



EU Plant Variety Rights in the 21st Century FARMERS' POINT OF VIEW

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Who is COPA/COGECA?

COPA-COGECA are a umbrella organisation which represents at EU-27 level

- F National Farmers Unions and National Agriculture Cooperative Federations
- F 76 organisation
- F 15 million people working on farms and over 40,000 cooperatives
- F Organic farmers, Conventional and even farmers who wants to grow GMO, seed producers, feed manufacturers, cereal, sugar, oilseed and protein crops growers.
- F We deal with environmental issues, food and feed safety and consumer affairs



History of the Farm Saved Seed

- F FSS was a very sensitive issue and still is.
- F we usually present a joint COPA-COGECA document
- F COPA-COGECA had 2 positions on FSS
- F For the first time ever COPA-COGECA have now a joint position document on FSS
- F For the first time COPA-COGECA have adopted a Strategy for the Seed Legislation in EU.



The background and the farmers' demand

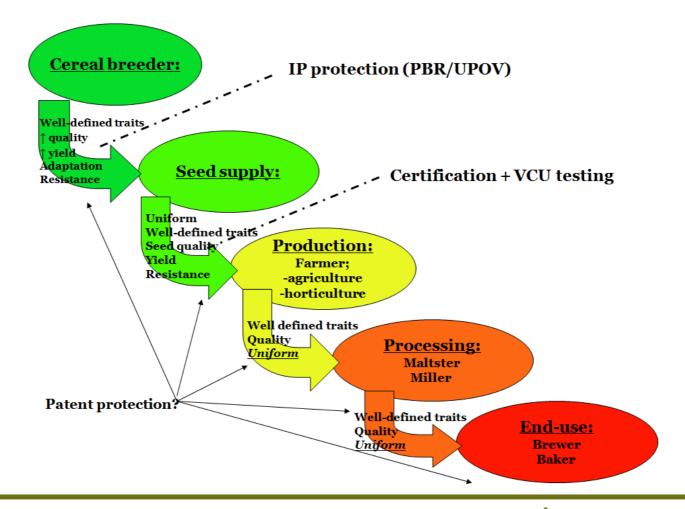
- Stagnating yields since the mid 90's;
- Increasing price cost squeeze European cereals market;
- Rising input costs.
- The seed and cereal producers need <u>better</u> varieties!
- Increasing productivity (better yields, sanitary performance, less pressure on natural resources) should be the main objective of plant genetic research together with transparency in the use of royalties.

Strategy for the Copa-Cogeca's work ahead of the review of the Seed legislation 2011-13

- 1. CPVR must be maintained instead of the Patent system
- 2. Maintain the DUS and VCU testing
- 3. The farmers need better varieties and higher yields
- 4. Certification system must be modern and competitive
- 5. New varieties to all regions in EU, not only the big agricultural areas.
- 6. List of unprotected varieties
- 7. Strict regulation of conservation varieties
- 8. FSS must be more simple and fair
- 9. Small farmers' exemption must be maintained
- 10. Maintain the good national systems (FSS)
- 11. Legal protection against adventitious presence of patented genetic events in protected varieties

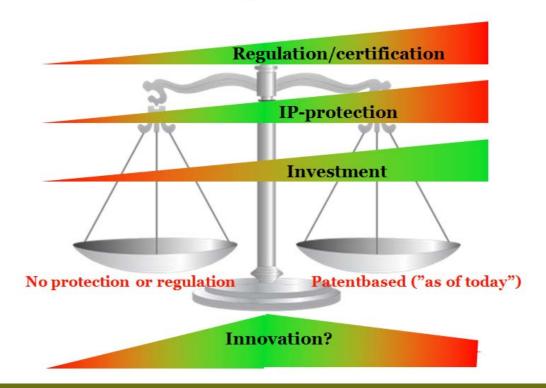


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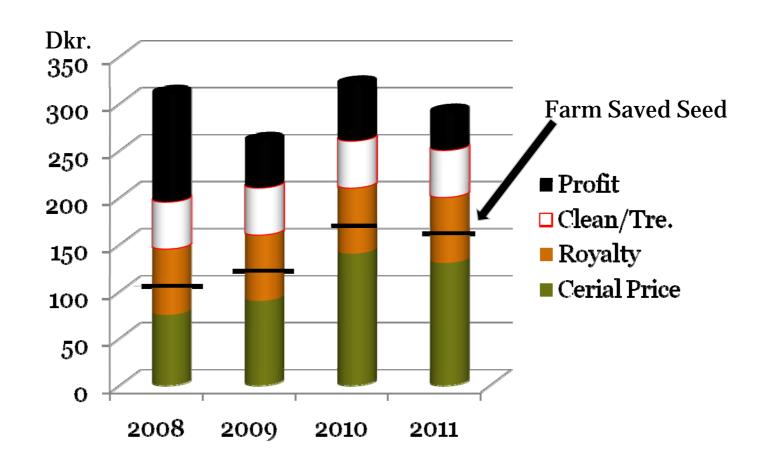


Why?

