

Rinderalp: Alpine seasonal cheese production

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Rinderalp is situated 1705 m above sea level above Zwischenflüh in the rural Diemtigtal (everything “-tal” refers to a valley). Farmer **Godi Knutti** and his wife **Persis** are renting it since many years.

The alp has a surface of **169 hectares**, shared between two farmers. It’s run by the Knuttis and their three employees (one for milking, one for supporting Godi in cheese making and one for kitchen/household). Persis is only parttime on the alp as she works in the local old peoples home.

On Rinderalp 46 cows of different races are herded. The dairy processes the milk of totally **75 cows**, there is milk delivered from another alp, average processing milk 1370 kg/day. The alp season has a duration of three months, normally from **June 1 till August 31**, also depending on weather conditions.

Average daily production: **9 wheels of Alp cheese, 5 Raclette cheese, 40 Mutschli** (small round cheese). While Raclette and Mutschli are normally eaten in an age of about three months, Alp cheese can be consumed until about 3 years old. When it’s older than 18 months, Alp cheese will be sold as **Hobelkäse** (fad cheese, we will explain you what it is 😊).

You will be able to taste the cheese produced on the alp during our dinner. After dinner and before desert we will have to visitors. Milk producers **Sabrina Schlegel** and **Jörg Büchi** will inform about their farms and the milk market. They will be more than ready to answer your questions.

Before and after dinner there will be some Swiss Folklore Music being played live.



Presentation of our Milk producing influencers. They will explain us a few facts about their farms and the situation in the milk sector out of the producers perspective.

Sabrina Schlegel



Sabrina Schlegel is a tenant on a farm in Oschwand in the canton of Berne together with her husband. They produce about 700'000 kg of milk per year with an average of 65 cows. Sabrina is the president of the big milktrading organization Mittelland Milch and a member of the governing board of Swissmilk, the Swiss association of Milk Producers. Her social media activities are mainly on [LinkedIn](#). More about the farm you can find [here](#).

Jörg Büchi



Jörg Büchi is producing milk in Elgg in the canton of Zurich with 30 Brown Swiss Cows. Jörg has a talent to summarize farmers problems e.g. with bureaucracy or policy in short and pregnant videos. But is also gifted in explaining the daily work of farmers and the reasons why they do stuff the way they do to consumers. His social media activities are mainly on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and his [website](#).