

## SONNIHOVI IN HOVILAHTI



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## OPERATION

Sonnihovi is an elite bull stable for the Finnish bulls. It started its operations in January 2005. The semen production and the bulls are jointly owned by three Finnish AI Cooperatives, FABA Service being the biggest one of these.

FABA Service produces semen doses of Ayrshire, Holstein and Finncattle bulls for both domestic and international use. Export is handled by FABA under the Faba trademark.

FABA Service also offers artificial insemination and embryo transfer services to its customers. This year the cooperative will do about 76 % of bovine inseminations in whole Finland.

Bull stations are located in Pieksämäki and Hollola. Performance test station for young bulls is in Muhos.



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## SEMEN PRODUCTION



*In this picture is Purolan Orkko, the most sold Ayrshire bull in the world in 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

Bull calves which fulfill the selection criteria will be performance tested in Muhos. Young bulls which have passed the test in Muhos are being moved to Hovilahti in Pieksämäki. 5000 semen doses of each young bull will be collected there.

In Pieksämäki and Hollola there are the places for the lay-off bulls. The best bulls in progeny testing are moved to Sonnihovi for semen production. Every year is collected altogether 1,4 million semen doses of which 500 000 are elite bull doses.

*In this picture there are some daughters of Purolan Orkko.*



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