



Specialist department

Rural development, Agricultural structure and promotion

One focus is funding within the framework of integrated rural development (ILE). This includes, in particular, village development and LEADER measures, but also the creation of community development concepts (GEK), the promotion of rural infrastructure measures, facilities for basic local services and the revitalization of brownfield sites. In addition, the regional competitions „Our village has a future“ are supported and implemented.

In the area of agricultural marketing promotion, funding opportunities are made available for the participation of Thuringian companies in the food industry in sales promotion measures, particularly in the context of trade fair appearances.

The agricultural economics department analyzes the economic situation of Thuringian agriculture and provides economic decision-making aids for assessing agricultural policy measures.

In the area of agricultural structure, the TLLLR represents the public interests of agriculture in regional planning procedures, regional planning, planning approvals, urban land-use planning, designation of water protection, flood, nature conservation and landscape protection areas, etc. and is responsible for emergency food provision and the enforcement of the Land and Land Lease Act.

The office responsible for vocational education and training in agriculture and home economics in Thuringia supervises and monitors training in 18 green apprenticeships. In addition, the agricultural and forestry master craftsman examinations and further training examinations are carried out.

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EU funds and agricultural payments

The Paying Agency, as the central division of the department, is responsible for the proper budgetary and financial processing of EU funding from the EAGF and EAFRD funds. Applications for EU subsidies can be submitted by agricultural businesses and actors in rural areas via the PORTIA online portal. The applications are processed, approved and checked. The approved amount is then paid out to the applicant, the payments are recorded and the associated reporting to the EU is carried out. Furthermore, the operation and security of the IT infrastructure and representation in court are ensured in the procedures.

The four regional agricultural support centers in Thuringia are the approval bodies and contacts for EU agricultural payments. They inform and train agricultural businesses in the funding procedures. In the course of monitoring payments, they carry out the various administrative and on-site inspections.

Important area-related EU subsidies under the reformed Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) are direct payments with organic regulations and coupled income support, the compensatory allowance for disadvantaged areas and the KULAP cultural landscape program as an agri-environmental and climate measure. Thuringia also offers a program to promote animal welfare and one for beekeeping, in this case to promote the keeping and breeding of bees. In schools and kindergartens, healthy nutrition with milk, dairy products, fruit and vegetables is promoted as part of the EU school program.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Central department

Specialist department

Investigations and
specialized legal controls

Specialist department

Agricultural production,
horticulture and education

The Thuringian State Office for Agriculture and Rural Areas (TLLLR) sees itself as a competence center and service provider for agriculture, horticulture and stakeholders in the rural regions of Thuringia.

Our aim is to support agricultural and horticultural businesses, regardless of their size and legal form, through the legally compliant implementation of the Common European Agricultural Policy in Thuringia in the areas of promotion and control, through training and further education in the green professions and through practice-oriented research and advice. These tasks are flanked by an efficient research and testing system.

As an independent state authority, the office monitors compliance with agricultural legislation and supports agricultural businesses in operating successfully, sustainably and in a way that conserves resources and preserves our valuable cultural landscape.

With this flyer, we would like to offer you a brief insight into the breadth of our tasks and services. Are you interested in more information? Then it is worth visiting our website or simply contacting us.


Peter Ritschel
President

The central department performs classic cross-sectional tasks. The service areas create the organizational conditions for the operational work to be carried out in the state office with its numerous branch offices.

The Human Resources Department deals comprehensively with all personnel matters relating to the approximately 750 employees of the TLLLR and is responsible for personnel planning, development and the recruitment of new staff.

The Organization and Internal Services Department manages the 25 locations and properties of the State Office, which are spread across the whole of Thuringia. It provides office equipment, takes care of procurement and assumes the tasks of the central procurement office of the State Office. In addition to the administration of documents and the vehicle fleet, it is also responsible for occupational health and safety and fire protection. This also includes the mailroom and the publicly accessible agricultural science library with a stock of 85.000 media and specialist journals.

The Budget Department plans the finances of the State Office, monitors its implementation, advises the specialist departments and ensures that budget funds are used economically and sparingly. It also accounts for staff business trips and keeps a record of assets.

The IT department provides the basic IT infrastructures and basic services for the state office, maintains them and develops them further. The optimization of systems and specialist applications as well as a high standard of information security are fundamental to this.

It is the central, state inspection body for agriculture, forestry and horticulture in Thuringia and is also responsible for carrying out specialist legal inspections in agriculture, trade and production.

On the one hand, this includes the specialist legal controls in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 in feed monitoring, organic farming, plant health and geoprotection. It also includes official controls in the specialist areas of fertilization, fertilizers and plant protection as well as seed, feed and market monitoring of animal and plant products. Other focal points include cross-compliance controls in the context of agricultural subsidies and advice on good agricultural practice in the area of agricultural soil protection. The organizational combination of risk-oriented and event-driven on-site inspections, sampling, testing and evaluation enables rapid, court-compliant administrative action.

The testing department is an accredited laboratory according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025, an accredited laboratory of the International Seed Testing Association ISTA, a certified laboratory for „Good Laboratory Practice“ according to § 19b para. 1 Chemicals Act, a national reference laboratory for feed additives according to Regulation (EC) 378/2005, an approved laboratory of safety level S2 according to the Infection Protection Act and safety level S1 according to the Genetic Engineering Act as well as a member of the European Network of GMO Laboratories.

The main task is to develop advisory knowledge for policy and practice as well as for training and further education. These tasks are supplemented by specialist promotion and the implementation of special legal inspections.

The technical colleges for agriculture (Stadtroda) and horticulture (Erfurt) offer further training qualifications as economists and technicians. In Stadtroda, it is also possible to qualify as an agricultural business economist. The inter-company training centres for agriculture in Schwerstedt and for horticulture in Erfurt offer specialized courses for trainees in the green professions. The specialist departments focus on optimizing the cultivation and use of agricultural and horticultural crops. This includes variety trials as well as trials to conserve resources such as soil, water, air and biodiversity. The valuable basis of agricultural field and horticultural trials is also used for studies on alternative crops such as medicinal, aromatic and spice plants as well as renewable raw materials. Options for climate protection and adaptation to climate change are essential for plant/horticulture and animal husbandry. In livestock farming, animal welfare and the use of domestic protein feed are currently a priority. With its agricultural production branches, the Thuringian Teaching, Testing and Experimental Farm is a platform for the implementation of inter-company training and for the demonstration of applied research in the agricultural sector.