

# INTRODUCTION CONFERENCE

Sorghum sector overview and economic information







# **EUROPEAN SORGHUM MARKET**

Overview, perspectives and seed supply

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# Sorghum in Europe



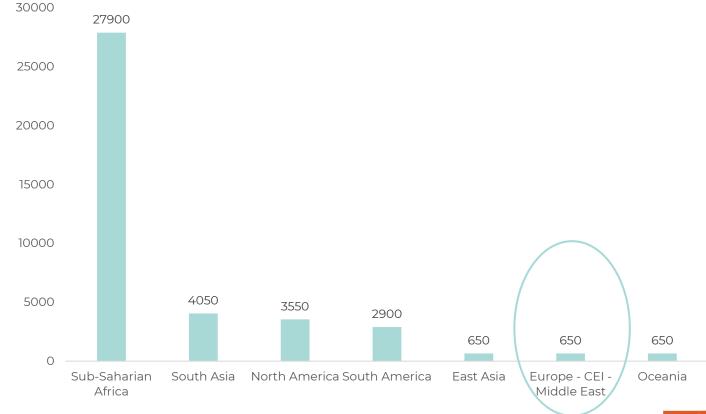
### Still a « niche market »

~650 000 ha cultivated over EU and neighboring countries in 2025 (Sorghum-ID estimate)

50% for grain and 50% for silage

50% EU – 50% non-EU countries





Source : USDA (World data) & Sorghum-ID / FNPSMS (Europe Data)





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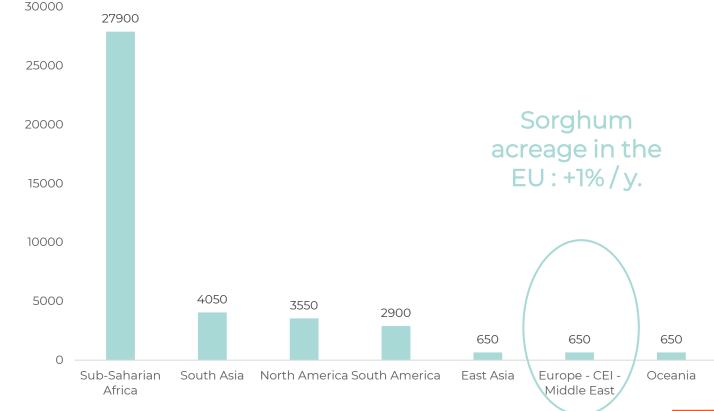
## ... an increasing market

- Climate change
- Drought tolerance
- Crop diversification
- Breeding and genetic improvement

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Sorghum-ID initiative





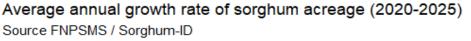
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## Sorghum in Europe

### Average annual growth rate of sorghum acreage (2020-2025)



### ... different acreage trends inside Europe

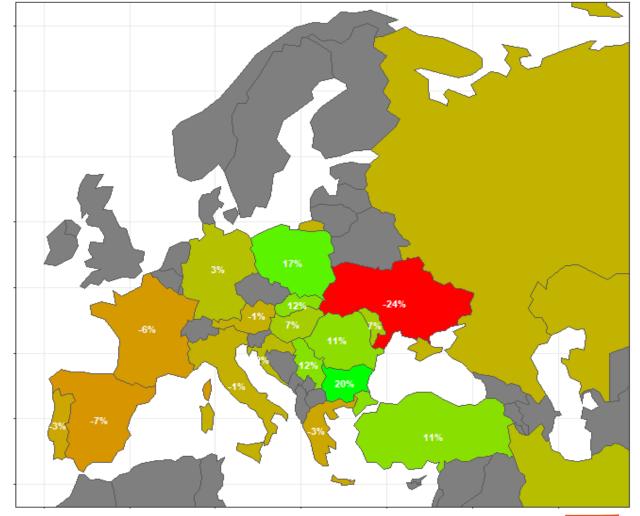
### Western and Southern EU:

- Slightly decreasing trends
- Circumstancial crop increases in case of difficult sowing conditions for main crops: sorghum as a solution

#### Central and Fastern FU:

- Increasing trends
- Sorghum as a solution to address climatic challenges

Ukraine: sorghum growing areas dramatically impacted by the war





# State of play 2025 - Grain sorghum

340 000 ha of grain sorghum (Europe and neighboring countries)

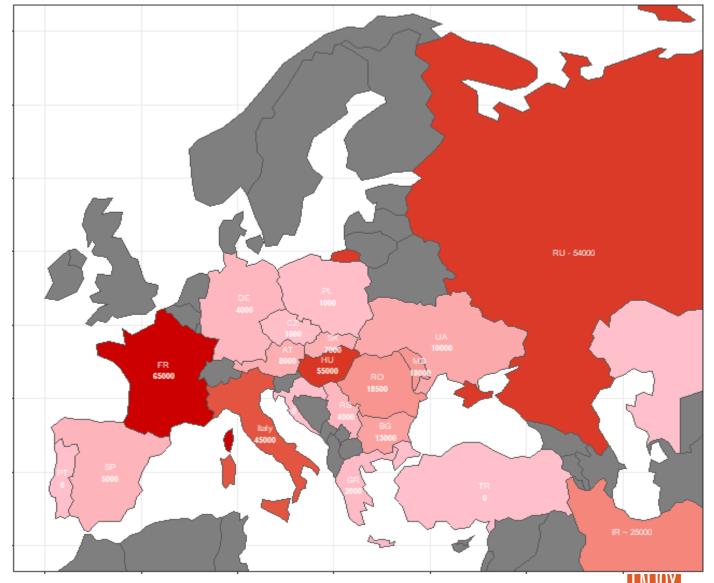
Of which 230 000 ha in the EU

Main producing countries:

