

JUBILEUM 15TH NATIONAL POTATO DAYS BONIN



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The 'national potato days' in Bonin farmers could find **demonstrations of different brands of potato harvesters, new potato varieties, fertiliser strategies in potato and crop protection strategies on potatoes**. The event was organised in cooperation with several partners in the potato value chain: **input suppliers, machine constructors and breeders**. Stakeholders were invited to develop and demonstrate their products and strategies. Several potato harvesters were demonstrated: 2 and 4 row harvesters, tractor pulled and self-propelled, machines with and without a bunker. Interesting differences concerning the quality of work were observed. There was also a demonstration of the transport line (tipper, conveyor belts and pre-grading), from harvester to the 'store'. Several companies demonstrated the effect of specific fertilizers and crop production products. Due to the very hot and dry summer no differences were visible in the field at the moment of the event. National and international potato breeders demonstrated their (new) potato varieties for the different market segments (starch, table, processing). **From each variety a few plants were harvested**, this gave the farmers the opportunities to compare the different varieties concerning yield potential, shape, tuber quality, flesh colour and grade. On Saturday a **serie of workshops/lectures was organised** on specific topics: virus diseases in potatoes, how to increase competitiveness of the potato, potato diseases – old problems, new solutions, innovative weed control in potatoes.

ABOUT PLAID

The project has been designed to encourage farmers and farm employees to embrace innovations in agriculture by accessing high quality demonstration activities on commercial farms. Demonstration activities may also contribute to network building in agriculture communities, leading to longer term sustainability and economic development in rural areas. However little has been documented on agriculture demonstration activities in European countries and the lack of an inventory or on-line resources have been identified.

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