

NTM revision timeline

Welcome to the journey!

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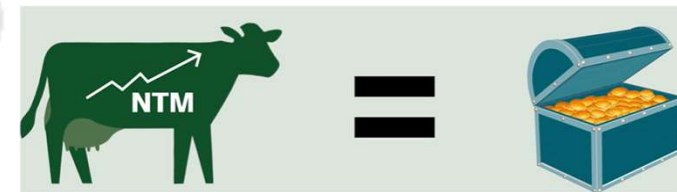
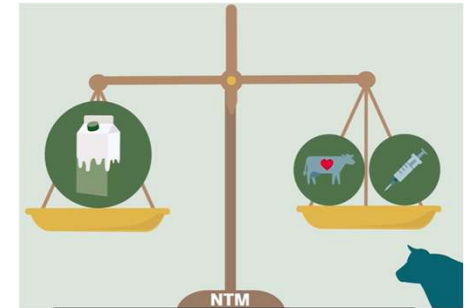


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NTM – Nordic Total Merit

- NTM is a balanced breeding goal
- NTM includes all economically important traits
- Higher NTM = higher economic potential
- **NTM is designed by and for Nordic dairy farmers**
- Nordic dairy farmers “own” NTM
- NTM is our breeding goal
- NTM needs updating
- The next update is in 2028 – preparation has started



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The NTM Update – A Shared Journey (2025–2028)

Our route:

- Planning the route: Dec 2025 – Feb 2026
- Looking ahead: Mar – Nov 2026
- Testing and adjusting: Mar – Dec 2027
- Final destination: Jan – May 2028

One journey – several clear stops

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First Stop: Planning the Route

Dec 2025 – Feb 2026

- December 2025
 - Proposal of timeline communicated
 - Corrections and approval
- January 2026
 - Approved timeline presented
 - NAV workshop
- February 2026
 - Introduction to principles behind NTM
 - National across breeds (webinar)

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Second Stop: Looking Ahead

March – November 2026

- March 2026
 - Expectations for production conditions in 2038 defined
 - Based on NAV breed reports
 - National discussions within breeds
- April 2026
 - Future production conditions and trends
 - Webinar
 - NAV starts collecting price data

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Future production conditions

- **Factors that affect the breeding goal**
 - Current production conditions (production, health, survival etc.)
 - Prices and exchange ratios (milk vs. feed)
 - Structural changes in cattle production
 - New technologies
 - New rules and legislation
 - Licence to produce – social acceptance
 - New traits
 - Traits without market value

Second Stop: Looking Ahead

March – November 2026

- August 2026
 - First common draft of future production conditions and trends
 - Discussed nationally
- November 2026
 - Approval of future production conditions and trends
 - NAV webinar
 - Calculation of economic weights starts



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Third Stop: Testing and Adjusting

March – December 2027

- March 2027
 - First set of economic weights presented
 - NAV webinar
- April–May 2027
 - First set of economic weights
 - Discussed nationally within breeds
 - Discussed Nordic within breed groups



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Third Stop: Testing and Adjusting

March – December 2027

- September 2027
 - Requests for further analyses and sensitivity analyses
 - NAV webinar
- December 2027
 - Updated results presented (based on the September webinar)
 - NAV webinar

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Final Destination: New NTM in Use

January – May 2028

- January 2028
 - Decision on the new NTM
 - NAV workshop
- May 2028
 - **New NTM used in breeding evaluations**

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Timeline in short

2026

February (national webinars)
March (national discussions)
April (webinar)
August (national discussions)
November (NAV webinar)

2027

March (NAV webinar)
April-May (national and Nordic discussions)
September (NAV webinar)
December (NAV webinar)

2028

January (NAV workshop)
May NEW NTM

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What to Pack for the Journey?

- **Patience** – this is a long-term process, not a short trip
- **Willingness to compromise** – we will not always agree, but we move forward together
- **Ability to look ahead** – NTM is built for future production
- **Openness to discussion** – listening is as important as speaking
- **Calendar** – to keep up with the process
- **Strong “sitting muscles”** – some parts of the journey take time

No passport needed – just commitment to the journey.

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A wide-angle photograph of a long, straight asphalt road stretching towards the horizon. The road has a dashed white line down the center and solid white lines on the sides. The horizon is flat, with sparse vegetation and a few dark shapes on the left. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect.

**Thank you for joining the journey towards
the new NTM.**

Have a Good Journey!