

# Platform Natural Livestock Farming



Networking with farmer- and veterinary organisations

Farmers knowledge from practice

International network of veterinarians working with phytotherapy

Courses for veterinarians and farmers

Use of herbal remedies for animal health

Knowledge dissemination

Introduction

Our Vision /  
Goal

Challenges &  
Activities

Our  
Approach

History

GA-networking group on Medicinal Plants and Natural Products in Animal Healthcare and Veterinary Medicine

We are a worldwide group of scientists interested in the use of medicinal plants and natural products in animal healthcare and veterinary medicine. We represent diverse professions, such as veterinarians, pharmacists, agronomists, biologists etc., and we have diverse backgrounds, like research, practice or industry. By now we have members from five continents.



Natuurlijke veehouderij Bestuur Veehouder Dierenarts Kennisbank Groene lijsten Ons netwerk Agenda

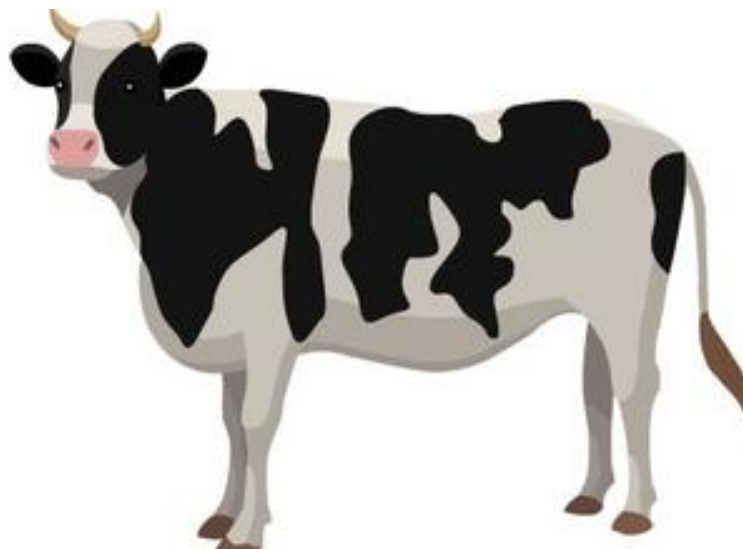
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# Animals in balance

Coping mechanisms:

- genetic adaptation,
- physiological adaptation
- Behavioural adaptation



Surroundings:

- Living conditions
- Housing
- Management
- Feed
- Disease



**Natuurlijk middelen voor dieren**

# Coping mechanisms



Goats eat from trees and shrubs, reducing the change of eating substances contaminated with faeces.  
So reducing the possibility for parasitic infections





# Self medication

Voluntary intake of certain substances to increase health.

Preventative or curative

Plants, soil, bones, etc.

Intake of unusual substances





# Applications

- Herb-rich meadow,
- Hedgerows
- Shrubs
- Biodiversity, healthy soil, insects, birds



# Stable books

- Natural resources and management by life stage
- List of producers and suppliers
- Background information on the use of natural products
- Alphabetical herb list: Herb with botanical name, Dutch name, ingredients, NL or not, preparations, use
- Literature by product: description, research and use



# Resources

- Platform Natuurlijke veehouderij: <https://www.natuurlijkeveehouderij.nl/>
- Natuurlijke middelen voor dieren: <https://www.natuurlijke-middelen-veehouderij.nl/>
- Rapport: Mogelijke effecten van diverse planten en bomen op diergezondheid <https://edepot.wur.nl/572185>
- Rapport: <https://www.voederbomen.nl/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Medicinale-en-etnobotanische-aspecten-van-potentiële-voederbomen-voor-melkvee.pdf>
- Stalboek melkvee 2024: <https://edepot.wur.nl/658540>
- <https://ga-online.org/activities/animal-health-network/>