

7th ECO-PB workshop on Organic Seed Regulation



French situation

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SEMENCES BIOLOGIQUES

Le site officiel de gestion des variétés disponibles en semences issues de l'agriculture biologique

Vous êtes **agriculteur** ou **maraîcher**

- **Recherchez** les variétés disponibles et leurs fournisseurs puis, si nécessaire, faites une demande de dérogation
- **Recherchez** les coordonnées des producteurs de plants de légumes biologiques
- **Signalez** les difficultés rencontrées

Vous êtes **fournisseur**

- **Enregistrez** les espèces et variétés que vous proposez à la vente
- **Présentez** votre entreprise de production de plants de légumes biologiques

Vous êtes **organisme certificateur**

- **Gérez** les demandes de dérogation

ACTUALITÉS

Modifications des listes de statut des espèces

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86 suppliers in 2007

115 suppliers in 2012

Number of varieties




Claim
module

Situation in France

www.semences-biologiques.org

managed by a national **committee**

administrative official, GNIS, ITAB, Certification Bodies, seed companies and organic farmer's representatives...

4 Expert groups:

- Vegetables
- Cereals
- Forage Crops
- Vegetative propagated crops

4 Lists:

- *list of general authorisations (= cat. 3)*
- *'normal' list (= cat. 2)*
- *'warning' list*
- *no derogation list (= cat. 1)*

The 'no-derogation' list (Cat. 1)

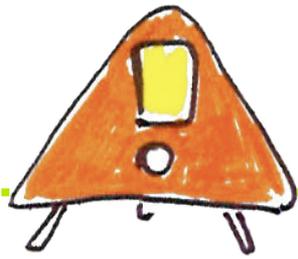
- Maize (except late varieties + sweet)
- Tritical (in April 2013)

- Celeriac (*except coated seeds*)
- Cucumber Dutch type
- Pickles (*smooth*)
- Broad beans
- Batavia lettuce,
- Butterhead lettuce
- Green and red 'oak leaf' lettuce (*except red pointed head types*)
- Romaine open field lettuce
- Yellow Onion (*seed F1, flex/ resistance*)
- Escarole (*open field var.*)
- Curly and common parsley (*except pre-germinated*)
- Leek OP (*not F1*)
- Round red radish

4 species
or **variety types**



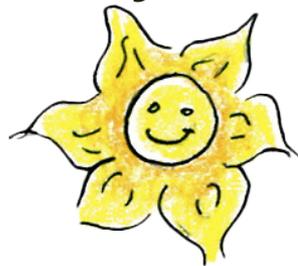
6 month
decision -implementation



the 'warning list'

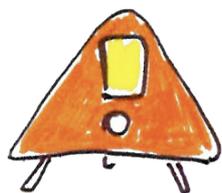
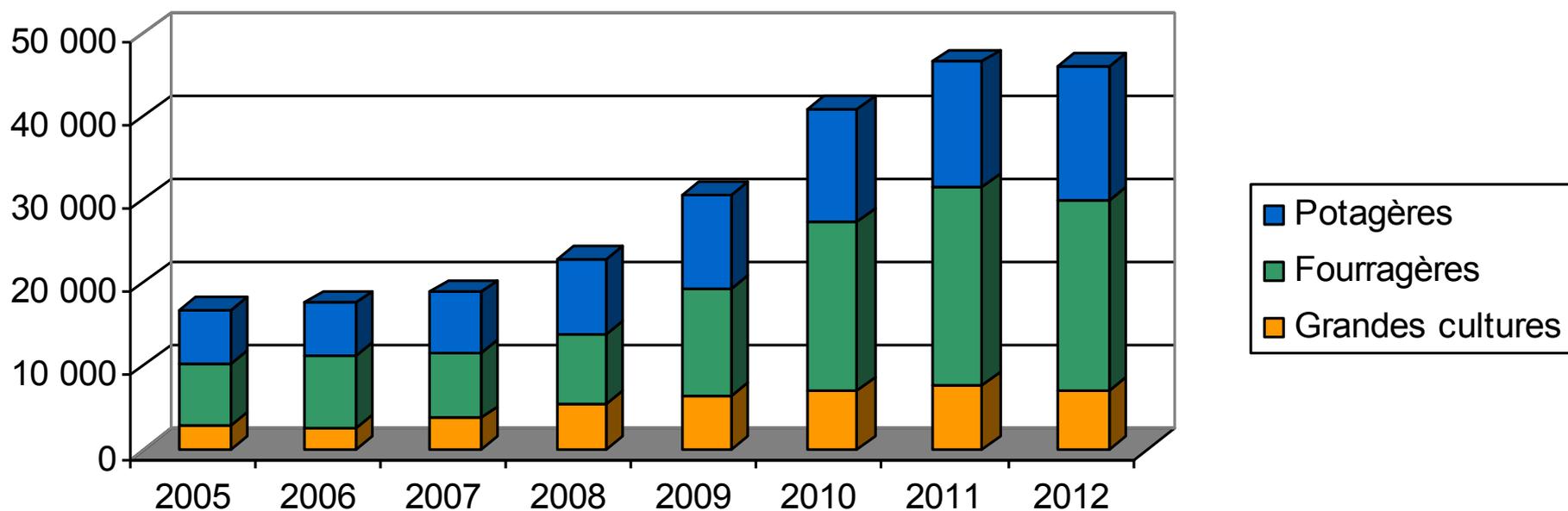
- Relative good availability
- Candidate species for category 1
- To warn farmers and seed companies of a possible change

- Ex. Sunflower, Soft wheat, Triticum*



Evolution of the derogation number

Répartition des demandes de dérogation par grandes catégories



Forage crops : seed mixture issue!

