

Interpretation guidelines for Cattle Production and Dairy Cattle Programs for Haltungssystem level 3

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1. Interpretation guidelines for Level 3 “Frischlufstall”

1.1. Requirements for outdoor climate sheds for cattle and dairy cattle

Option 1: Free-range housing

- Free-range housing with a year-round access to an outdoor exercise yard (at least 3 m² per animal in the exercise area)
- or free-shed housing with access to pasture (at least 120 days / 6 hours)

Option 2: Open-front shed

- 25% of the vertical wall surfaces must be permanently open. Windbreak nets in the openings are approved.
- Only those openings that have a direct impact on the animals' environmental conditions are relevant.
- If weather conditions could negatively affect animal health, or upon the veterinarian's instructions, open areas may be temporarily closed.

Option 3: Spaceboard shed

- 30% of both long sides must be permeable to wind and climate (= may be equipped with spaceboards).
- Only structures with a slotted area of at least 12% receive recognition as spaceboards.
- To calculate the wind- and climate-permeable areas (to meet the 30% requirement for both long sides), additional openings on the gable ends may also be included.
- The implementation date is **January 1, 2028**, with a one-year grace period.

Regardless of the shed system, the following applies: no tethering