

GMO in agriculture and in foodstuff situation in France and actions undertaken by Brittany

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Situation in France : Facts & Figures



Until now : a situation of failure with marginal applications.

- Northern France (experimentations on potatoe - starch).
- Center France (experimentations of medicine growing plants).
- S.W France : risks on MON 810 maize.
- Ha : 2006 : **5 000 ha**, 2007 : 30 000 ha (according to biotech firms)
- 2007 : 13 field trials (none in Brittany)

In France as in Europe, strong presence in feedstuff.

Situation in France...



Strong oppositions (crop destructions, Petitions, demonstrations at GM-soy delivery...

Debates among scientists (no proven interest...)

Opposition by local communities (« OGM-Free » municipalities, GM-Free Regions)

Strong reject by consumers

GMO taken into account by the French political debate.

A law without any debate



Urgent enforcement of the 2001 directive de 2001 motivated by a €42 millions fine (no scientific debate).

Unknown consequences (contamination risks, non-GM production protection costs).

Publication on **march 20 2007 of 2 laws:**

→ **Obligation to supply informations on crops = elaboration of a **national register** of GM crops.**

→ **Obligation for growers to inform their neighbours and set up a 50m buffer.**

GM-Free Regional authorities network in Europe



Action of Brittany on feedstuff



**Imports UE : 40 MT de soja,
→ Contamination : 70 à 80% >1%**

- **GM Free Brazil mission** : oct 2005, 11 régions, Paraná, Brasilia DF, Goias...
 - Letters of intentions with F.A. Unions, 1 State, 1 professional board
- **Since 2005** : worsening of the situation :
 - Opening of Paranagua harbor to GM soy
 - Permission to GM crops
- **4-5 Dec 2007** : international conference CoR & AREPO
 - Demonstrate a constant GM-Free feedstuff demand in Europe
 - Make Offer & Demand meet
 - Outlook on the post 2013 CAP

GM-Free food guide
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- Aims
 - Enable each producer to find GM-Free food
 - Encourage demand by cartering
 - Help and encourage GM Free productions