





## Cultivation of traditional and less intensive varieties

Goal	Support of agrobiodiversity
Short description of the measure	<p>Cultivation of endangered crop varieties, such as “Einkorn” wheat, Amelcorn</p>  <p>Einkorn Wheat (<i>Triticum monococcum</i>)</p>  <p>Emmer (<i>Triticum dicoccum</i>)</p> <p>Cultivation of new breeds of less intensive varieties</p>
Quality elements of soundly implemented biodiversity measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presence of any traditional crop species and varieties therefrom and less intensive varieties on the farm</li> </ul>
Effects on biodiversity (ecosystems, species, soil biodiversity)	 <p>Improved development of <b>wild herbs</b> because of lighter cultivation</p>  <p>A diverse structured and light cultivation <b>benefits field birds and hare</b>: more space let them move easier, higher stalks provide resting sports for birds</p>
Other positive effects/benefit for the farmer	Old varieties are valuable culture assets. They may be sold for a higher prize.

Indicator/key data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Total size of area (ha) with traditional/less intensive crop varieties</li> <li>▪ Amount of different varieties</li> </ul>
Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="http://www.landwirtschaft-artenvielfalt.de">www.landwirtschaft-artenvielfalt.de</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="http://www.agroecologia.net/recursos/publicaciones/actas/cd-actas-xcongresoseae/actas/comunicaciones/44-recuperacion-gonzalez.pdf">www.agroecologia.net/recursos/publicaciones/actas/cd-actas-xcongresoseae/actas/comunicaciones/44-recuperacion-gonzalez.pdf</a></li> </ul>

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