Future demands for a balanced protection



Analyze of the Cereal Seed Price



Why do farmers want to use Farm Saved Seed?

	Price €/kg	50 Hectares	100 Hectares	500 Hectares
Certified Seed	0.40	2.900	5.800	29.000
Farm Saved Seed	0.21	1.600	3.200	16.000
Farmers Profit		8.250	18.500	83.500
Investment in clean/treat. facilities €				10.000

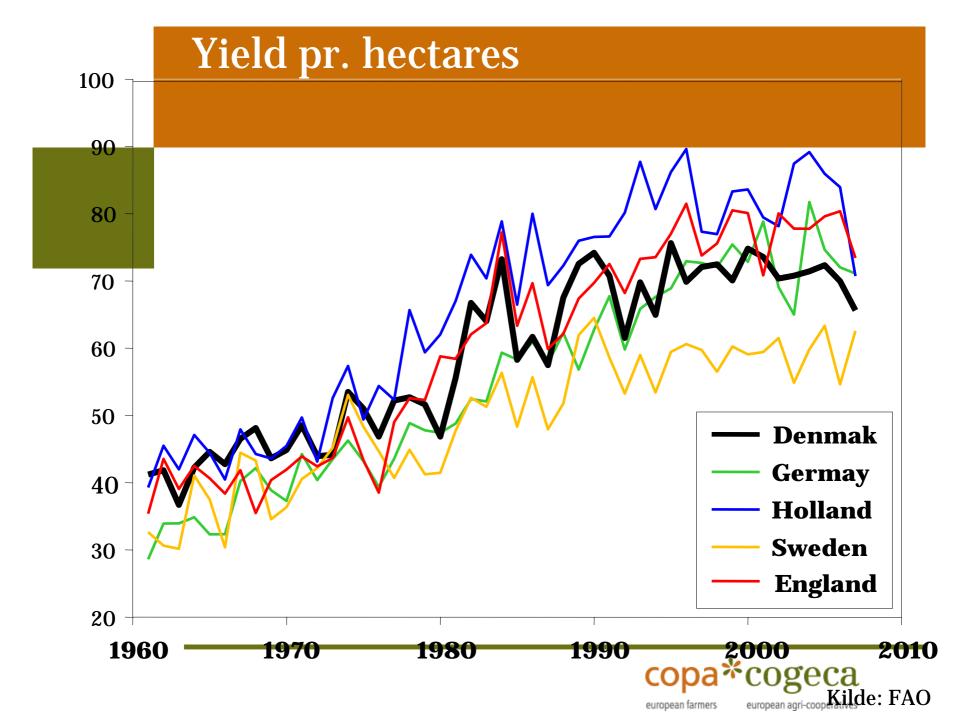


Cereal yield annual growth rate

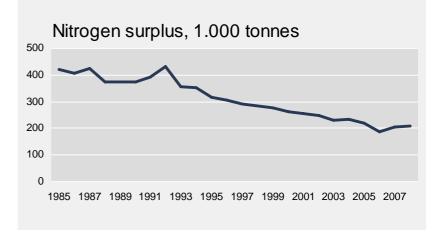
%	1960-70	1970-80	1980-90	1990 2000	2000 2007
World	3,7	3,5	1,7	1,7	2,1
USA	2,9	5,1	<u>-1,4</u>	1,9	3,9
EU	4,0	2,3	2,6	1,6	<u>- 0,3</u>
Ex-USSR	2,9	0,1	0,6	<u>-4,3</u>	3,9
China	6,4	4,9	3,3	2,1	2,2
India	2,3	2,8	3,8	2,7	1,1
Rest of the world	3,5	3,3	1,8	2,0	2,5

