to climate change and meet the need for domestic food production, research and development are required—particularly in plant breeding. Lantmännen and others debated this in Svenska Dagbladet and ATL in May.

Corporate transactions

In June, the strategically significant decision was made to divest Swecon to sharpen the Group's focus. As a direct consequence, an extraordinary General Meeting in November decided on an extraordinary dividend.

In February, Scan announced the acquisition of Lindvalls Chark AB. This broadens the business and strengthens the company's position as Sweden's leading meat and charcuterie company.

Lantmännen acquired Leipurin and its operations in Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Leipurin is a leading supplier of ingredients to bakeries and the food industry.

Through another acquisition—Ekobenz—the portfolio in liquid biofuels was expanded, complementing existing production of ethanol and biogas.

The year ended with the news that Lantmännen is expanding in Italy by signing an agreement to acquire Panificio San Francesco, an Italian producer of frozen bread for retail customers.

Appointments

Lantmännen's long-term work with expertise, knowledge sharing and responsibility continued to be recognized in 2025, with top rankings in several major surveys.

Lantmännen is ranked as the second most meaningful company in Sweden, only behind IKEA, according to the Lynxeye Purpose Index presented early in the year.

Each year, 25,000 Swedes rank companies' sustainability work in Europe's largest brand study on sustainability—Sustainable Brand Index. Only three Swedish companies have achieved a top placement in every one of the study's 15 years—Lantmännen is one of them. This year, Lantmännen ranked No. 1 among food companies and No. 4 overall.

Lantmännen has long worked to attract tomorrow's talent. This was recognized by Karriärföretagen, which named Lantmännen one of Sweden's most attractive employers for the seventh consecutive year.

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About Lantmännen

Lantmännen is an agricultural cooperative and Northern Europe's leader in agriculture, machinery, bioenergy and food products. Owned by 17,000 Swedish farmers, Lantmännen has 12,000 employees, operations in over 20 countries and an annual turnover of SEK 70 billion. With grain at the heart of the operations, Lantmännen refine arable land resources to make farming thrive. Some of Lantmännen's best-known food brands are AXA, Kungsörnen, Scan, GoGreen, FINN CRISP, Schulstad and Vaasan. The company is founded on the knowledge and values acquired through generations of farmers. By engaging in research, development and operations throughout the value chain, Lantmännen takes responsibility from field to fork. For more information: www.lantmannen.com