



Federal Office for
Agriculture and Food

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Tasks and Services





Safety



Stability



Information



Research



Services



Welcome to the BLE

The Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE) is an independent authority under public law within the area of responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

As a central implementing authority in the agricultural sector, the BLE fulfils a variety of tasks in the areas of:

- » Agriculture
- » Fisheries
- » Food and
- » Consumer Protection.

As a modern central service provider, the BLE assists partners in the economy, in the federal states of Germany and within the scope of the BMEL.

As an institution committed to a future-oriented, sustainable agriculture, the BLE is a competent partner and contact point for all stakeholders participating in the value chain.

The authority implements and monitors EU legislation; it facilitates networks and roundtables. The BLE coordinates research strategies and research funding within the agricultural domain. It also offers information platforms to increase public awareness. Last, but not least, the BLE provides a number of services e.g. for public administration.

With its branches in Bonn, Hamburg, Weimar and Munich the BLE operates nationwide.

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Safety
throughout the value chain

Quality Control of Fruit & Vegetables for good taste and crisp freshness	Fishery Controls Monitoring for sustainable fisheries
Beef Labelling Traceability from the sales counter back to the producer	EU Quality Marks Traditional specialties guaranteed
Meat Classification Monitoring for reliable labelling	Sustainable Biomass Production for approved sustainable biofuel and bioelectricity
Accreditation of Organic Certification Bodies so that the bio you see is the bio you get	Import Notification of Seed and Propagating Material from Third Countries for proper and high-quality merchandise
Germany's „Bio-Siegel“ a sign consumers can rely on	National Action Plan „Plant Protection“ for minimal risks in pesticide application
Emergency Food Supplies for food safety in emergencies	Protein Plant Strategy Promoting the production of local protein plants



Stability
for common markets

Intervention and Private Storage for stable prices on the EU agricultural market
Global Sales Promotion Making German products known in Third Countries
Import Controls for Wood Protecting ecosystems against illegal logging
Import and Export Regulations Licences for food being imported and exported
Administration and Control Systems for the National Implementation of EU Agricultural Policies
Aid Schemes Supporting local farmers in Germany
Development of Rural Structures Promoting rural areas
Global Food Security Securing food availability around the world



Information
for consumers and practitioners

Information and Coordination Centre for Biodiversity for the diversity of species and varieties
Market and Price Reporting Making the value of agricultural products transparent
IN FORM Improving physical health and nutrition
Federal Organic Farming Scheme and other Forms of Sustainable Agriculture : Info-Management to learn about and implement criteria for the production of organic and sustainable food
Agricultural Statistics as a basis for decisions
Knowledge Management Webbased communication and related matters for a transparent agricultural sector



Research Funding Management
for a sustainable future

Agricultural Research Funding Science-based recommendation for policy makers
Promoting Innovation towards new roads in agriculture and consumer protection
Federal Organic Farming Scheme and other Forms of Sustainable Agriculture: Research Funding for new strategies in organic and sustainable agriculture
EU Research Coordination and Funding for the cooperation of European research institutions
Global Food Security Providing solutions to fight hunger and undernutrition



Services
provided for public administration

Central Procurement for efficient purchases within the scope of the BMEL
Travel Expenses, Aid Schemes, Work Injury Care or Family Benefits from the application through to billing
IT Service Centre Innovative solutions for the BMEL and its institutions
Management of Conferences and Meetings for successful events

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