



# 2021-2024 REPORT

Growing together

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We are excited to present this report, which summarizes our work over the past few years to build a more resilient food system through a community-based project. What began as an idea from agroecology students at SLU has, with your support, evolved into a successful initiative. Now, after three years of operation, we are proud to share the results.

This report highlights our key accomplishments, the impact we've made, and our commitment to advancing sustainable practices and educational opportunities in agroecology.

We hope this report shows the importance of supporting projects like ours. Our work has profoundly impacted many lives by providing a place for collective learning, offering high-quality food through a fair system, and personal growth.

*However, without support this very ambitious project will not be able to sustain itself in the future as it is currently depending on the physical, monetary, and mental investments of individuals working in the project.*

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# ***Who are we?***

Alnarp's Agroecology Farm is a small-scale farm, that operates as a non-profit organization run by (post-grad) students. It has evolved into a space that connects the local community while providing fresh, agroecologically grown vegetables—cultivated without chemicals and by hand. Our farm is a hub for both agricultural and social scientific exploration and research, offering an alternative to the current food system to promote fairness and resilience.

## ***Our vision***

"To establish a fully functional farm that is sustainable economically, ecologically and socially and serves as a hub for both research and education while contributing to a food system that is both regenerative to humans and the environment"

## ***Our mission***

- Foster agroecological education and research
- Provide high quality food to the local community
- Build a safe space for trial and error to enhance practical academic learning
- Enhance campus life at SLU Alnarp and provide a social space for students and beyond
- Contribute to a more resilient community and democratic capacity building



# Organizational Overview

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AAF is a non-profit membership driven organization run by a board of students and post-graduates. The four post-graduates currently hold official part-time positions to make it more accessible for students to join the board and organization. Outside of the 8 board positions, we also have numerous volunteers that support our work by helping out on the farm.



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# Organizational history

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## Autumn 2020

4 students of the Agroecology Master's program started the project out of frustration with the lock-down and the lack of practical education within their program.

## 2021

Building of the first plot, on Grobruket land (back then Venture Lab). Selling through a CSA scheme to local community & building up a wider team and raising interest in the project.

## 2022


Expansion to Mellangard on the edge of the campus.

## 2023

Maintenance and further establishment within SLU and beyond, particularly Lund University and the local municipalities. Advisory Board established.

## 2024

Further expanding the growing area of the farm, hiring four of the board members and further professionalizing the project.



January 2022



Summer 2024



# *Achievements*

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**Internships**

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# ***Internships***

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We provide professional academic and free standing internships as part of our educational activities

Internships can be accredited by SLU nad other Univeristies within the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). Outside of that AAF is offering free-standing internships for individuals starting from age 16.

Interns get included into the daily gardening and organisational work to get a deep insight into the realities of running a production system as an NGO: Depending on the person's academic background and personal interest they hold specific responsibilities and receive specific training in particular areas of our operation.



**20**

finished Internships



**50%**

SLU STUDENTS

**30%**

Lund University Students

**20%**

international students & individuals



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# Education

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## Education about agroecological practices is one of the main pillars our organization is build on

wether it is engaging with university courses, giving workshops to other organizations, providing tours to visitors of SLU and beyond is essential to us.

In the past we have worked with SLU, for whichwe hope to integrate more stagnant into courses. Beyond that we have build close relationships with course leaders and researchers at Lund University. Additonally we have been subject to other university projects , research and thesis projects.



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Farm tours and lectures for SLU & Lund University

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subject for assignments

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lectures outside of university

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courses permanently integrated



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# ***Volunteers***

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community and active engagement of students and beyond is essential to our success and expression of purpose

The list of volunteers at Alnarp's Farm continues to grow. Work sessions run between Wednesday and Saturday each week with volunteers welcome to join when they like for as much time as they want to. Volunteers interact with the CSA community at weekly pick-ups and other community events which take place on the farm.



**200+**

Volunteers signed up



**40%**

SLU STUDENTS

**40%**

Lund University Students

**20%**

outside university context



# CSA Scheme

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Our CSA is the core of our organization and how we take part in agroecological food systems

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) involves sharing the risks of crop production with the local community. This community pre-buys the produce with costs spread across the season which helps Alnarp's Farm work towards economic sustainability. CSA schemes require full transparency and a closer connection with customers than other indirect sales channels. Our produce is freshly harvested each week and can be collected from pick-up points in Alnarp, Lund and Malmö throughout the 20 week season. Regional flowers can also be purchased alongside the vegetable boxes.



