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# The Internet Activities of FiBL

The Internet has become a key platform for information dissemination, and its importance for the development of the organic sector is high. With the potential to provide fast access to up-to-date information the Internet can play an important role in the

large-scale conversion process. Here some examples of the internet activities of FiBL, the world's biggest organic agriculture research institute are presented.



## Institution Information

Most organisations of the organic sector use the internet in order to present their own activities. Currently the internet sites of the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) [www.fibl.ch](http://www.fibl.ch) and [www.fibl.de](http://www.fibl.de) are expanding, and in the near future they will contain all FiBL information in several languages.

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## Internet portal: Information for consumers, farmers and processors

To date there are few internet portals for organic farming. Ideally they should provide access to all available information about organic farming. In Germany the portal [www.oekolandbau.de](http://www.oekolandbau.de) will be launched September 1st 2002. It is financed by the Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture (BMVEL) and implemented by FiBL Berlin, Foundation Ecology & Agriculture (SOEL) and the German Centre for Documentation and Information in Agriculture (ZADI).

[www.oekolandbau.de](http://www.oekolandbau.de)



## Information for farmers

The German site [www.oekolandbau.de/nrw](http://www.oekolandbau.de/nrw) contains information for farmers interested in converting to the organic system. The site is financed by one of the regional agricultural ministries in Germany, and it is one of the first web pages in Europe to provide information of relevance to the agricultural practitioner. The site is implemented by FiBL Berlin and Foundation Ecology & Agriculture (SOEL).

[www.oekolandbau.de/nrw](http://www.oekolandbau.de/nrw)



## Organic farming and genetic engineering

The site provides information about production without genetic manipulation (GM) – with special focus on alternatives to GM: Organic farming, Organic Seeds, GM-free Food and Feedstuffs. The site also offers information about biotechnology and genetic engineering. The goal is to support and link the projects and people who work in the area of GM-free production. It is maintained by FiBL Frick.

[www.biogene.org](http://www.biogene.org)



## Availability of organic seeds

[www.organicxseeds.com](http://www.organicxseeds.com) is an international market place for organically raised seeds and transplants. The database is maintained by FiBL Frick in co-operation with the Italian AIAB, the Soil Association, UK, the National Institute of Agricultural Botany, UK, the Louis Bolk Institute and the Stichting Zaadgoed, both NL, and the German GM-free foods working group (ALOG), D. The information is available in several European languages.

[www.organicxseeds.com](http://www.organicxseeds.com)



## Organic farming research

[www.organic-research.org](http://www.organic-research.org) provides information in English about research structures in Europe, including many addresses of institutions and personalities active in organic farming research. The site is maintained by FiBL Frick and Foundation Ecology & Agriculture (SOEL).

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