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Agriculture in Saxony-Anhalt delivers top-rate performance for nature

Berlin, 6 June 2011: Agriculture in Saxony-Anhalt is an excellent example for the role which modern technology plays to align economy and ecology. This is the conclusion of the „FNL-Hoftag“ (Farm Visit) of Fördergemeinschaft Nachhaltige Landwirtschaft, which was organized for media representatives under the auspices of the initiative „Innovation and Natural Environment“ in Derenburg in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany, today.

Kerstin Krohn, manager of the initiative, underlines the importance of modern technologies in agriculture: „Our natural environment can only be preserved in the long run if it is used in a sustainable manner. It becomes obvious on Derenburg Manor that innovation holds the key for balancing profitable arable farming and a well- functioning natural environment.“

Klaus Münchhoff, the owner of Derenburg Manor (Gut Derenburg) and one active member in the team of farmers working with FNL points out: „As I can calculate properly, taking care of the environment is a very important aspect of my work. Computer-controlled fertilization technology and taking care of micro-organisms as well as other soil life are just examples for the two sides of the same coin – which makes up our economic success in the end.“

Prof. Dr. Christoph Künast, expert for agriculture and environment, sees a clear win-win situation: „Far too often, there is no correct understanding that our agriculture, i.e. crops and livestock, form an integral part of the natural environment – just as the abundance of wildlife, insects and the cosmos of soil organisms do. Agriculture and the environment are linked to each other inseparably and depend on each other accordingly.“

Numerous media representatives used the two hours field trip to get a realistic picture of innovative agriculture and its various benefits for nature. The “FNL-Hoftag” was supported by the *European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture* (EISA) as part of the pan-European event series „EISA Farm visits“.

INFORMATION

About Fördergemeinschaft Nachhaltige Landwirtschaft e.V.:

Within FNL, agricultural associations, organizations and companies as well as businesses of the up- and downstream sectors have joined forces to inform society about the multiple attainments of modern agriculture of today.

About the initiative Innovation & Natural Environment:

The initiative „Innovation & Natural Environment“ has been founded under the umbrella of Fördergemeinschaft Nachhaltige Landwirtschaft e.V. with the aim to contribute to an increased awareness of the public that productive agriculture and a stable natural environment are no contradiction and depend on each other.

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