

## **Importance of cattle in agrotourist farms**

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### **Summary**

The studies included 69 Polish agrotourist farms. A survey was conducted from August to October 2010 with the aim to collect information on the mentioned farms and their cattle production. It was found that 40% of the agrotourist farms used the loose housing system and in 46% of the farms the cows were milked by hand. In 86% of the agrotourist farms that raised the cattle, farm tourists consumed eagerly freshly drawn milk; sour milk was preferred in 56% of the farms, curd cheese was consumed in 72% of the farms, and cream in only 37% of the farms. Agrotourist farm visitors consumed pork and poultry dishes more eagerly than beef dishes. Farm tourists eagerly took pictures of the cattle, they also liked to observe them; they were involved in production of their own milk products, and expressed the opinion that cattle had a positive effect on the landscape.

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