



«Meine Ernte»

Meine Ernte
Ganders und Kirchbaumer GbR
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Once upon a time...

- “Meine Ernte” is a company which is active in the segment of “leasing gardens for 1 season”. This is a relatively new commercial model in Urban Gardening. The idea was developed in the late 80s in Austria and has been spreading in Germany for several years.
- A rental company (e.g. “Meine Ernte”) closes a contract with a farmer. In the spring this farmer sows various vegetable and flowers on a farmland (close to large cities). Then the field is divided in several plots (approx. 50 – 100 m²) and will be offered by the rental company for 1 gardening season (approx. 200 - 400 € / plot). The gardeners get water, tools and planting tips. This form of Urban Gardening is currently very successful. The number of such rental companies is growing from year to year (especially in West Germany and Berlin). The largest company on this market segment is currently “Meine Ernte” with 20 farmlands in 16 towns. Additional locations will be opened in 2013.

Objectives

- Residents of large cities get the chance of gardening on their own plots where they can produce their own food.

Values

- Easy way of subsistence farming

Activities & Events

- In spring the gardeners are celebrating the launch of the gardening season (ceremonial handover of the plots).
- During a weekly consultation-hour an experienced farmer offers help.
- The webpage of the company provides a forum for discussions and questions.

Ideas for tomorrow

- Opening of new leasing gardens in whole Germany.

Partners of the garden

- local farmers

Structure of the garden

- Surface: (45m² / 85m²) per gardener
- Organisation of plots: private plots (for rent: 179€ / 329€)
- Equipments & infrastructures: Garden tools, storage, water

Management

- „meine ernte Ganders und Kirchbaumer GbR“
- A farmer provides farmland and sows the seeds.
- Gardeners lease a plot (according to the size of the farmland up to 100 gardeners per project).

What do we grow & for whom?

- vegetables
- flowers

Our good ideas & practices

- The preparation of the field and the sowing by a farmer makes the gardening easier for newcomers.
- Weekly consulting-hour by an experienced farmer.

Practical information

- Access: The gardens are often situated at the outskirts of the cities (limited public transport system).
- The gardens are not open for the public (fence around the garden).
- Opening hours: depending on the needs (all gardeners have a key)

Contact

<https://www.meine-ernte.de/>

Name of the managing organisation

Ganders und Kirchbaumer GbR

Birth of the garden

2010

Users of the garden

Town dweller which pay a rent