

Based on practical experience, three Danish farmers from the FAIRWAY case study of Aalborg make the following recommendations which they believe can ease groundwater protection processes when nitrate and/or pesticide restrictions are discussed for agricultural land.

ADVICE

Both the municipality and farmers need professional advice. The municipality needs agricultural advice gying insight into the consequences of nitrate and pesticide restriction decisions. The farmers need individual advice to understand the consequences and possibilities for them regarding their operational setup.



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COMMUNICATION

A real dialog is needed. The municipality should be present and listen. They should be sincerely worried about getting a good deal for both parties. The municipality must be responsive to new proposals / solutions.

PROCESS

A short, clear and transparent process for voluntary agreements is important.





CONSEQUENCES

Information and knowledge about consequences of nitrate and/or pesticide restrictions intended to protect groundwater must be available. To help decision making, the information must be easy to understand.

COMPENSATION

Compensation must reflect the restrictions demanded on farming operations and the prevailing market economy.

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