

To our partners

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Norwegian Centre for Organic Agriculture (NORSØK)

NORSØK has been re-established as a national centre of expertise for organic agriculture.

When NIBIO was established on 01.07.15, it was politically decided that some of the activities and staff at the organisation's Tingvoll site were to be transferred from NIBIO to NORSØK. As of 1 January 2016, NORSØK thus took over 12 employees from NIBIO, and after several appointments during spring 2016, NORSØK's staff has increased to 17, including 8 researchers (5 with PhD degrees), 5 scientific advisers and a communications adviser.

NORSØK is a private foundation with its own board of directors. The foundation's main areas of expertise are agriculture, food, environmental issues and renewable energy.

Our vision is: *NORSØK – Knowledge for organic agriculture and society.*

Through research and scientific knowledge dissemination, NORSØK aims to promote the development of organic agriculture.

NORSØK will also cooperate with conventional agriculture in order to facilitate the mutual transfer of knowledge between conventional and organic farming and the development of solutions appropriate for both farming methods.

NORSØK is a certified research institution and can thus apply for regional, national and international research projects. We are also certified to conduct field trials on cattle and sheep.

NORSØK will continue to use Tingvoll gard, an organic dairy farm that includes experimental fields, a biogas plant, a solar and bioenergy centre and a demonstration garden, as a research and educational arena.

The website <http://www.agropub.no/> is well-established as a knowledge base for organic agriculture. NORSØK will continue to maintain the Agropub website.

NORSØK has big ambitions to make a strong contribution towards achieving the authorities' objectives for organic production and consumption by cooperating closely with all of our partners.

For more information about NORSØK, please visit our website at: <http://www.norsok.no/>

We wish all of you a wonderful summer!

Kind regards, Norwegian Centre for Organic Agriculture

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