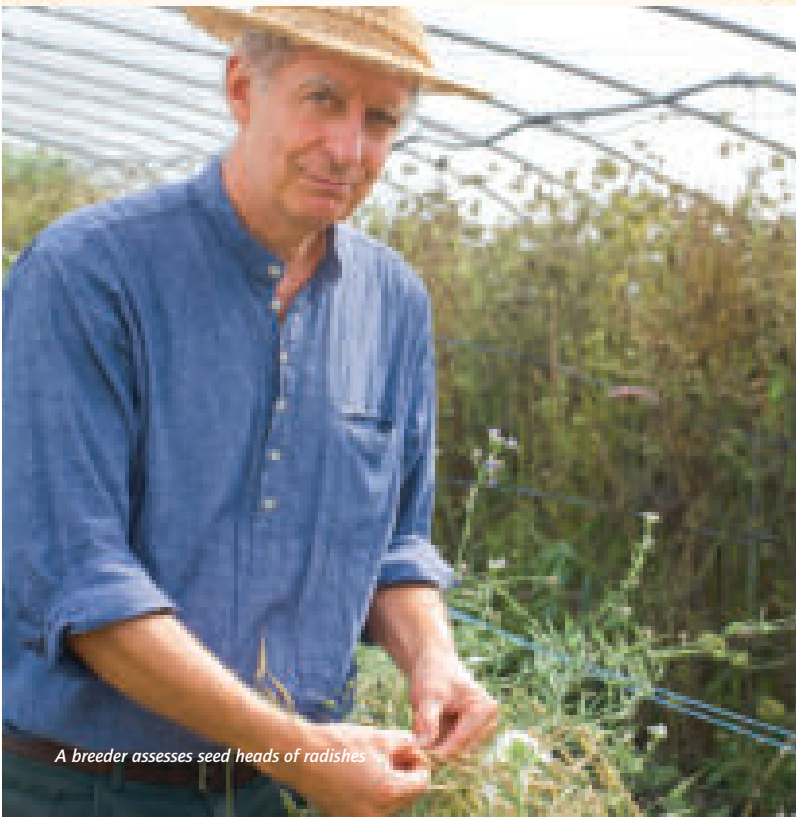




Yellow and orange carrots



A breeder assesses seed heads of radishes

JOIN US IN OUR WORK!

Become a member

With an annual subscription of €65 you are supporting the work of Kultursaat. You will receive up-to-date information and be invited to our events.

Make a donation

Each contribution supports the development of new, more tasty, open pollinated varieties as well as research into innovative breeding procedures.

Make wise buying choices

Ask for open pollinated and named varieties when buying vegetables.

Use open pollinated varieties

as a farmer, grower, gardener, processor trader or customer.

Seed of around 120 Kultursaat varieties can be obtained from our partners

Bingenheimer Saatgut AG (Germany), Sativa Rheinau (Switzerland), Reinsaat (Austria), Sementes Vivas (Portugal), Germinance, Essem'bio (France), Solhatt (Norway), ARCOIRIS (Italy), Prairie Road Organic Seed (USA), biodynamic seed company (Australia).

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DEVELOPMENT OF
NEW VEGETABLE VARIETIES

BREEDING RESEARCH

MAINTENANCE OF WELL PROVEN
VEGETABLE VARIETIES

VEGETABLE PLANT BREEDING FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION

The key objectives of the Kultursaat association founded in 1994, is the development of high quality, open pollinated and economically productive varieties for the organic grower as well as research into breeding methods. Through our work we aim to offer a diverse biodynamically bred and maintained alternative to the widely available hybrids and conventional strains and in the long term enable organic agriculture to operate independently of agribusiness.

BIODYNAMIC FOUNDATIONS

The plant is seen as a living being that exists in close relationship with its environment. We encounter it with respect, acknowledge its integrity and work with it holistically. No biotechnical or gene modifying procedures are applied. Practical *on-farm* breeding work takes place in biodynamically managed research gardens using classical methods of crossing and selection. Apart from this we are researching new ways of working with cultivated plants for example using tones, eurythmy or meditation.



Hand pollination of a courgette flower

KULTURSAAT RESEARCH GARDENS



FOOD QUALITY AS THE BREEDING OBJECTIVE

We place special emphasis on the quality of our varieties. They must be of good flavour, be appealing and meet diverse human requirements. In order to meet these objectives we have developed methods of selection based on taste. The quality assessments carried out using e.g. picture forming methods provide plant breeders with an additional focus of orientation.

VARIETIES AS PART OF OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE

We do not consider varieties to be private property but rather a cultural asset that needs caring for. Kultursaat as a charitable organisation operating on behalf of breeders, registers the varieties. In doing so it explicitly renounces exclusive rights like variety protection and patents. Our breeding work is made possible through financial support in the form of gifts, donations and public grants.

TRAINING

Since 2008 Kultursaat has been offering a two year supplementary training course. This is intended for people who are or have been engaged in vegetable production and are interested in biodynamic vegetable plant breeding.

For further information see:

www.kultursaat.org/zuechtung/fortbildung



A student learns how to cross tomato varieties