A GLIMPSE INTO FRENCH AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURE AND FRENCH TERRITORY

- 40% of French soils are natural areas.
- Agriculture covers 53% of the territory
  - 7.5% of the UAA is in organic Agriculture
  - 45% of the agricultural area used for field crops
- 6% of the country's UAA is irrigated.
- Agriculture and forestry are sources of 16% of GHG emissions in France.
- Continuous decline in biodiversity in agricultural areas
PRODUCTION

Les grandes régions de production agricole

Field crops
Livestock farming
Permanent crops
FRENCH FARMS PROFILE

- The medium size of a farm in France is around 62 hectares.
- There are 436,000 farms in France
  - 2/3 are individual farms, and the rest are organized into groupings.
- 922,000 people live and work in French farms
  - 63% are Farmers/Farm manager
POTRAIT OF A FRENCH FARMER

- The average age of the French farmer is 52
- 45% of all the active agricultural population will be 65 in 2026.
- Women represent 1/3 of the active agricultural population
- 1/3 of farmers had a monthly income of less than 350 euros... ...and it is the socio-professional category with the highest number of suicides.

Source: Chambres d'agriculture
AGRICULTURE AND TRADE

- Agri-food products are France's third largest trade surplus
- France is the world's 6th largest exporter of agri-food products.
- 5th largest wheat producer in the world after China, India, Russia and the USA
- 5.6% of world exports of agri-food products are French
FRANCE AND THE CAP

- 9 billion of CAP funds
- France allocates 85% of the CAP budget to direct income support for Farmers
FRENCH AGRICULTURE IN EUROPEAN UNION

- France accounts for 18% of European agricultural production.
- Germany is France's main European customer, followed by Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.
- France's main European suppliers are Spain, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.
- Beverages, cereals and dairy products are the main products exported to the EU.
FARMERS UNION

- 4 main unions: JA (50,000 members), FNSEA (210,000 members), Confédération paysanne (15,000 members), Coordination rurale (15,000 members)
- A system of management of agricultural policies via consular chambers, whose management is linked to professional elections.
- A part of the unions annual budget is calculated according to the representativeness at this elections
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