France, Hungary, Italy

#### Grain sorghum acreage - estimate 2025 - ha

Source FNPSMS / Sorghum-ID



Source: Sorghum-ID, 2025





# State of play 2025 – Silage sorghum

300 000 ha of silage sorghum (Europe and neighboring countries)

Of which 103 000 ha in the EU

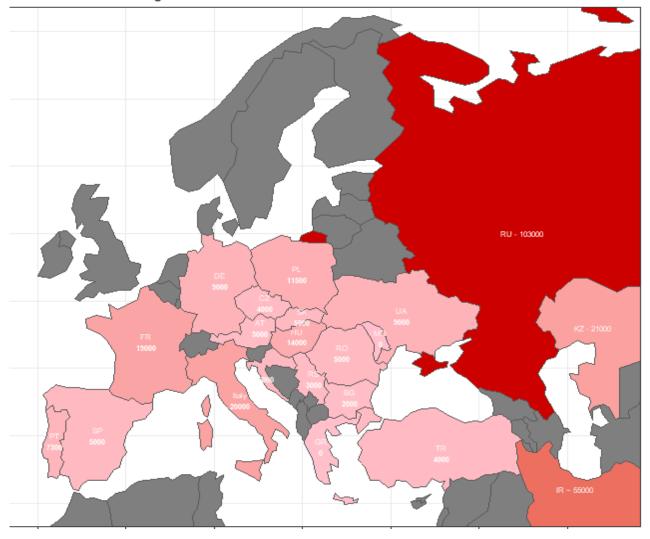
Main producing countries:

France, Italy, Hungary, Germany, Portugal

Uses: Feed and Biogaz

### Silage sorghum acreage - estimate 2025 - ha

Source FNPSMS / Sorghum-ID



Source: Sorghum-ID, 2025







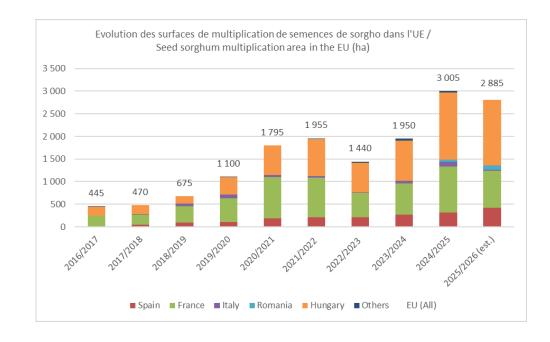
# Seed sorghum in Europe

### Increasing demand requires increasing supply

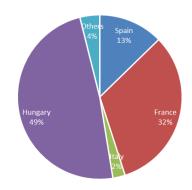
 3000 ha of sorghum seed multiplication in the EU in 2024 (incl. Bicolor, Bicolor x Sudan, Sudan Grass): RECORD LEVEL

- Drivers: increase of demand, impacts on production
- Estimate 2025: slight decrease (-4%) with differenciated trends country by country

ha	2024/2025	2025/2026 (est.)	Evolution %
EU (AII)	3 005	2 885	-4%
Spain	310	420	35%
France	1 020	825	-19%
Italy	105	20	-81%
Hungary	1 480	1 445	-2%
Romania	55	95	73%
Others	35	80	129%



Main sorghum seed producing countries in the EU (average 2023-2025)



Source: FNPSMS and certification agencies







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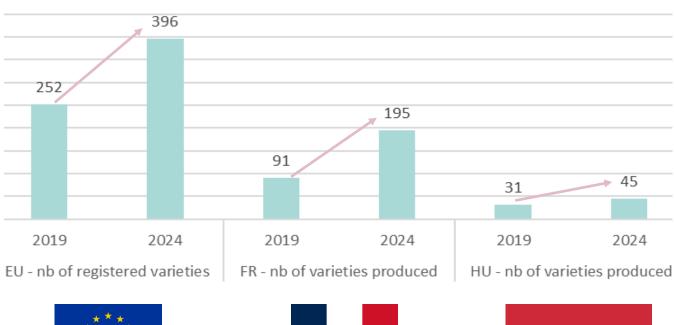
# Seed sorghum in Europe



### Breeding and innovation

- 396 varieties registered in the EU catalogue
- More than 200 varieties produced annually in France and Hungary

### Registered vs. produced sorghum varieties in the EU









Source: EU catalogue of varieties

Source: SEMAE

Source: NEBIH





## Conclusion



## Sorghum crop in Europe

- Gradually increasing cultivated area
- Opportunity for farmers to address climate change
- A well supplied seed market :
  - > Segmentation
  - Volume
  - Quality





