

## Test with Sorghum

It is too cold in The Netherlands for the Sorghum crops. That is the reason why in Loosbroek, the seed is being warmed under a film layer as a test. This and other initiatives are taking place in the context of the project Bufferboeren. This project consist of a number of entrepreneurial farmers in the area of the water abstraction area. This project concentrates on the dry tolerant dairy farming.

Sorghum is a possible option. This subtropical annual crop requires very little moisture. The disadvantage however is the high temperature it requires before it germinates. This results in seeding by the end of May. Tests in Belgium have shown that sowing at that time results in insufficient return. This is reason enough to test the cultivation of this crop under film.

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