200



families fed in the past three years

100

Number of shares in production for 2024

68

Subscriptions for the whole season

90+

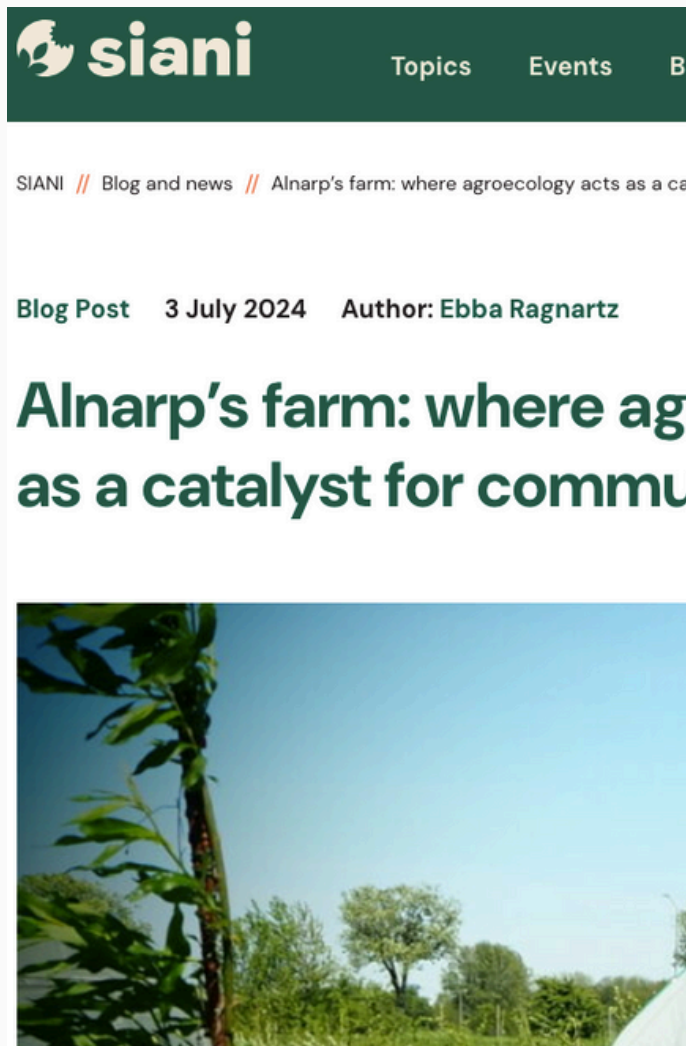
Local households supplied

# Publications

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Being a responsible and active ambassador of agroecology and SLU is a continuous effort of ours

Over the course of the past years we have actively build a media outreach to inform about agroecological practices and the practical education we would like to offer to SLU and beyond. It has been alsoan active part in drawing in new students to the Agrecology Masters program, but also to engage the local community in our CSA as well as the social events and volunteer activities in our project.



## 5 THESIS

five different thesis projects have chosen us as subject to their research from all academic backgrounds

## 5

publications and articles in reknown magazines, including the FAO and SIANI, Sydsvenskan and more

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professional video productions presenting the farm

## 2.000+

followers on social media



# ***Other Collaborations***

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These are few other activities and collaborations we carried out this year:

Over 1000 trees planted

Collaborations with SLU and Lund University

Cultural events with local community

Speaking at the FAO World Food Forum

Agroecology Europe Network / Forum 2025

Slow Food

Degroth Institute

Drevet

SIANI

many more



## **AGROECOLOGY EUROPE FORUM MALMÖ**



Participants and part of organisation,  
Malmö 2025

## **FAO WFF**

speaking at the FAO World Food  
Forum in Rome 2024

## **AGROECOLOGY NORDICS**

Example farm for agroecology nordics  
in collaboration with SIANI

# Financial Highlights

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what we set out to do -  
budget & revenue streams 2024

