

Programme Farmer Cafés

Wednesday, Sept 11th – Introduction to saline agriculture and workshops Applied University VHL in Leeuwarden (Agora 1, 8934 Leeuwarden)	
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch , an occasion to get to know farmers, agricultural advisors, policy workers and other practitioners from across the North Sea Region
14.00 - 15.00	Starting presentations , an introduction to salinization and saline agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>'About the potential and the benefits of saline agriculture'</i> by Pier Vellinga (Waddenacademie) - <i>'The challenge of salinization throughout the North Sea Region'</i> by Jeroen De Waegemaeker (ILVO) - <i>'Four years of saline agriculture on Texel'</i> To be confirmed.
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 - 18.00	Interactive workshops on salinization and saline agriculture. Together we explore the potential for saline agriculture in the North Sea Region. What are the barriers? What are the opportunities?
19.00 - 22.00	Saline dinner

Thursday, Sept 12th and/or Friday, Sept. 13th - Excursions to the SalFar test sites	
Option 1	Salt Farm Foundation (SFF) is established for sharing knowledge on saline agriculture with small-scale farmers worldwide, in an effort to find solutions to salinization and to improve food security, with minimal impact on already scarce fresh water supplies Located on the Dutch island Texel , the organization invites you to visit their test fields and other sites related to saline agriculture. More information can be found here .
Option 2	Ökowerk Emden has set up open air field labs for testing different sorts of halophytes. The test site is located in the north of Germany, near the tidal estuary of the river Ems, the Dollart . The picture above shows the main part of the 7 ha core area. Next to open air field labs, some varieties of plants are also cultivated in greenhouses. More information can be found here .
Option 3	Foundation "De Zilte Smaak" wants to create awareness about the flora and fauna of the Wadden Sea. They run a number of test fields for saline crops on the island Terschelling. The "Zilte Smaak" team develops and shares knowledge to give the visitors of the island the opportunity to learn more about saline farming and the food you can harvest directly from the coastal areas. The excursion is combined with a sailing trip across the Wadden Sea and an overnight stay. Therefore an additional payment of 100 € is requested. More information can be found here

