

Seminar on the ENFORCMENT OF PLANT BREEDERS RIGHTS

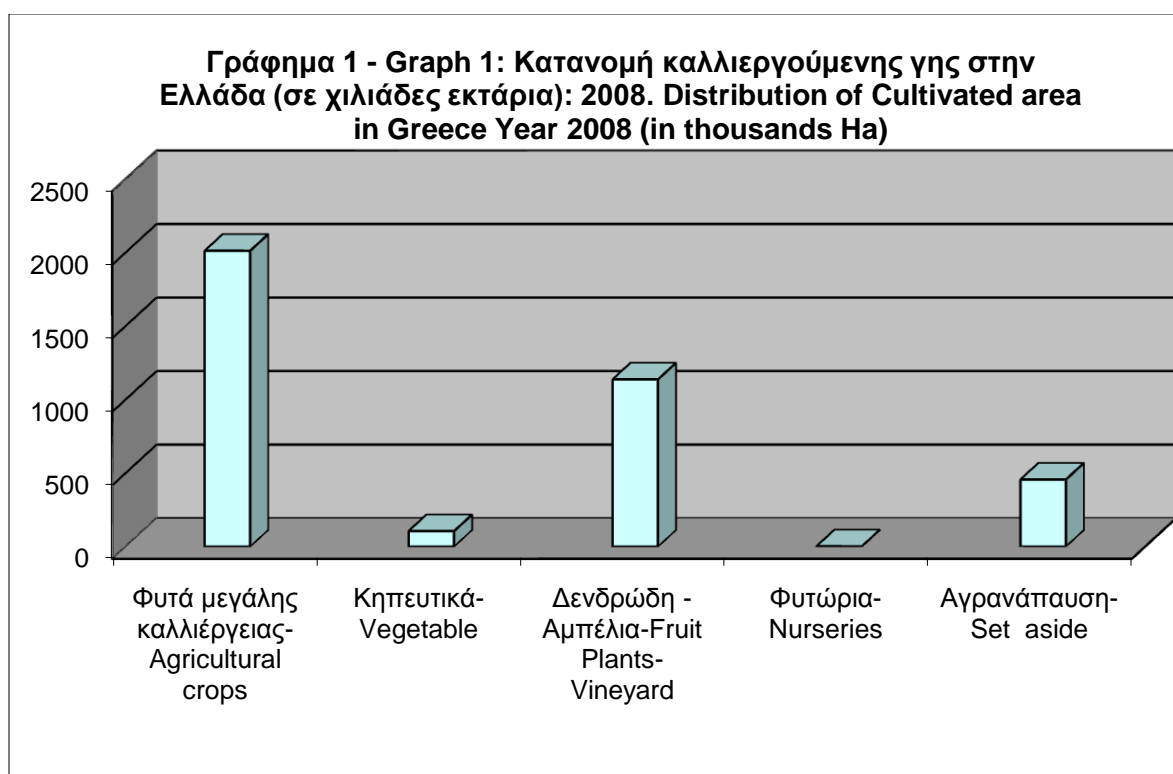
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Ladies and Gendlemen,

During the morning session, as you already know according to the agenda, we are going to present the existing system of protection of plant varieties, the existing situation in Greece regarding the breeding activities, the measures taken for the protection of intellectual property rights in general and finally the identification of the plant varieties.

I thought it would be useful to give some statistic data regarding the Agricultural section in Greece which, in my opinion, will be helpful to understand the environment in which this Seminar takes place.

The cultivated area in Greece is 3.709 thousands hectares which represent the 30% of the total area compared with the 40% of the cultivated area in E.U. This can be seen in the Graph 1, below.



