

→ **Group 2:** “Do the existing organic standards ensure the quality of food? If not, how should they be adapted?”

Results presented by **Kirsten Brandt**:

The question means: Are the existing standards ok?

No, they are not.

The animals kept outside (animal husbandry in organic systems) should lead us

to the awareness of the productive ethical standards. But it increases the risk of contamination (dioxin = outside grazing, bacteria, heavy metals) at the same time. Consumers are aware of ethical topics in animal husbandry. We should direct their awareness by appropriate communication and not follow their awareness. There are no simple answers and therefore new methods and knowledge are needed.

Organic milk is not only the quality of milk itself but is also linked to the health of the cow. This has to be regulated (leading to parameters such as life-products). “Premium quality” is the goal of organic farming but also the access to these products for most of the population.

The group suggested supporting the best practice, not penalise mediocre practice too much, nor accept bad practice.

Conclusion: Support the best practice

