Weerribben-Wieden, towards a re-invented National Park

(central government and provincial government are no longer in charge, local stakeholder like municipality, inhabitants, farmers and tourism entrepeneurs are in charge now)

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Working together with inhabitants, entrepreneurs, farmers and conservation organizations
National developments in diary farming: number of farms is going down, number of dairy cattle is going up.

1950 400,000 farms

2017 40,000 farms
Scale of “mainstream” farming is increasing: big and heavy machinery asking for lower watertables resulting in declining success of meadowbirds.
Numbers are going down
Sustainable agriculture

Working together with the biggest EKO farms in the region connecting nature-conservation, farming, tourism, marketing and education
Sustainable agriculture

Working together with the biggest EKO farms in the region, not only dairy cattle but also diversification: sheep and goat milk and cheese
Sustainable agriculture

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A successful farm combining dairy production, meadowbird management and renting out facilities for meeting in an eco-farming environment
Lesson learnt:

Sustainable farming are on the forefront of new developments in farming, combining farming and conservation in a successful way.