

# Exchange Schemes for young farmers in Germany

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<b>Exchange objectives</b>	The exchange scheme is intended for young professionals and students in the agricultural sector (agriculture, horticulture, viticulture and special areas) to gain experience abroad, develop personal and professional skills, and to explore new business opportunities.
<b>Group determination</b>	Motivated young farmers aged 18 to 30 who are still studying or working on a farm and can demonstrate one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A passed apprenticeship in agriculture or horticulture;</li> <li>• Professional qualification in agriculture, forestry, home economics or horses or in horticulture or viniculture;</li> <li>• At least four completed semesters of university studies in the agricultural sector and at least 6 months relevant practical experience.</li> </ul> Participants should also be sufficiently personally mature.
<b>Number of participants</b>	On average 140-150 young farmers participate each year in the scheme. They participate for between 3 and 12 months.
<b>Recruitment</b>	For Japan and Russia there are special procedures
<b>Destination(s)</b>	EU and Switzerland. Overseas: USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Special programmes for Japan and Russia (about five participants for each of these countries each year)
<b>Duration of an exchange</b>	Varies per programme: usually between 3 months and 1 year, but extensions of up to 18 months are possible
<b>Practical arrangements</b>	This depends on the destination(s) and the type of farmer. They mainly need to prepare themselves for a new experience.
<b>Insurance</b>	A broad illness and accident insurance for the entire stay abroad is obligatory for all participants. The insurance is contracted through the DBV, which pays the costs in advance and then (usually at the end of the year) balances out the costs with the subsidies paid by the BMEL.
<b>Assistance in travel etc.</b>	Only for Russia and Japan. The foundation always provides advice to participants.
<b>Conditions to participation</b>	Finalised education or training, being in training and also being personally ready to participate.
<b>Language conditions</b>	English language proficiency is a requirement for all countries except for Austria and Switzerland. Knowledge of Russian is a requirement for an



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	exchange in those countries. Participants going to Japan have to do an intensive course before leaving.

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<b>Exchange objectives</b>	To gain first-hand experience of organic and biodynamic farming, growing and animal husbandry, find inspiration in like-minded people, support the organic movement and to establish ties between producers and consumers.
<b>Group determination</b>	Volunteers with no restriction