

Innovation Hub Factsheets 2024

Certified, diverse temporary grassland mixtures, Switzerland

The certified grassland seed mixtures innovation hub, focused around the 3000-strong AGFF network in Switzerland, is promoting the best forage production adoption across diverse pastures at different altitudes. The ambition is to create mixtures that are well adapted for climate resilience, biodiversity enhancement, and socio-economic resilience at farm level.



Agroecology-TRANSECT field day, May 2024



AGFF Masterclass, September 2024

Notable successes and challenges 2023–2024

There were two AGFF field days in August 2024, in Eastern and Central Switzerland; a workshop with the Swiss seed industry which included trial site visits; and four masterclasses during the winter on the topic of climate change adaptation.

The team presented at SVT Frühlingstagung - a conference of animal scientists - in April, delivering a keynote talk on 'The contribution of temporary and permanent grassland to sustainable livestock production'.

AGFF led two Agroecology-TRANSECT webinars: The special quality of milk and meat from grass-fed ruminants, and From research to practice: multi-species mixtures as a pillar for agroecology.

Summary and next steps

The team continues to experiment and develop drought-resistant mountain mixtures (five sites); testing of house mixtures of farms and seed companies (three sites); three campaigns of on-farm strip trials (12 sites).

AGFF has had input into discussions on future work at Agroscope, as well as engagement with the Federal Office of Agriculture looking at future AGFF activities.