

5.1 Research facilities which are related to the Federal Research Institutes in Austria*, <http://orgprints.org/8760/>

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Infrastructures	Research farm and animal research facilities: "Moarhof"	The Institute of Organic Farming and Biodiversity is a leading competence centre for research and consultancy on organic farming in Austria. There are resources directly used for applied research, including grassland, dairy cows and other cattle. There are facilities for accommodating cattle and recording their individual intakes, yield etc. The experimental and education farm covers 45.3 hectares (42 hectares grassland, 3.3 hectares arable land) 30 dairy cows, 20 calves, 15 growing cattle, 40 piglets, 60 pigs, 12 sows. The focus lies on research in organic dairy farming, animal nutrition (feeding experiments), preventive animal health, grassland management and organic plant production under harsh climatic conditions. There are possibilities for group feeding and in the future also for individual feeding of 30 cows (CALAN-System). Currently in conversion.
	Research farm and animal research facilities: Research station Wels-Thalheim	The herd of the research station comprises 30 sows with piglets. A laboratory for blood examination and microbiology and the gene bank for endangered productive livestock are situated at this research unit. There are possibilities for group and individual feeding of pigs. The focus lies on preventive animal health, animal husbandry (pigs), biodiversity of productive livestock and organic legislative activities. Converted since 2005.
	Research farm: Research station Lambach/Stadl-Paura	18.4 hectares (15 hectares arable land, 3.4 hectares grassland) are available for research work on organic plant production (cereals, legumes, pasture) including fertilization, quality measurements, investigations on alternative plants (i.e energy plants), developing ecologically acceptable methods to minimize the damage caused by diseases and investigations on nutrient cycles. Currently in conversion.

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Infrastructures	Experimental fields at research and education farm "Agneshof" and "Haschhof"	At the research and education farm "Agneshof" near Vienna 1 hectare of vineyards are used for different experiments concerning organic viticulture and 2.5 hectares fruit plantations (apple, pear, apricot) at the education farm "Haschhof" are used for experiments about pomology.
	Laboratories	At the college in Klosterneuburg laboratories for chemical, biological and molecular analysis are located.

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