



# How to become an organic seed grower in Latvia

## Problems

According to the principles of European Regulation 834/2007 (Art 4) organic farming should use organic inputs. Consequently, vegetative propagating material and seed used in organic agriculture should also be organic. However, **the amount of organically produced seeds and vegetative propagating material in Latvia is still insufficient.**

According to the new Organic Regulation 2018/848 that will enter into force in 2021, only organic seed should be used by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2036.

## Solutions

Expanding the network of organic seed growers will increase the availability of organic seeds and vegetative propagating material on the market.

**Remember: Only certified seeds may be sold!**

Essential things in seed production:

- Seed stock of high quality, provided by the breeder or representative of breeding company;
- precise and scrupulous work on the field, in seed preparation facilities and in warehouses;
- good equipment for seed cleaning and preparation.

## Practical recommendations

- Read the regulations on Seed production and marketing.
- Take into account the regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers on the procedure of monitoring and control of organic farming.
- Register with the State Plant Protection service as a seed producer.
- Get informed about the varieties and decide which varieties will be suitable for your farm.
- Enter into a licensing agreement with the breeder or his representative. This will give you the right to multiply and market seeds of the selected varieties.

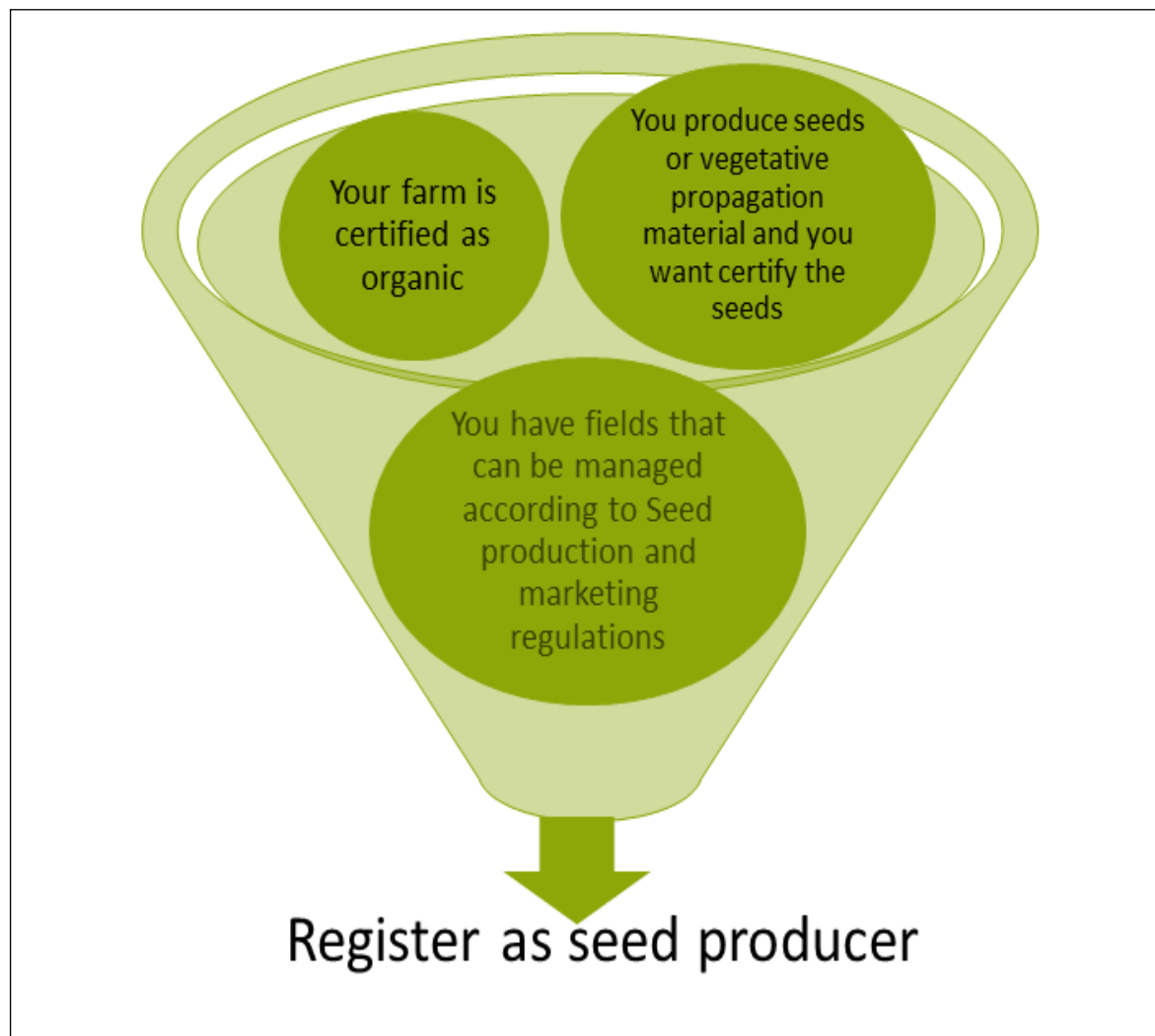
## Further information

1. List of binding Regulations <http://www.vaad.gov.lv/sakums/normatvie-akti/seklusertifikacija.aspx>
2. Latvia plant variety catalogue <http://www.vaad.gov.lv/sakums/registri/auguskirnes/latvijas-augu-skirnes-katalogs.aspx/>





## Basic requirements for organic seed producers



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