

Interactive Gross Margin (IGM) application

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Topics

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IGM – Interaktive Gross Margin application

- Url: <https://idb.agrarforschung.at/>

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IGM - Interactive Gross Margins and calculation datas

- Onlinetool for calculation of Gross Margins - interactive
- For different branches of farm activities (conventional and organic farming systems)
 - Crop farming (21 conventional, 17 organic)
 - Cattle husbandry (5 conv., 5 org.)
 - Sheep and goat husbandry
 - Pig farming
 - horsekeeping
 - Laying hens
 - Fodder production (5 conv., 3 org.)
 - Vineyards
- Preset with default values, but individually adaptable
- Programmed, updated by BAB
- Replaced the catalogue for Gross Margins last published in 2008

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IGM-Project structure

IGM basic project

„Interactive Gross Margins“

IGM-Database

(no public access)

IGM-Application

(public access)

IDB-Project status

IGM Basic project (ab 2010)		
IGM 1 = old version (2010-2023)	IGM 2 = new version (ab 2022)	Storage old version
First development by IGM project team of BAB in cooperation with LfL Bavaria Activities: crops, animal husbandry, fodder crops, viniculture – conventional and organic farming Programming: Java, JavaScript	Further development by WG Simulation and IGM project team of BAB First crop activities published in Q1-2022, successive additional activities until full implementation in Q1-2023 Programming: Angular Link: https://idb.agrarforschung.at/	Old version of IGM on legacy available

BAB-Basic Project „IGM“

Basic Project - IGM

Title: „Interactive Gross Margins and calculation datas“
 Nummer: [BAB 015/10](#)
 Duration: 2010-ongoing
 Links: <https://idb.agrarforschung.at>

Team

IGM Basic Project – Management
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Interaktive Deckungsbeiträge (IDB)

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Benefit of the IGM Application?

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- Support for farm management, education, consulting, science, etc.
- Basis for profitability calculations and farm planning
- Contribution margins adaptable to the individual farm (interactive)
- Comparison of the competitiveness of crops
- Crop rotation planning
- Gross margin developments over several years
- Linkage with calculation programmes for the entire holding (needed for Application for investment support)
- Continuous updating and maintenance
- Free of costs and advertising

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Highlights

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- Offers readily-available calculations and datas
- relies on a simple concept (gross margin = revenue – variable costs)
- is interactive and highly flexible
- offers a user-friendly interface, documentation and export options
- Each activity is populated with default values (averages of the selected area in the selected observation period and subject to the chosen variant)
- Most datas can be overwritten to tailor the calculation to a specific problem statement
- The IGM data are updated periodically

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Possible Analyses

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- analysing situations of the present, the past and the future
- scenario analyses (e.g. best, worst or most likely case)
- calculating gross margins of a crop sequence
- analysing changes in management or the farming environment
- calculating expected gross margins of innovation

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New features in IGM 2



- Default settings for all activities (e. g. observation period, region, settings regarding VAT)
- Setup of new masks, functions, modules and interfaces
- Broadening the period of observation and the database
- Adaptation of the activities to changed framework conditions
- Planning of crop rotation (with scenario analyses)
- Extension of evaluation possibilities (time series, graphic output)
- Saving and later reprocessing of activities

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Live presentation of IGM application



Implementation of new activities

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- Preparation of a calculation template in EXCEL
 - Reviewed by experts
 - Collection of sources for default values
- Programmed by IT experts
- Tested by BAB and experts
- Release

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Prospects for IGM

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- Programming of new activities
 - Crop production, animal husbandry
- Periodical update – prices, yields
- Review of possible new features
 - Humus balance?
 - Greenhouse gas emissions?
- Etc.

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