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Agriculture

The projects of FiBL Germany address the entire range of farming issues. One project focuses on informing farmers how they can protect groundwater. A project in which there is very close contact between research and extension services deals with soil fertility. Issues covered in connection with crop-growing also include farm inputs, plant protection, and seed for organic agriculture – including the subject of freedom from genetic engineering. For many years FiBL Germany has also promoted the involvement of people with disabilities in agriculture; the aim is to create conditions that enable more disabled people to work on the land.

Priorities

- › Farm inputs
- › Soil fertility
- › Genetic engineering
- › Organic seed
- › Jobs for people with disabilities
- › Plant protection
- › Water conservation

Food

The issue of quality assurance is extremely important for organic food. Steps must be taken to ensure both that production and processing comply with statutory and private-sector standards and that organic foods meet consumers' expectations of product quality. FiBL develops strategies for assuring the quality of organic foods. Quality assurance is concerned primarily with traceability and with the distinction between organic and conventional products. In the "Organic Face-to-Face" project FiBL has developed a system of food traceability that is undergoing scientific tests of its effectiveness.

Priorities

- › "Organic Face-to-Face"
- › Consumer research
- › Quality assurance
- › Processing
- › Additives

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Scientific service

Nowadays it is virtually impossible for anyone involved in agriculture, food processing, trade or extension services to absorb all the latest information on organic agriculture. There is a growing demand for the complex information in print media and on the Internet to be made accessible. FiBL Germany tailors information on organic agriculture to the needs of specific target groups, which include scientists and organic food experts as well as the general public.

Priorities

- › Knowledge transfer
- › Internet
- › Communication

FiBL Projekte GmbH

FiBL Projekte GmbH is a joint institution of FiBL Germany and the Foundation Ecology & Agriculture (SÖL), with each organization holding 50% of the company's shares. The company carries out service projects for the organic food industry, such as

- › Catalogue of organic inputs
- › Guidelines and websites (e.g. www.oekolandbau.de)
- › Training courses for farmers and business operators
- › Trade fair appearances
- › Work on applied research projects run by the Verbund Ökologische Praxisforschung (V.Ö.P.)

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