

Thomas Been

Bio

Thomas (Hans) Been was born on January, 24th in 1955, in the American zone of West-Berlin, Germany and moved to The Netherlands in 1965. He studied at the State University Groningen (RUG), where he received his MSc in Biology B5b (including geology), with honours in 1984. Since 1984 he is employed as a theoretical nematologist, first at IPO-DLO, later at Wageningen-UR. He received his PhD at Wageningen University in 1998 and is a part-time professor at the University of Gent, Belgium. He started the development of Akkerweb in 2011 and is currently the technical director of Akkerweb.

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