

## Sorghum in Europe: State of play and prospects

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Sorghum ID is the inter-sector association, aiming to promote and develop sorghum production and genetics in Europe. Sorghum is the 5th most produced cereal globally, with steady production between 60 MMT and 70 MMT annually. Producing countries have distinct sorghum value creation profiles, including net exporters for feed production, auto-consumption for feed or local food consumption, and importers for food and feed. In Europe, sorghum cultivation has ranged between 500K and 560K hectares per year, with both grain and silage production. In Europe, sorghum offers many assets such as varieties very adapted to the European climate and climate change threats, easy cultivation practices, grain versatility for various industries, and healthy, gluten-free characteristics. These assets offer great prospects for seed breeders, farmers, industry, and customers. The main challenges lies in reaching a critical size and developing investments in R&D to generate a large product offer for a dynamic demand on the different sorghum uses.