

Curriculum vitae**Danish Agriculture & Food Council
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Martin Merrild was elected President of the Danish Agriculture & Food Council in November 2012 and President of COPA (European agricultural union) 2015-2017.

Mr Merrild is married to Ulla Merrild and has four grown-up children. He is a Danish farmer and politician. From 2006 to 2009, he was mayor of Struer, elected for the Liberal Party. He was deputy mayor of Ringkjøbing County from 2002 to 2007.

Mr Merrild is the son of a farmer and was originally trained as a farmer. He holds a Diploma in agricultural economics and in Specialised Business Studies, Agricultural Management.

He runs the farm called *Feldborg* in the town of Kvium in Western Jutland with 140 hectares of land, 2200 breeding mink and approx. 600,000 broilers.

Mr Merrild has been an independent farmer since 1982 and has held several positions in agricultural organisations: first as Chairman of Struer Farmers' Association in 1987, and later as Chairman of the Farmers' Association in Ringkjøbing County and from 1994-2013 as Chairman of the Danish Association of Poultry Producers. From 2010 to 2013 he was Chairman of the Danish Poultry Council. He has been a member of the board of the organisation Danish Agriculture and the Danish Agricultural Council. He was also Chairman of the Board of the Knowledge Centre for Agriculture for nine years. Since 2012, he has participated actively in Copa-Cogeca meetings.

Mr Merrild was active in the Young Liberals and was a member of the national management of the organisation.

Mr Merrild has served as member of the boards of the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, TopDanmark (insurance), Midtbank (banking) and Nykredit (mortgage). He is a member of Rotary. In 2001, he was decorated with the Order of the Dannebrog.