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We introduce ourselves

Welcome to the Landwirtschaftliches Zentrum St.Gallen (LZSG) in Salez. The LZSG is an innovation center for agriculture, nutrition and rural area in the canton of St. Gallen. Together with partners from education, research, plant breeding and food processing, the LZSG supports farmers in the production of high-quality products. The field trials in Salez and Flawil are used to test crops and varieties that are better able to withstand pests and diseases and having high crop yields **under changing climatic conditions**. With regard to changing eating habits, a wide range of varieties of potatoes, beans, Ribel maize, polenta maize, oilseeds, berries, vines, fruit and vegetables are growing in our fields.

Our mission

The LZSG is a part of the office of Agriculture in the Economic Department of the canton St.Gallen with the following mandate: The LZSG promotes site-adapted and resource-conserving agriculture, supports farmers in adapting to climate change, enables them to use digitalization/smart farming and increase biodiversity and initiates and supports value-adding product development and implementation.

Our services and facilities

The main focus of the LZSG activities is providing agriculture advice, further education courses and field trials and on teaching on behalf of the Agricultural Training Centre Buchs Sargans (bzbs). The LZSG runs a conference center in Salez with classrooms, multi-purpose rooms and offices for the advisory services. The facility includes workshops for wood- and metalworking, a school cheese dairy and a school slaughterhouse. Learning sequences and practical experiments take place on the company's own farm with milk production, pig farming, fodder and arable farming. Over 400 grape varieties are cultivated in the Frümser state vineyard and further innovative trials are carried out in the Frümser and Flawil orchards and on the arable land in Flawil.

Agriculture meeting point in St. Gallen

Various people meet at the LZSG: Apprentices who want to become farmers; school classes and students who carry out project weeks on agricultural topics; people who are interested in agriculture and nutrition and improve their knowledge in practical courses as well as farming and non-farming organizations that meet in the particularly climate-friendly and multi-award-winning new wooden building (Constructive Alps) in the middle of species-rich variety gardens and test fields.