

Life and work in rural areas

Farmers work where more and more people want to spend their leisure and recreational time: out in nature, in the meadows and fields. This can lead to conflicts. The sometimes narrow field paths are used by everyone alike: large farming machines, people out walking, e-bikes and joggers. It is important to be considerate of one another.

Mutual consideration for harmonious coexistence

Sometimes it is impossible to prevent harvesting running into the night. At times, this is met with a lack of understanding from people who have moved to the countryside.

A collision of different lifestyles. However if both sides are prepared to come together and get to know the reality of each other, they both have a lot to gain.

Farmers today represent less than two percent of the total population in Bavaria.

Nonetheless, they often take on community duties such as winter road maintenance or maintenance of grasslands. It goes without saying for many of them, that these duties are voluntary, like the voluntary fire brigades. The fact that they are in the village all day, as opposed to many people in other professions, and are nearby in case of emergency, is an advantage.

Working and celebrating together

When it comes to customs and traditions, such as putting up the maypole or village fair tents, farmers are often indispensable. They have the necessary vehicles and machines as well as the manual dexterity needed for the assembly and dismantling. And it is thanks to farming that Bavaria has occasions to celebrate all year round: from the Franconian Wine Fest and the Gäuboden Fest to the ceremonial return of the cattle from the mountain pastures and the "apple weeks" at Lake Constance.



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