

Lekker Buiten: Outdoor Animal Husbandry

About the challenges and possibilities

On Thursday April 19 2012 Boerengroep and Studygroup Organic Agriculture organised a symposium about outdoor animal husbandry. Several experts (of WUR, Friesland Campina, Stichting Weidegang, and [Puregraze](#)), innovative farmers (a.o. of [Buitengewone Varkens](#)) and students will focus on welfare and health of animals. Does that improve? What are the challenges for farmers? How can research contribute? Interested students, farmers, experts and others are invited to share knowledge and become inspired to address the challenges. Delicious Outside! diner included, with sustainable local seasonal ingredients cooked for you by special cook [Puur-e](#), with Special Table Guests.

Programme

- **How can outdoor animal husbandry contribute to quality of life?**
“Academic Animal Advisers” (interdisciplinary ACT group of students)
- **How a large milk cooperative promotes outdoor dairy keeping**
Jaap Petraeus, Friesland Campina
- **Which factors play a role when deciding upon indoor/outdoor dairy farming?**
René van den Oord (Stichting Weidegang)
- **Dinner: Delicious Outside!**
cooked by Puur-e
With Special Table Guests:
 - *Monique Bestman ([Louis Bolk Institute](#)): Are chickens are better off outside?*
 - *Peter Groot Koerkamp (Professor Biosystems Engineering / Agrotechnology): Outdoor animal husbandry: for whom and why?*
 - *Derk-Jan Stobbelaar (lecturer Forest and Natureconservation at VHL, wrote [Designing socialy sound poultry farming](#)): Chickens and farmers make the countryside!*

- **Possibilities in Practice:**

- *Sander Kerkhoffs ([NAJK](#) and pig farmer)*
- *[Buitengewone Varkens](#)*
- *[Ado Bloemendal \(Puregraze\)](#)*

- **No grazing? No cow! About the intrinsic value of pigs, chickens, and cows**

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