

Questionnaire to explore the potential of a levy on allotment garden products

Question 1: For what purpose do you primarily use your garden?

Recreation ☐

Cultivation of fruits and vegetables ☐

Cultivation of flowers ☐

Recreation and self-supply equally ☐

For other purpose ☐ namely: _____

Question 2: In general, how much are you interested in the production of food?

On a scale of 1-10, where 1 stands for "not at all" and 10 for "very much".

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐

Question 3: How much do you know about cultivating fruits and vegetables in general?

On a scale of 1-10, where 1 stands for "not at all" and 10 for "very much".

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐

Question 4: Which fruits/vegetable/flower species do you harvest the most? Please name the most represented species/varieties. If you "harvest" honey, you can also indicate this.

Question 5: What percentage of the food demand of the people living in your household do you cover with the produce from your garden?

_____ %

Question 6: On a scale of 1 - 10, how often do you harvest more than you consume?

Where 1 stands for "never" and 10 for "very often".

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐

Question 7: Approximately what percentage of the total harvest is the surplus that you do not consume yourself?

_____ %

Question 8: Of which fruits and vegetables or other products from your garden do you have a surplus?

Question 9: What happens to the surplus of fruits and vegetables?

Multiple responses possible

I give it as a gift
I swap it

☐
☐

I process it further (preserve)
I throw it to the compost

☐
☐

Something else, namely: _____

☐

Question 10: When you exchange products from your garden with other gardeners - how many times a year does that happen?

_____ times a year fruits and vegetables

_____ times a year seeds, young plants, cut flowers or honey

Question 11: When you give away products from your garden - how often does that happen?

_____ times a year fruits and vegetables

_____ times a year seeds, young plants, cut flowers or honey

Question 12: Have you ever thought about whether it would be possible to sell products that you have grown/harvested yourself?

Yes ☐ No ☐

The Federal Allotment Garden Law prohibits „commercial activities“ in allotment gardens.

Question 13: Did you know this regulation?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Question 14: Do you think this regulation makes sense in the frame of a sale on local level/small-scale? Regardless of whether there is a surplus or not.

- ☐ I think the regulation also makes sense in this context
- ☐ I think the scheme makes sense but there should be a way to sell surplus
- ☐ I do not think that the regulation is useful in this context

Question 15.1: If selling garden products would be allowed – would you generally find a system useful that organizes the distribution of surplus to potential consumers? Similar to a stand in the countryside in front of a farm where products from the own cultivation are sold.

Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No ☐

Question 15.2: Why?

Question 16: Even if you could only earn a small amount of money, would it still be attractive for you personally to sell products from your garden?

Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No ☐

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Question 17: If no, under which circumstances would you be more willing to give away some products?

For example, as a gift or for how much earnings or for what purpose?

Question 18: Have you ever sold products from you garden despite this regulation? For example via „www.direkt-vom-beet.de", similar Websites, oder „Ebay Kleinanzeigen“?

No ☐ Yes, via: _____ ☐

Question 19: Would you be willing to give surplus produce to a gastronomy facility related to your allotment garden association?

Please tick only one answer

- ☐ Yes, if I had surplus, I would also give it away to such a gastronomy facility
☐ Yes, if I had surplus, I would sell it to such a gastronomy facility
☐ No

Question 20: Do you use plant protection products and/or pesticides?

Multiple answers possible

Biological here means free of chemical substances, instead purely plant/animal products, e.g. slug repellent made from lavender.

Yes, chemical ☐ Yes, biological ☐ No ☐

Question 21: Do you use fertilizers?

Multiple answers possible

Biological here means free of chemical substances, instead purely plant/animal products, such as horn shavings

Yes, chemical ☐ Yes, biological ☐ No ☐

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And hereafter a few questions about yourself.

Question 22: How old are you?

_____ Years

Question 23: Which gender do you feel you belong to?

Female ☐ Male ☐ Divers ☐

Question 24: Which type of employment are you currently in?

Employed ☐ Without Work ☐ Self-Employed / Freelance ☐

Question 25: How many people make up your household?

Note: In the financial sense - A shared apartment does not count as a household here

_____ Persons

Question 26: What is your monthly household income?

(Net, i.e. remuneration for work, pensions, unemployment benefit, income from self-employment, child benefit, income from property, income from renting and leasing, after government inflows and outflows of all household members added together).

Note: The entire questionnaire and your answers are anonymous

< 1000 € ☐ 1000-2000 € ☐ 2000-3000 € ☐
3000-4000 € ☐ 4000-5000 € ☐ > 5000 € ☐

Question 27: Do you live in the same district, where your allotment garden is located?

Yes ☐ No ☐

**Thank you for
your
participation!**