The facts of the Graph are presented below as well (Table 1):

Table 1

Φυτά μεγάλης καλλιέργειας-Agricultural crops	2011
Κηπευτικά-Vegetable	104,7
Δενδρώδη - Αμπέλια-Fruit Plants-Vineyard	1136,5
Φυτώρια-Nurseries	1,1
Αγρανάπαυση-Set aside	455,6

We will make a specific reference in the distribution of areas of Agricultural Crops (Graph 2 and Table 2) since they are related both to the use of farm saved seed and the definition of the small farmers as used until the last revision of CAP.

Γράφημα 2 - Graph 2: Κατανομή εκτάσεων φυτών μεγάλης καλλιέργειας (σε χιλιάδες εκτάρια): 2008. Distribution of areas of Agricultural Crops (in thousands Ha)

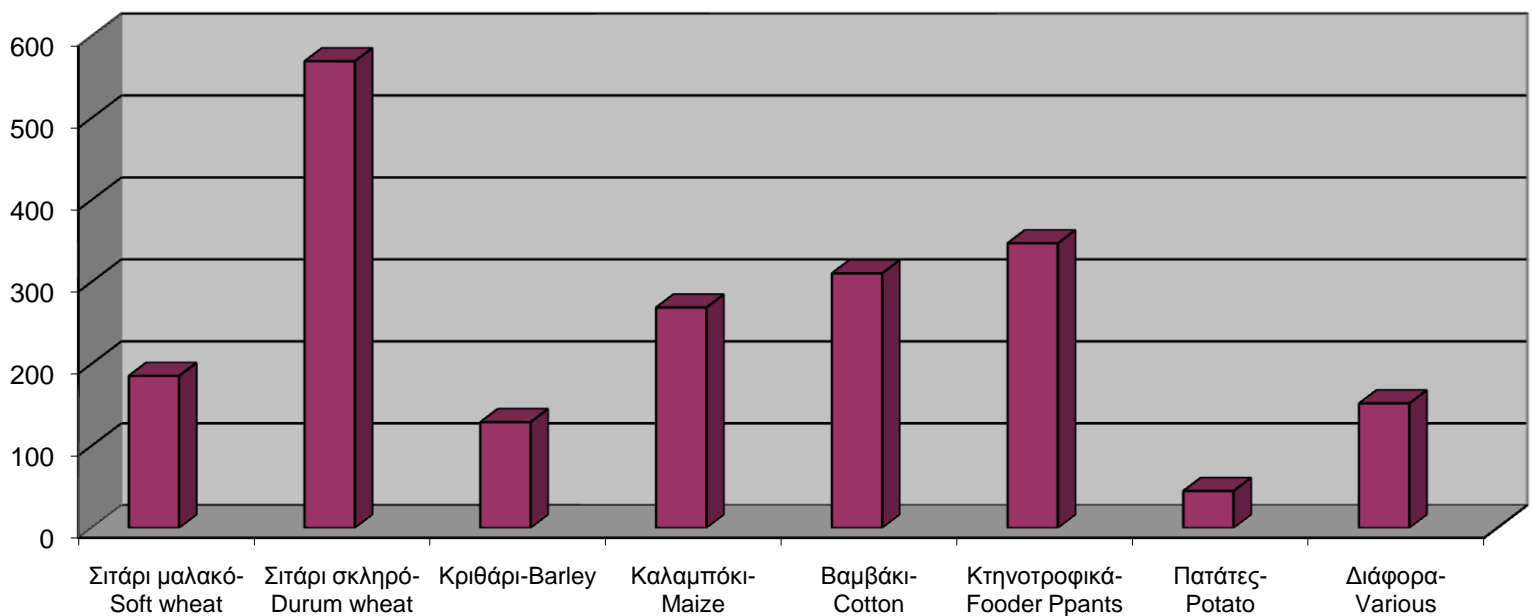


Table 2

Σιτάρι μαλακό-Soft wheat	185,6
Σιτάρι σκληρό-Durum wheat	569,5
Κριθάρι-Barley	129,1
Καλαμπόκι-Maize	269
Βαμβάκι-Cotton	310,6
Κτηνοτροφικά-Fooder Plants	347,4
Πατάτες-Potato	45,1
Διάφορα-Various	152

