**Short curriculum vitae Holger D. Thiele**

Holger D. Thiele has been Professor of Agricultural Economics and Statistics at the Faculty of Agricultural Economics at Kiel University of Applied Sciences since 2010 and a member of the Board of the ife Institute of Food and Food Economics in Kiel since 2008. Prior to this, Thiele was head of the Institute for Economics of the Food Industry at the Federal Research Centre for Nutrition and Food from 2003. After his doctorate at the University of Kiel, Thiele worked for two years at the Institute for Agricultural Policy and Market Research at the University of Giessen. After a research stay at the University of New England in Australia, he held a professorship at the Technical University of Munich for two years.

In addition to agricultural policy and statistics, his research areas include the economics of the milk value chain, risk management and pricing in the milk sector as well as market and cost analyses in the dairy value chain. He developed the first exchange-based fixed price model for dairies in Germany in 2018. ife Institute regularly publishes important dairy market indices under his leadership. Today's Kiel Milk Commodity Value, the most important industry indicator, was developed by Thiele in its current form. New indices and key performance indicators for companies are based on his fundamental work. He is a member of various national and international scientific committees in the milk value chain.

