

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Pieksämäki towards Mikkeli road number 72, then turn to the left Vehmaskylä road, drive 3,5 kilometres and the farm is located on the right side.



Tissala farm

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TISSALA FARM



Young couple is working on the Tissala farm

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FARM



Tissala farm is located in Vehmaskylä south from Pieksämäki. The farmers are Emma Lappi and Marko Valta. They have one son 2-year old Veeti. Emma and Marko have started on the farm year 2005. Emmas' father Martti Lappi is also working on the farm.

They have 150 hectares land, 50 hectares field and 100 hectares forest. They have rented 22 hectares field.

CATTLE

Increasing the amount of cattle is going on. In Tissala farm they have 60 dairy cows and 55 young cattle. The breeds are Ayrshire and Holstein. The average milk yield was 8000 kg in 2007.

The average age of the cow is 3,5 years and the calving period is about 376 days.



FEEDING

Feeding of the cows has been changed from the traditional silage and concentration feeding to total mixed ratio feeding. The mash is given to the cows about 3000 kilos per day. Mash includes grass silage, hay, oats and barley, rapeseed and minerals.

The aims are increase the milk yield, have bigger and more persistent cows, such cows which could eat more. The young cattle are taught to eat more mash – if they have bigger rumen, they will have more intake.



FREE STALL STABLE

The cold free stall stable was built in 2006-2007 and it was ready in February 2007. There used to be a traditional stall stable for 20 cows in Tissala. In the stable there is a milking parlour, 2x7 fish bone, "visiiriruokintakouru" and liquid manure system.

