



CONULTATION FOR SOIL AND WATER PROTECTION KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER FROM THEORY TO AGRICULTURAL PRACTICE

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CONTENT OF THE PRESENTATION

- the consultation for soil- and waterprotection
- Water quality in Upper Austria
- catch crops
- erosion
- projects







SCALE Community-driven bioeconomy development

- sustainable soil protection
- securing a sustainable supply of drinking water
- reduction of
 - nitrate pollution in the ground water
 - nutrient pollution in the surface water
 - substances in the surface water caused by erosion
 - pesticide contamination in surface and ground water









THE ORGANISATION

- located at the Chamber of Agriculture
- financed by the State government of Upper Austria
 - → USP: combine two points of view: Water management and the agricultural perspective
- Homepage: <u>www.bwsb.at</u>; Facebook & Instagram
- Newsletter (weekly); registration on the Homepage





CONSULTING

working groups for soil- and waterprotection:

56 wg's, 41 "Wasserbauern" – heads of the wg's,

2.389 members

- three-stages approach:
 - Consultor
 - "Wasserbauer" = head of working group
 - Working group member







CONSULTATION

personal

- meeting at the Chamber o. A.
- at the farmhouse
- phone, e-m@il, online
- events, conferences
 - Boden.Wasser.Schutz.Tagung
 - field demonstrations, fairs, working groups
 - meetings of local farming communities
 - courses, webinars, videos, podcasts
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MAIN FOCUS: SOILPROTECTION

- catch crops
- liming
- humus management
- crop rotation
- erosion
- tillage
- soil compaction
- recultivation





MAIN FOCUS: WATERPROTECTION

- implementation of the Upper Austrian Pesticide strategy
- consulting for contaminated water suppliers
- fertilizer management
 - Farmmanagement tool
- integrated pest management
- distance requirements near surface waters
- reduction of the phosphate and sediments input







BENEFITS OF CATCH CROPS (COVER CROPS, FORAGE CROPS)

- → between 2 main crops
 - humification
 - biological retention of nitrogen residual
 - erosion protection
 - food for the life in the soil
 - Nitrogen through legumes
 - insect habitat
 - weed suppression





EROSION PROTECTION IN PRACTICE

- project together with farmers
- plate with information about the measures
- information for other farmers and the public





LATEST ACTIVITIES

- digitalization cooperate with different institutes
- Agriculture 4.0: cameras, UAV's, application maps
 - New Farmmanagement tool
- Adaptation strategies to climate change
- Agricultural emissions (NH₃, CH₄ ...)
- efficient fertilization
- experimentals at plant production
- co working to new Austrian agricultural program















INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT!







THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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