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Keynote: Opportunities & Threats of Digitalization for the German Farmer



Jörn Ehlers
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Jörn Ehlers lives and works on his 650-acre family farm in northern Germany, where he grows wheat, rye, corn, and rapeseed, in addition to raising about 6,000 pigs per year. Over the past seven years, Jörn has partnered with three other farmers in his village when purchasing new machinery, in order to keep costs down while investing in the latest technology

Jörn graduated from the University of Kassel with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. During his studies, he also worked on farms in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Since 2011, Jörn has been leader of the local district of the Lower Saxony State Farmers Association. In 2017, he was promoted to Vice President of the entire organization, which has roughly 75,000 members and is the strongest voice for farmers in Northern Germany. One of the most important aspects of Jörn Ehlers' work with the Association is the education of young farmers.