

ALLERGY

NO ALLERGY PROTECTION OF CHILDREN BY FARMS

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I have written before [about the myth of an allergy protection](#) here in Bavaria while we now have an [empirical proof](#) – it is a non causal association introduced by colliding.

Unfortunately millions of [tax payer money](#) have been wasted on that idea, misleading [newspaper articles](#) published and [fancy prices given](#).

I have no idea where the [obsession with dung hills](#) originates (early childhood trauma?) and why this had been prized many times.



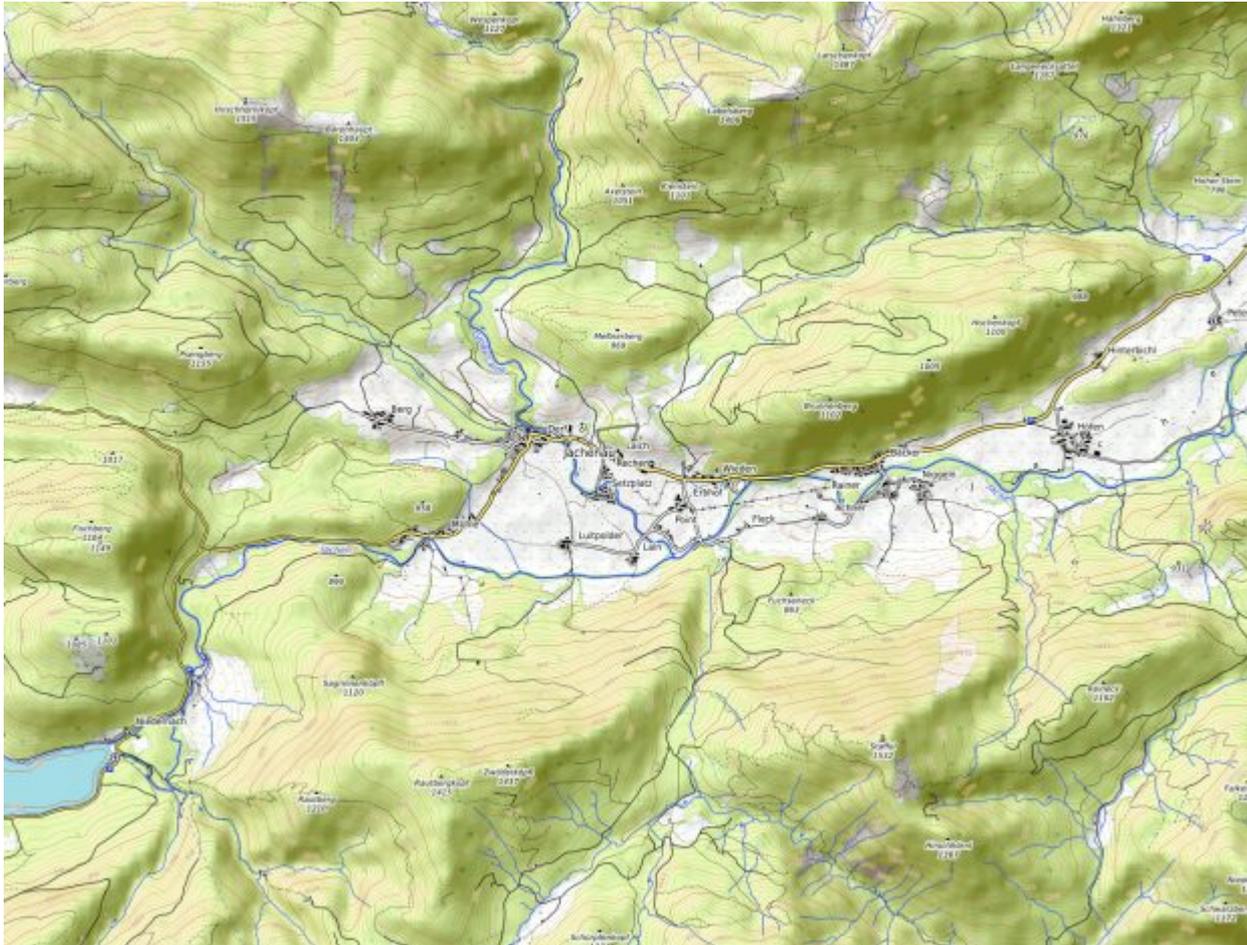
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In a new meta-analysis I show that the lower prevalence of allergic diseases at Bavarian farms depends on the sampling strategy. Farm versus non-farm introduced a stratification collider bias. Sorry to say, no protection at all, although a beautiful landscape www.researchsquare.com/article/rs-7...



Jachenau Ortsschild 31.10.2025 mit Kühen auf der Weide

Jachenau was one of my favorite locations in the 1989/1990 Upper Bavarian Allergy Study where we (re)discovered the low allergy prevalence in farmers that had been forgotten for a century.



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We had been in Jachenau on April 30, 1990. Examining 20 kids we found zero asthma, zero allergic rhinitis and just 2 out of 20 children showed borderline positive grass skin prick tests at 3 mm and 4 mm wheal size respectively. This was definitely one of the lowest prevalences but not only in the children, also in their parents and is being confirmed now 3 decades later by meta-analysis of many more farming studies.

