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Organic transition in the Danish jail system.

Today the food served in Danish Jails is characterized by being based to a large extent on processed convenience ingredients. At the same time the jail institution in Denmark is a quite large producer of organic milk, and also producing a lot of organic vegetables and meat. The research interest in a newly started project is to examine why these two aspects of food production are not interrelated. The Victus Bonus (VB) project is a collaboration project between Danish consultancies, University College Lillebælt and Aalborg University-Copenhagen and has financial departure in a National political strategy for increasing the amount of organic produce in public kitchens. The jail project has a twofold focus. Firstly to look at the educational aspects in relation to upgrading the staff and other involved actors in the food-network around the jails. Secondly to follow this practice and educational activity with research and documentation. The initial research question is to look at how to integrate the production from the primary production into the jail kitchens, thereby putting attention towards not only organic - but also local food. Important aspects of the VB project are upgrading skills and competencies in the kitchens (both employees and inmates), increasing the amount of organic produce in the kitchens, and contribute with insights to a larger transition of the Danish jail sector with regards to food. Authors will give an overview of the project and the transition potential and also ask for feed-back on the project design.