Running costs (SEK)		Garden expansion (SEK)		Other investments (SEK)	
Water	3000	Irrigation	80000	Outdoor kitchen	20000
Rent	8000	Woodchips	20000	Washing station	17000
Seeds	12000	Rabbit fence	4500	Propagation infrastructure	10000
Potting Soil	2888	Trencher	2000	Garden tools	5000
IT	8500	Slug fence	5000		
Insurance	5528	Insect netting	10000	Total	52000
Compost	11000	Polytunnels (2)	46000		
Petrol	20000	Other	5000		
Events	10000				
Food	3000	Total	172500		
Workshop materials	10000				
Total	93916				
Employment (SEK)					
Part-time employees *	770983	* part-time employment (50%), 4 people, 12 months, bruto monthly = 12222 SEK			
Summer job employees **	51000	** summer job employment (24h/week), 10 weeks, bruto (total) = 19000 SEK			
Total	821983				
Total costs & investments 2024	1140399				

Expected revenue	
Production	657282
Education/workshops	215438
Other	141765
Total	1014484
INCOME STATEMENT	-125914
Emergency fund	-100000
Investment pre-CSA 2025	-40000
Balance 1/1/24	342973
Expected balance 1/1/25	77058



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# ***Financial Statements***

## **Status 5th of October 2024**

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### **Income until September 2024**

The following is the current financial position of the farm. Mainly a lack of 25 CSA subscriptions from the start of the season as well as too little capacity for additional workshops have cut through our highly ambitious financial plans we set ourselves for 2024.

**360.000 SEK**

Revenue from CSA

**75.000 SEK**

revenues from market,  
REKO-ring, and  
restaurant sales

**35.000 SEK**

from educational  
activities

**15.000 SEK**

from other activities

expected income  
for remaining 2024

mainly coming from restaurant sales, farmers markets and  
additional events and workshops planned.

**80.000 SEK**

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# ***Financial Statements***

## **Loss through the fire**

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Recently our entire outdoor kitchen burnt down. The cause of the fire remains unknown to this date. The kitchen was a central place for our community, a place where we would share meals, discuss, and come up with ideas for the future of agriculture.

**30.000**

Material damage

**70.000**

Labor costs

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total loss

**100.000 SEK +**

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Aside from the loss of materials and labor, the loss of the kitchen also means a loss of income. The kitchen provided a consistent income over the past season. The expected loss of income for 2025 if we were not to rebuild would be:

Loss of expected  
income for 2025

**70.000**

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**Missing funds to  
survive winter  
2024 - 2025**

In order to run the farm without needing to exploit the security savings and to recover from the fire, the following amount is lacking to sustain the work force and being able to cover investments needed for 2025. This amount however, is based on 4 part-time positions at 50% pace, while the workload remains full-time.

**300.000 SEK**





At AAF, we want to continue inspiring people from various academic and cultural backgrounds to become active in agroecology. As a farm we aim to become a research facility for SLU, as well as a living lab for agroecology for this region and beyond. We have already made connections with farms in Colombia, Kenia, and Tanzania. Furthermore, we want to encourage and foster more interdisciplinary research in remaining a space for exploration of new methods and approaches.

By further expanding our production area and methods, for example with poultry production, we want to represent different scales of agroecological farming practices and in that engage a broader target group of students, policy makers, organizations and individuals.

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As an organization we are committed to continuously question and improve our modes of management and production to become the model farm for agroecology. The foundation has already been laid out by SIANI who has now officially chosen us as the model farm of agroecology in the nordics.

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We are excited to welcome more collaborations and strengthening the network for agroecology; as a scientific hub, agricultural practice and a social movement and community.

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# ***Future outlook***

## Financial statement

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The organization is currently run by a board of 4 students and 4 post-graduates. The latter are employed but are only compensated for half of their working time, while the workload is equivalent to full-time positions. Next to running the farm, these positions allow for the organization to provide educational and social activities, and build (international) collaborations. To ensure the future of the farm and allow for further development, compensation equivalent to full-time positions needs to be available. Furthermore, two additional summer jobs should be included in the sum to ensure that activities during the high season run smoothly.

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### Expected costs 2025

**1.800.000**

Yearly employment  
costs

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**150.000**

Yearly running costs &  
farm infrastructure

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### Expected revenue 2025

**700.000**

From production, i.e.  
vegetable & flower  
sales

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**72.000**

From educational  
activities

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**161.000**

From other activities, e.g.  
events, contracting, and  
donations

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### Profit and Loss Statement

Income statement

— 1.017.000 SEK

Emergency savings

100.000 SEK

Missing funds

**1.117.000 SEK**

With the expected revenue for 2025 we will not be able to employ the work force as proposed previously. In order for the organization to continue its activities and expand its outreach, funding needs to be secured.



# Contact Us

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