



Federal Office for  
Agriculture and Food

# The Federal Office for Agriculture and Food

Tasks and Services





Safety



Stability



Information



Research



Services



# Welcome to the BLE

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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).

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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

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



**Stability**  
for common markets

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



**Information**  
for consumers and practitioners

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



**Research Funding Management**  
for a sustainable future

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



**Services**  
provided for public administration

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

**The BLE.**  
For Agriculture and Food.