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## Media release

# Arguments for organic farming – FiBL provides background info in German and French

Organic farming offers a multitude of benefits. The Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) has compiled these benefits in its publication entitled "100 Argumente für den Biolandbau" (100 Arguments for Organic Farming), complete with research findings, organic regulations and standards. A flyer listing selected arguments serves as a swift introduction. First published in 2007, the "Arguments" have now been completely revised.

(Frick, 29 September, 2015) Organic food consumption has reached the mainstream. Organic farming is on everyone's lips, but in some cases it is also the subject of controversial discussion. What, in fact, are the benefits of this agricultural production method, a method that is also being supported by government policy? FiBL's publication entitled "100 Argumente für den Biolandbau" (100 Arguments for Organic Farming) endeavours to answer this question. Comprised of sixteen chapters, this comprehensive set of arguments, which was produced in cooperation with experts from all of the institute's departments, sheds light on the benefits of organic agriculture and food processing. It covers topics ranging from aspects of animal husbandry to plant production, food safety, biodiversity and climate change all the way to issues to do with world food supplies.

All the arguments listed in the 27 page publication are referenced, primarily with research findings but also with Swiss organic regulations and standards. Active weblinks contained in the free online version of the publication provide direct access to many of the referenced sources and thus allow for a more in-depth exploration of the topics under discussion.

Moreover, FiBL has produced a short version in the form of a flyer containing selected arguments which is well suited to introducing consumers to the topic of organic farming. First published in 2007, the complete revision of the "Arguments" was supported financially by the Sur-La-Croix Foundation. Additional support was received from a number of organic sector companies and organisations for the publication of the flyer.

Both publications are available in German and French and can be downloaded free of charge or ordered as hard copies at the FiBL Shop.

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#### Links

- > Publication for download: "100 Argumente für den Biolandbau" (German) www.fibl.org/de/shop/artikel/c/allg-grundlagen/p/1440-argumente.html
- Flyer download: "Argumente für den Biolandbau" (German) www.fibl.org/de/shop/artikel/c/allg-grundlagen/p/1439-flyer-argumente.html
- > Sur-la-Croix Foundation www.fondation-sur-la-croix.ch

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