Regarding the distribution of the areas, 78% of the Agricultural companies is below 5 Hectares (Graph 3 – Table 3)

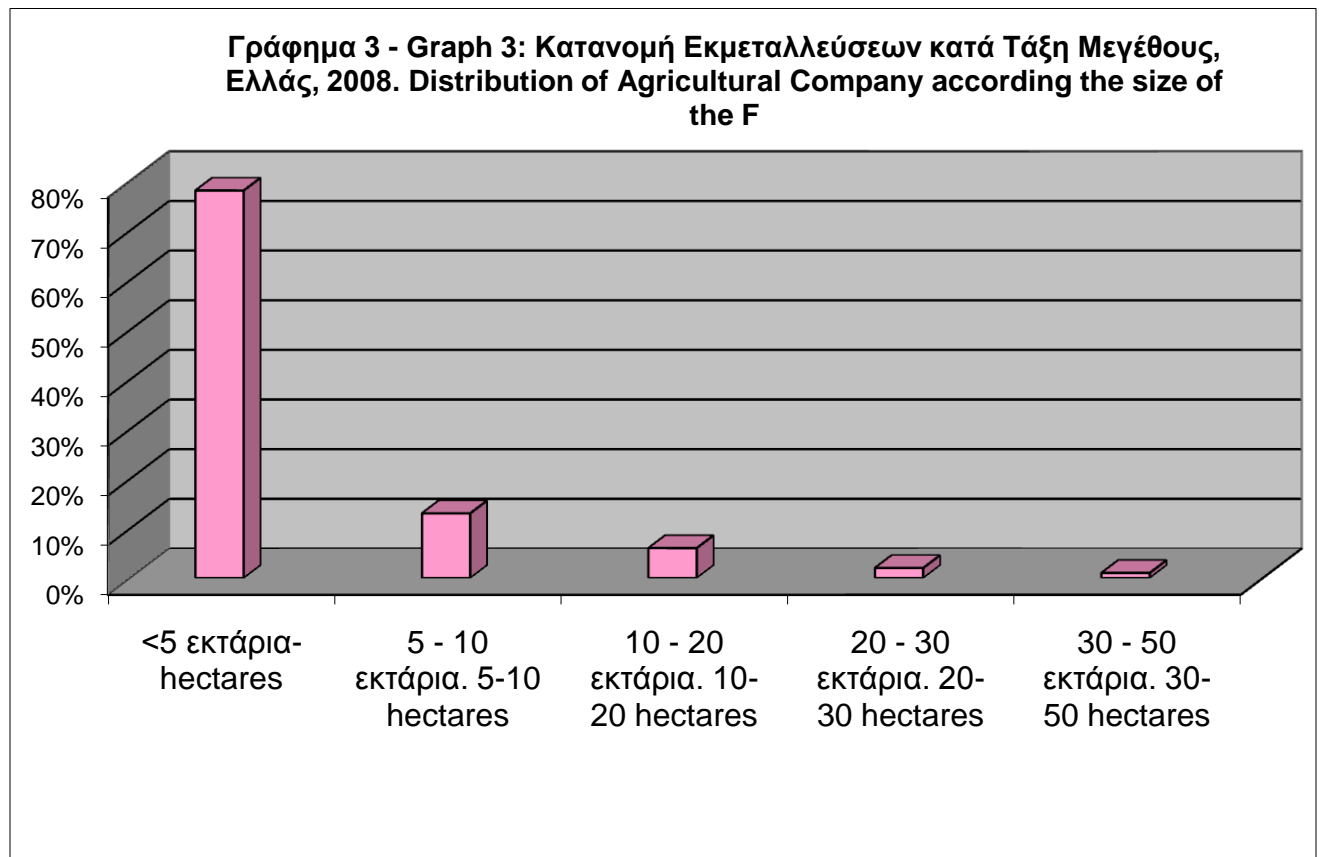


Table 3

<5 εκτάρια-hectares	78%
5 - 10 εκτάρια. 5-10 hectares	13%
10 - 20 εκτάρια. 10-20 hectares	6%
20 - 30 εκτάρια. 20-30 hectares	2%
30 - 50 εκτάρια. 30-50 hectares	1%

As far as small farmers are concerned, their rates per type of crop are shown in Graph 5 and Table 5.