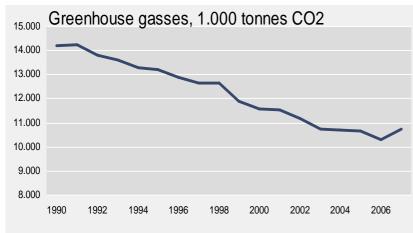
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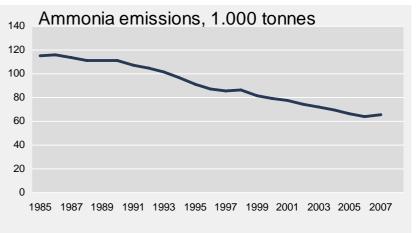




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9. Conqueror	2	101 (3) 70	,0 (6)	10,3	(6)	74,7	(6)	11 (11)	13 (13)	0 (2) 1	0 (3)		11/8	(3)	0,4 (10)	7	70	(4)	0,5	(3)	
10. Edmunds	1	93 (3) 69	,0 (6)	10,6	(6)	74,2	(8)	5 (11)	12 (13)	0 (2)	0 (3)		11/8	(3)			65	(4)	1,5	(3)	
11. Ellvis	1 7	99 (69	,6 (6)	11,5	(6)	78,0	(6)	4,7 (11)	4,6 (13)	0 (2)		5	11/8	(3)			84	(4)	0,5	(3)	
12. Expert	1 7	97 (3) 69	,8 (6)	10,9	(6)	75,7	(6)	9 (11)	10 (13)	0 (2	0,	3 (3)		12/8	(3)	0,9 (10)	6	75	(4)	0,5	(3)	
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14. Goshawk	1 7	94 (3) 68	,9 (6)	10,9	(6)	74,0	(6)	3,1 (11)	15 (13)	0 (2) 4,	3 (3)		11/8	(3)			66	(4)	0,3	(3)	
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16. <u>Hereford</u>	97	105 (3) 70	,2 (6)	10,5	(6)	75,5	(6)	6 (11)	11 (13)	0 (2) 1	3 (3)		11/8	(3)	0,1 (10)	7	79	(4)	1,8	(3)	
17. JB Asano	1 7	95 (3) 70	,0 (8)	11,4	(6)	77,6	(6)	4,5 (11)	14 (13)	0 (2) 3,	2 (3)	1,0	10/8	(3)			85	(4)	0,3	(3)	
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19. KWS Dacanto	1 7	104 (3) 69	,4 (6)	11,0	(6)	78,4 ((6)	4,4 (11)	8 (13)	0 (2)			11/8	(3)			79	(4)	0,7	(3)	
20. KWS Kite	1 7	88 (3) 69	,5 (6)	11,2	(6)	74,2	(6)	6 (11)	10 (13)	0 (2)	0 (3)		11/8	(3)			73	(4)	0,7	(3)	
21. KWS Podium	1 7	94 (3) 68	,2 (6)	11,6	(6)	77,0	(8)	6 (11)	11 (13)	0 (2	0,0	2 (3)		11/8	(3)			65	(4)	0,3	(3)	
22. KWS Radius	1	89 (69	,1 (8)	11,7	(6)	77,3	(6)	2,1 (11)	9 (13)	0 (2)			11/8	(3)			79	(4)	0,0	(3)	
23. KWS Santiago	7	100 (69	,1 (6)	10,5	(6)	73,8 ((6)	7 (11)	14 (13)	0 (2)			14/8	(3)			74	(4)	0,7	(3)	
24. KWS W179	2	96 (68	,9 (6)	10,9	(6)	75,9	(8)	3,0 (11)	17 (13)	0 (2)			12/8	(3)			68	(4)	1,0	(3)	
25. KWS Yaris	§ 7	99 (3) 69	,0 (6)	10,6	(6)	75,9	(6)	5 (11)	7 (13)	0 (2	\ ·	7 (3)		12/8	(3)			78	(4)	0,3	(3)	



7 arguments because simple and fair is a good Farm Saved Seed remuneration system

- 1. Simple for a farmer to find the best variety in his province
- 2. Simple for the farmer to find the most profitable seed for his income
- 3. Simple for the farmer to choose the right seed and variety
- 4. Simple for the farmer to pay for the royalty
- 5. Simple for the farmer to know what he is paying for
- 6. Simple for the farmer to see that it is practical in his work on the farm
- 7. Simple for the farmer to know if he is "small"



Thank you for your attention!

