Organic Seeds in Belgium

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Conclusions

- If appropriated varieties are available, the use of organic seed becomes evident in Belgium
- Continuous sensibilisation and communication >> legislation
- Nevertheless, legislation is important
  - 1st step: general authorization, each use of conventional seed has to be notified.
  - National annex list makes the commitment clear
- Stakeholders can facilitate progress directly
  - Seed suppliers: availability of seed + communication
  - Farmers: trying organic seeds + exchange experiences
  - Retail: awareness of organic seed (price, quality,...)
  - Scientific research: breeding techniques, seed health,...
  - Dissemination: variety trials to show organic varieties
- Government:
  - www.organicseeds.be
  - Legislation that permits space for movement