Specific rules

for vegetative propagated crops

Strawberries

savoury and medicinal herbs

Fruit trees: not yet...



A comprehensive range of investigations



Phone survey
(qualitative-2010)



Internet survey
(quantitative-2011)

Phone Interviews	arable crops	vegetables
France	20	38
Germany	22	15
Italy	248	

France	arable crops	vegetables
Number of respons	650	720
% organic farms	≈20 %	≈20 %



Statistics (GNIS, Coop de France, Agence bio, FAM)

Organic seed use

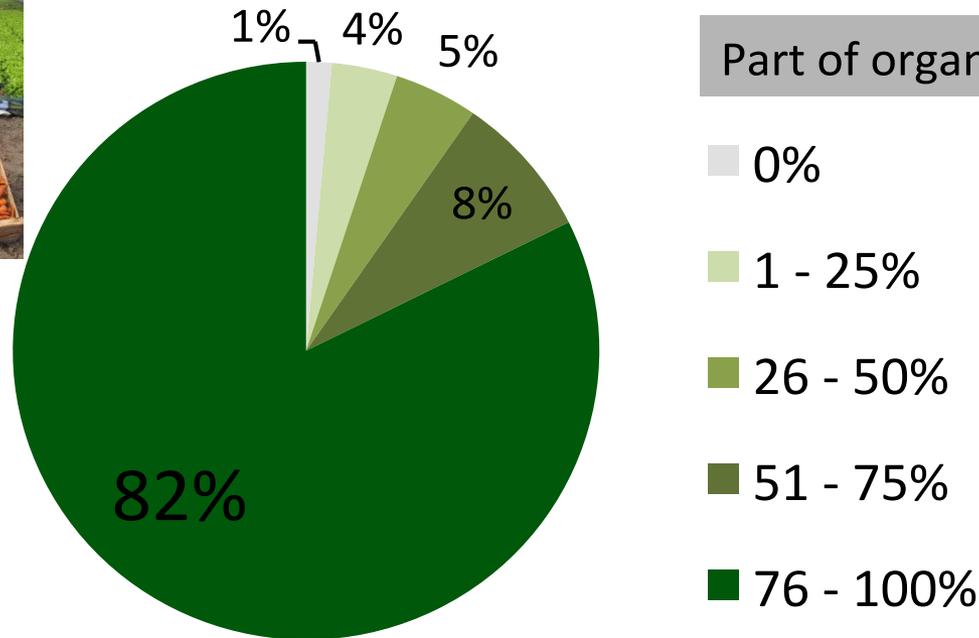
Part of **organic seeds** in organic farms:

45-70 % in **France** for Cereals (GNIS-ITAB, 2011)



Organic seed use – Vegetables, France

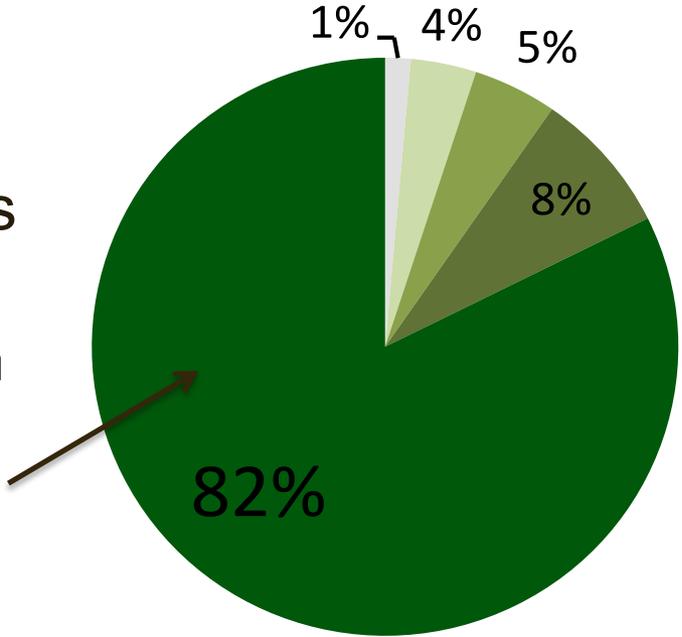
82% of organic vegetable growers are **intensive organic seeds users**



Kinds of organic seeds users among organic growers in France 2011

distribution channels... influence seed choices

Producers supplying **short chain** markets: **2 ha, 70 varieties**



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Part of organic seed use



Producers supplying mainly **long** distribution chains: **11 ha, 25 varieties**

Main limiting factors

- ① A lack of investment in **Organic Plant Breeding**
- ② **A business model to invest** (lack of profitability): breeding, higher organic seed price, lack of availabilities
- ③ **Negative attitudes** among some farmers, seed companies, transplant/seedlings producers
- ④ **Regulation requirements**: organic seed regulation, organic seed production, registration procedures for organic varieties
- ⑤ ...