

LWB

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1. Description

The LWB, or Landwirtrechtbewegung (farmers rights movement), is believed to be engaged in attacks on [Synth Foods](#) operations and sympathetic government officials in retaliation for Rheinland concessions to the Liberty Food conglomerate.

2. History

[Stuttgart](#) has been the breadbasket of Rheinland since 100 years after settlement. Over time, its farmers formed a powerful union, named the WVS. The organization successfully lobbied the Rheinland government to subsidize [Stuttgart](#) agriculture for hundreds of years. With the end of the 80-Years War in 680 AS, however, the subsidies were no longer tenable.

In a secret deal during the war, the Rheinland government borrowed huge sums from Liberty. Facing default on their loans, they were forced to offer something to House Liberty. [Synth Foods](#) wanted complete access to [Stuttgart](#), which Rheinland granted in exchange for renegotiated debt repayment terms. Immediately the Liberty Food giant moved in, buying out huge numbers of nearly bankrupt [Stuttgart](#) farmers. Much of [Stuttgart](#) was converted into vast expanses of the bio-engineered mono-crops of [Synth Foods](#).

The government backed the foreign company wholeheartedly and looked the other way as [Synth Foods](#) used unscrupulous business practices to further consolidate its control over [Stuttgart](#). Remaining independent farmers were forced to buy all of their [Fertilizers](#) and seeds from [Synth Foods](#) and sell all of their production to them at low fixed rates -- prices that were designed to squeeze the maximum out of the farmer and shift all risk away from [Synth Foods](#).

The once proud [Stuttgart](#) farmers were reduced to indentured servants. Inexorably, [Synth Foods](#) assimilated the bulk of the planet's arable land, dutifully paying its Rheinland federal taxes and feeding the bribe machine in [New Berlin](#). The WVS tried to fight back legally in the courts but soon discovered that their influence had been sold to a higher bidder. Finally, in what some called an act of desperation, the more radical elements of the WVS left [Stuttgart](#) and founded the Landwirtrechtbewegung -- farmers rights movement -- simply referred to as the LWB.

LWB built a small depot called Darmstadt within the Ostnebel. This serves as a base for operations targeted at [Synth Foods](#) convoys within Rheinland space. The [Red Hessians](#) also use it as way station along their route to [Omega-11](#). The "war" has been going on for 25 years now, and both sides claim to be winning -- although [Synth Foods](#) now controls 90 percent of the planet's agriculture vs. 60 percent just three decades ago.

3. Type

- Rheinland Criminals

4. Headquarter

