



Best Practice for Long-Term Field Storage of Sugar Beets Under Nordic Climate Conditions

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Sweden's Sugar Beet Industry

- **31 000ha, 350 000tn**
- **1200 growers, all in Skåne**
- **1 processor**
- **Nordic Beet Research Foundation**
 - Co-funded by farmers and industry
 - Swedish and Danish
 - ca 4.0 FTEs in Sweden

Sweden's Sugar Beet Industry's Future

- **EU market deregulation from 2017**
 - Production quotas removed
- **Large capital investment at the factory**
 - Only active a few months of the year
- **Cold winters will continue**
 - Turn that to our advantage?



Best practice for long-term field storage...

- **Cover types in an extended storage scenario**
- **Mechanical properties as predictors of storability**
- **Beet size and in-store cleaning**
- **Economics of harvest and storage**

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