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Conservation of crops is based on *ex situ* collection into gene banks. Additionally, crop's wild relatives can be conserved *in situ*, and landraces and obsolete cultivars also can be conserved using the on-farm method. The definition and methodology of on-farm conservation is discussed. On-farm conservation has been set up in the Czech Republic as model examples in several institutions dealing with nature protection, education, cultural conservation, as well as by some private farmers. Problems, plus positive and negative experiences are presented. On-farm conservation in open-air-museums in the nature (skansens) as well as in the national parks, seem to be suitable ways forward for the Czech Republic.

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