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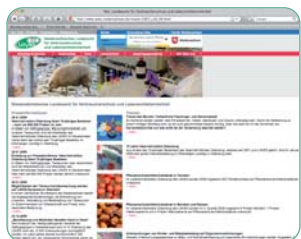
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**Certificated in the scope of
consumer health protection:
Advisory services, approvals, surveillance,
analyses, special tasks.**

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Where do I find the LAVES Institutes?

Oldenburg – Food Institute and Veterinary Institute
Braunschweig – Food Institute
Celle – Institute for Apiculture
Cuxhaven – Institute for Fish and Fishery Products
Hannover – Veterinary Institute
Lüneburg – Institute for Testing Consumer Products
Stade – Feed Institute

You can find specialized departments in:

Oldenburg – Food Control, Food Inspection Service, Supervision of Animal Drugs, Food Safety Control Service, Control of Animal Diseases/Abolishment of Animal By-Products, Veterinarian Task Force, Animal Welfare Service, Feed Inspection Service, Market Control and Technical Experts
Hannover – Department for Inland Fisheries
Lüneburg – Ecological Agriculture

In addition, LAVES is a company training centre and educational training center for:

Chemical-technical assistants
Biological-technical assistants
Specialists in animal health
Fish-farmers
Meat inspectors
Animal feed inspectors
Poultry inspectors
Food chemists
Food inspectors
Trainees for veterinary medicine
Trainees for apiculture

The Administrative Department for Press and Public Relations makes professional information understandable for consumers and the media to provide even more transparency.

Since 2006 the administrative department for quality management has attended and controlled the measures of quality management based on the »Uniform Quality Management in Official Organizations for Consumer Protection in Lower Saxony – EQUINO«.

In 2007 LAVES has been certificated according to DIN EN ISO 9001:2000 by the official authority TÜV Nord.

LAVES carries out new regulatory measures in controlling, cost accounting and productivity checks.

■ Addresses of the Institutes and specialized departments

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Food Institute Oldenburg
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D-26133 Oldenburg
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Institute for Fish and Fishery Products Cuxhaven
Schleusenstraße 1
D-27472 Cuxhaven
Phone +49 47 21 69 89-0
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Veterinary Institute Hannover
Eintrachtweg 17
D-30173 Hannover
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Veterinary Institute Oldenburg
Philosophenweg 38
D-26121 Oldenburg
Phone +49 441 97 13-0
Fax +49 441 97 13-814

Feed Institute Stade
Heckenweg 6
D-21680 Stade
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Institute for Testing Consumer Products Lüneburg
Am Alten Eisenwerk 2A
D-21339 Lüneburg
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Institute for Apiculture Celle
Herzogin-Eleonore-Allee 5
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Specialized departments

- Technical Experts
- Food Inspection Service
- Food Control
- Supervision of Animal Drugs
- Food Safety Control Service
- Control of Animal Diseases/Abolishment of Animal By-Products
- Veterinarian Task Force
- Animal Welfare Service
- Feed Inspection Service
- Market Control

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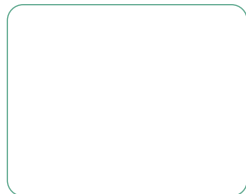


Lower Saxony State Office
for Consumer Protection
and Food Safety

More Safety for the Consumer



Lower Saxony



LAVES – More Safety for the Consumer

What can I still eat? Surely everyone has already asked himself this question. News reports about BSE, Avian Influenza or Nitrofen have made consumers insecure. That is why Lower Saxony has taken action.

In the Lower Saxony State Office for Consumer Protection and Food Safety – LAVES –, all tasks of the consumers health protection are focused on minimizing risks and to continually encourage consumer confidence.

Eight official institutes belong to the LAVES organization throughout Lower Saxony. The head office is located in Oldenburg.

What is the aim of LAVES?

LAVES was founded with the objective to determine health risks for consumers at onset, as well as to efficiently and promptly fight them. Reliable controls, safe analysis methods and independent and objective sources of information all belong to the most important instruments of LAVES.



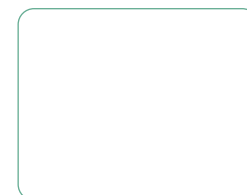
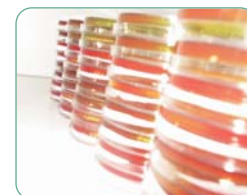
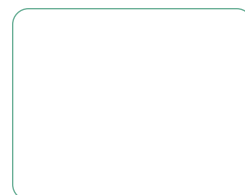
What are the LAVES Tasks?

In LAVES more than 800 employees are engaged in consumer protection. The tasks of LAVES are diverse. They include:

- the execution of all official testing of food, feed, animals and daily consumption goods (such as flatware, toys and cosmetics)
- the control of feed companies
- veterinary drug surveillance
- the approval of feed and food companies (e.g. carcass disposal establishments, slaughter houses, dairies)
- the consultation and support of local governmental authorities in food surveillance, animal health and animal welfare
- market control and ecological agriculture
- enquiries according to the Consumer information act

Furthermore LAVES is Lower Saxony's contact point for the EU-Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF).

The concepts of consumer protection in Lower Saxony are provided by the Ministry for Nutrition, Agriculture, Consumer Protection and Rural Development. The coordination of these concepts is a task of LAVES. Then the coordinated concepts are transferred by the local governmental authorities to the local districts.



Consumer protection based on expertise in

- *analytical testing*
- *control*
- *consulting and information*

Who is integrated in LAVES?

On 1 July 2001, the former authorities of the State for Food and Veterinary Diagnosis were merged to establish the new LAVES. In 2003, the newly founded Feed Institute was affiliated and in 2004 the Institute for Apicultural Research also joined the group.

The departments of LAVES give their support to the responsible local authorities in relation to food control, the combat of animal diseases and the removal of animal by-products. As well as answering all questions pertaining to animal welfare and Inland Fisheries.

They control veterinary home dispensaries, animal feed economy, ecological agriculture, as well as adherence to quality specifications and grade of goods of agrarian products.

By the interactive connection of all expertise, more safety and transparency in the food chain »from stable to table« can be achieved.