



## Organic seed expert groups

On how expert groups can encourage and stimulate  
the use of organic seeds

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## Biodatabase

If no varieties are available, you will only see the crop name of the crop that you clicked.

Search in Biodatabase

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Or search alphabetically.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P R S T U V W Z

### A

Alder buckthorn or Glossy buckthorn / *Frangula alnus* Mill

Apple / *Malus domestica* Borkh.

Apricot / *Prunus armeniaca* L.

Ash / *Fraxinus exelsior* L

Asparagus / *Asparagus officinalis* L

Avenue trees /

Aztec sweetherb / *Lippia dulcis* Trevir.

### B

Barley / *Hordeum vulgare* L

Basil / *Ocimum basilicum* L

Basket willow / *Salix viminalis* L

Beetroot / *Beta vulgaris* L. var. *conditiva* Alef

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Big trefoil / *Lotus pedunculatus* Cav.

Black alder / *Alnus glutinosa* L

Black pine / *Pinus nigra* subsp. *nigra*

Blue Lupin / Narrow leaved Lupin / *Lupinus angustifolius* L

Borage / *Borago officinalis* L

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Bristle oat / *Avena strigosa* Schreb.

Brittle willow / *Salix x fragilis* L

Broad bean / *Vicia faba* L. (partim)

Brown mustard / *Brassica nigra* (L.) W.D.J. Koch-Schwarzer

Brussels Sprouts / *Brassica oleracea* L. convar. *oleracea* var.



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# The National Annex; An example

- Categories on the database
  - Categorie 1; Farmers must use organic seed
  - Categorie 2; Farmers have to ask for a derogation to use non-organic seed
  - Categorie 3; Farmers always have a derogation to use not treated non-organic seed.



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## English (Perennial) rye-grass / Lolium perenne L

English (Perennial) rye-grass  
This (sub)crop is placed in **category 1**. It is not possible to apply for exemption for the use of common propagating material.

Cultivar name	Selection	Supplier	Available from	BIO/Demeter
Abergain		Zaadhandel Neutkens B.V.	9/25/2018	
Abergain		Vandinter Semo B.V.	12/1/2017	
Aubisque		GroeiPartners B.V.	1/1/2019	
Calibra		Agrifirm NWE BV	4/4/2016	
Calibra		DLF B.V.	1/5/2015	
Chicago		Zaadhandel Neutkens B.V.	4/24/2018	
Dromara		Barenbrug Holland B.V. Variety Administr.	3/22/2018	
Leia		Zaadhandel W. v.d. Maanen	1/1/2014	
Maja		Zaadhandel Neutkens B.V.	2/4/2019	
Maja		Poldergraan B.V.	3/28/2019	
Maja		ProfytoDSD	4/12/2019	
Maurice		Zaadhandel Neutkens B.V.	9/25/2018	
Option		Zaadhandel Neutkens B.V.	7/4/2017	
Premium		Zaadhandel Neutkens B.V.	2/4/2019	
Vincent		Zaadhandel Neutkens B.V.	4/24/2018	
Vincent		Zaadhandel W. v.d. Maanen	1/1/2014	

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# The National Annex; preconditions categorie 1

**In Netherlands** (1 competent authority; 1 control body)

- 4 expert groups on:
  - cereals, fodder crops & green manure
  - vegetables and potatoes,
  - glasshouse crops
  - vegetative material
- Expert group includes: representatives from farmers, seed companies, certifiers and experts
- Farmers have a strong (decisive) vote
- Expert groups give a (binding) advice to the competent authority



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# The National Annex; preconditions categorie 1

**In Germany** (18 regional competent authorities; 24 control bodies)

- 2 expert groups on:
  - cereals, potatoes, fodder crops & green manure
  - vegetables
- Expert group includes: representatives from farmer association, seed companies, seed association, database manager, control body (1 out of 24), competent authority (1 out of 18)
- Expert groups give a (binding) advice to the 18 regional competent authorities



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# The National Annex; preconditions categorie 1

Clear criteria to decide if a (sub)crop can be placed on this list:

- Are the main varieties available?
- Is the assortment sufficient for different soiltypes, seasons and markets?
- Are there at least two seed producers?
- Can the crop be divided in subcrops?



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# The National Annex; preconditions categorie 1

- The system must be flexible
- Crops can be removed from the National Annex when necessary
- Devision in subcrops/different markets
- Derogation for:
  - research/field trials
  - conservation purposes
  - new varieties -> flexibility rule



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# The National Annex

## The flexibility rule

Farmers get a derogation for one or two growing seasons for a new variety

The flexibility rule applies when:

- a certain (sub)crop is on the Annex
- a new variety appears on the market
- There is no organic seed available(yet) from this variety
- The variety has specific desired traits
- The seed producer is willing to produce organic seed (signed declaration)
- Mainly used for glasshouse crops



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# The National Annex

## vegetative propagating material

- Organic apple and pear growers must order their trees 1,5 year in advance
- Derogations only if:
  - the variety can not be produced in organic quality
  - Compensate the loss of new planted trees (max 5% a year)
  - Business expansion
  - Catastrophic disease



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- Workshops
- Events



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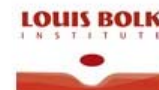
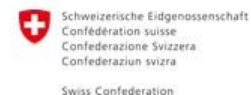


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