Genbanks in Austria

Vegetable Collections

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3 Genbanks with Vegetable Collections:

1. Horticultural College and Research Institute Schoenbrunn:

- 127 accessions: professional Austrian cultivars; collection located in AGES Linz (25 of them leafy vegetables: lettuces, corn salad, spinach)
- Deep freeze status, accessions not available
- Problems with regeneration after 40 years, lack of personal resources
- Cooperations with Austrian Seed Companies yet not successful

3 Genbanks with Vegetable Collections:

2. Versuchsstation für Spezialkulturen in Wies (Land Steiermark):

Federal Experimental Station for Specialty Crops in Wies

- 153 accessions: 13 of them leafy vegetables: lettuces, corn salad, spinach
- Deep freeze status

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3. The ARCHE NOAH Seed Bank

- Privat Austrian NGO, association with 13.000 members
- maintaining about 5.500 accessions of rare vegetables and grains, agricultural crops
- Focus not only on domestic cultivars but on diversity across Europe

Next National activities:

- National Working group
- Next meeting: 10th-11th of November 2026

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