Media release

Cooperation for Dutch list of inputs

FiBL and Skal sign cooperation agreement for assessment of inputs for Dutch organic farming.

(Nuremberg, 12.02.2016) Today, in the presence of Margreet van Brakel, managing director of Skal Biocontrole, and Urs Niggli, director of FiBL Switzerland, a cooperation agreement concerning the evaluation of inputs for organic farming in the Netherlands was signed. The objective of this cooperation is to publish a list of inputs which may be used by Dutch certified organic farmers. Harmonized assessment criteria based on the legal framework (EU and Dutch) and thorough quality control are integral parts of the assessment process. The public list gives farmers a transparent overview over the inputs available for certified organic farming in the Netherlands.

Because of the complementary expertise of the two partners, this collaboration offers unique possibilities for creating such a list, which has been requested by the sector for many years. Skal is the accredited certification authority of organic operators in the Netherlands, while FiBL has assessed inputs for the Swiss organic farmers since 1996.

**Links**

* Skal Biocontrole homepage [www.skal.nl/home-en-gb/about-skal/](http://www.skal.nl/home-en-gb/about-skal/)
* FiBL homepage [www.fibl.org](http://www.fibl.org)

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