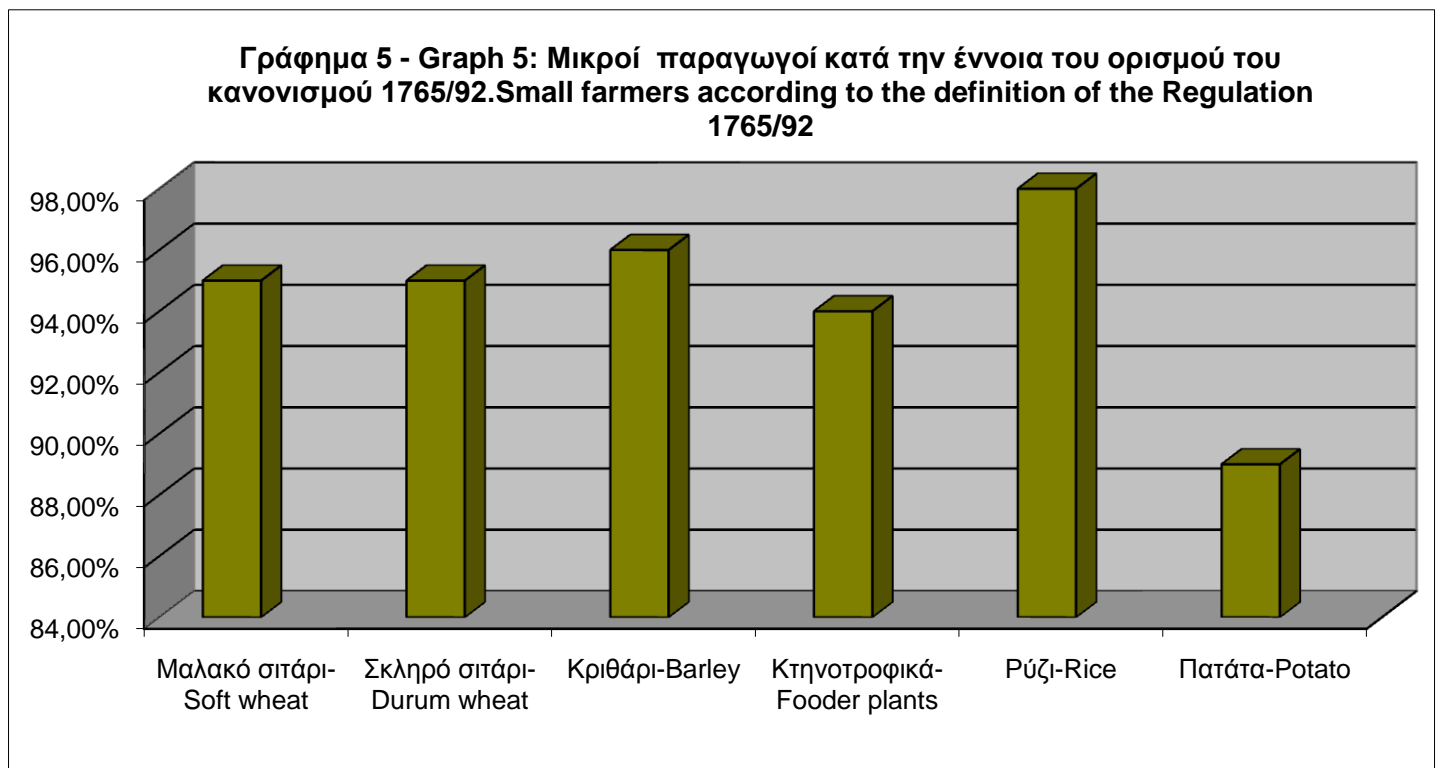


Table 5

Μαλακό σιτάρι-Soft wheat	95%
Σκληρό σιτάρι-Durum wheat	95%
Κριθάρι-Barley	96%
Κτηνοτροφικά-Forage plants	94%
Ρύζι-Rice	98%
Πατάτα-Potato	89%

Below, (Graph 6) the percentages of farm saved seed are displayed.

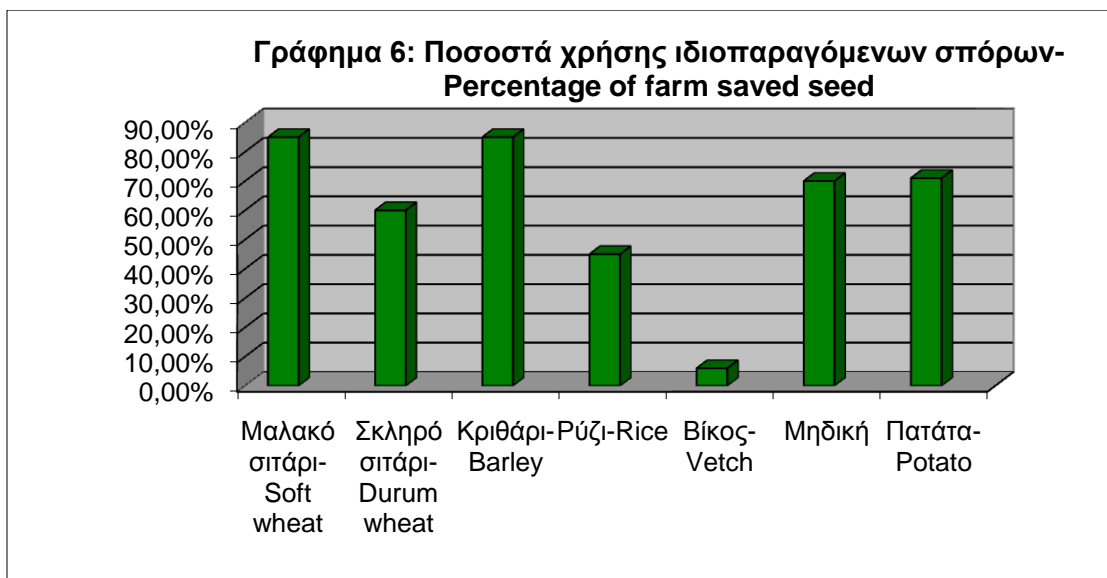


Table 6

Μαλακό σιτάρι-Soft wheat	85%
Σκληρό σιτάρι-Durum wheat	60%
Κριθάρι-Barley	85%
Ρύζι-Rice	45%
Βίκος-Vetch	6%
Μηδική	70%
Πατάτα-Potato	71%

The Companies which are involved in the production and marketing of propagating material in Greece are medium and small size domestic companies and branches of the well-known multinational Companies. The numbers are presented below:

Seed production:	123
Nurseries of vegetable and ornamental plants:	1536
Nurseries of fruit plants:	841
Hole sale marketing:	187
Retail marketing:	2115

The agricultural population in Greece through time is presented below:

1951	47%
1981	31%
1997	17.9%
2007	10,9%

National legislation regarding the protection of plant varieties.

Greece is not a member of the International Union for the Protection of Plant Varieties (UPOV). The Article 8 of the National Law 1564/85 puts the legal base for the protection of new plant varieties. A number of Ministerial Decisions had to be issued but they haven't. The lack has been covered by Council Regulation 2100/94 which creates the Community Plant Variety Office.

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