## Origin of tulips Tulp Festival Amsterdam



## **Certified growers**

Tulp Festival Amsterdam strives to use organic tulip bulbs. The cultivation of fully organic (tulip) bulbs is on the rise, but there are still only a limited number of varieties available. Purely organic tulips are not yet available for the quantities for Tulp Festival Amsterdam. We work with a supplier from North Holland, who in turn purchases the tulip bulbs from certified bulb growing companies in the region, with certificates such as: GLOBAL G.A.P, ABC, MPS, Planet Proof and NLG. The tulip bulbs are grown according to all legal standards and regulations. No prohibited crop protection agents are used.

## Growing from 'dry bulb to flowering'

The tulips for the Tulp Festival are grown sustainably from 'dry bulb to flowering' in trays and tubs. The forcing takes place from October and everything remains outside until December. If it gets too cold, the tulips go into a cold greenhouse until they can go outside again to bloom just in time. No pesticides are used during the forcing process (so no effect on insects) and no heating or cooling (no energy consumption). The scales and tubs with tulips are transported to the locations in Amsterdam at the end of March and removed at the end of April. The tulips therefore do not get in touch with the soil and groundwater. After removal, the tulips are sustainably processed into compost.