

Galåvolden Gård, 7374 Røros - Gunn Brønnum and Ingulf Galåen

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Galåvolden Gård is situated 720 meters above sea level, 8 km south west of Røros. The farm was founded in 1721 by a worker from the Røros Kobberverk (copper mine). Today the farm is run by the 9th and 10th generations after farm's founder.

There have always been cows on the farm and today the farm has 35 milking cows and 60 calves/heifers/bulls. Some of the cattle are of the local cow breed Rørosfe. The farm produces 200 000 liters of milk per year. 160 000 liters are delivered to Tine and 40 000 liters are used for on-farm processing.

The production of eggs started in 1976 with 900 hens. Today, the farm has nearly 6000 hens. Most of the hens are kept in a new building with a free range system.

The eggs are graded, quality controlled and packed the same day as they are laid and then delivered directly from the farm to grocery stores, hotels and institutions in the area. This ensures the best quality for the customer and higher profits for us as the producer.

The farm kitchen for processing the farm's raw materials was built in 2003. In the farm kitchen we produce many exciting products from our eggs, milk, beef and poultry. The main product is "Røroskake" - a special type of cheesecake. The cake is approved as a Norwegian speciality, and is sold in several grocery stores in Oslo and Trøndelag. We also produce "Rørosost" (a cheese), baked goods and various meat products.

The farm has a room where we serve the farm's products to groups.

Galåvolden Gård employs 12 people (part-time), equivalent to about 6 full-time jobs. Total turnover is about NOK 4.7 million per year.

The farm has 25 ha arable farmland, and an additional 20 ha rented land.

The hosts, Gunn Brønnum and Ingulf Galåen, were awarded a prize for rural business development in Sør-Trøndelag in 2005.

"Røroskake" was also elected as the best product at the food fair in Lillehammer in 2005.

"Rørosmat" is an umbrella organization for food producers in the Røros area. Through this company many different producers co-operate, e.g., on product development, quality assurance and sale. The brand "Røros - mat fra Rørostraktene" ("Food from the Røros area") guarantees that the products are produced in the area of Røros and from local raw materials.

Ingulf Galåen is chairman of the company, and Galåvolden Gård uses the activity of the company to, among other things, follow up sales outside the area.

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