



# NTM revision timeline

## Welcome to the journey!

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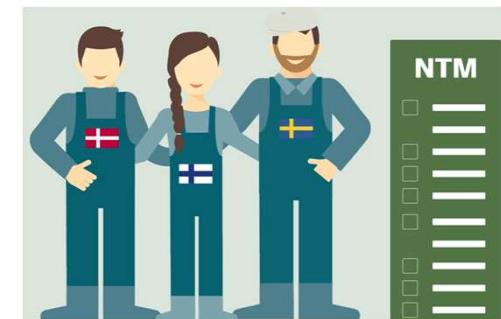
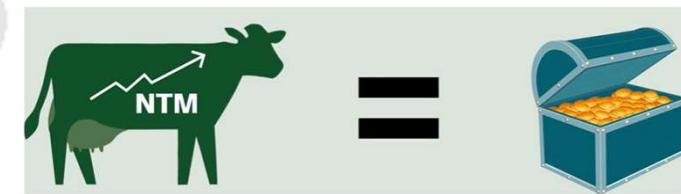
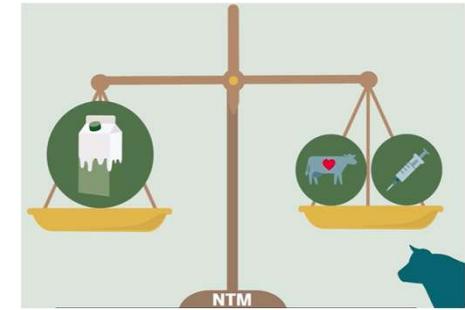


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# NTM – Nordic Total Merit

- 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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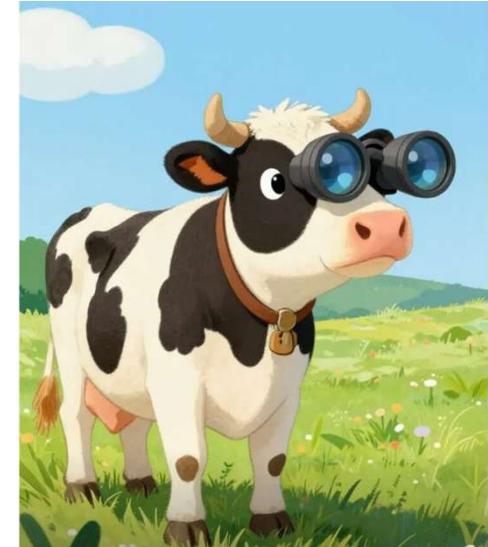
# Future production conditions

- 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

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

**Have a Good Journey!**