

"Food safety certification systems for arable crops in the Netherlands". Part 2: The case of potatoes

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Programme

- Potato growing for processing
- The food safety certificate for potato processing
- Why an interest in EUREPGAP?
- Benchmark results with EUREPGAP IFA

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Mission and Products

- Q-Point is an independent advisory organisation, specialised in food safety, traceability, marketing and quality systems in agri-business
- Customers: growers, suppliers, traders packers, supermarkets, government, product boards
- HACCP, ISO 9000, BRC, IFS, EUREPGAP, QS

Q-Point and EUREPGAP

- EUREPGAP associate member
- TSC-meetings EUREPGAP Fruits and Vegetables and review in 2003
- TSC EUREPGAP IFA for All farm and Combinable Crops modules
- NL national platform Fruits and Vegetables and IFA
- Benchmarking food safety certificate potato processing certificate with EUREPGAP and GFSI

Potato processing

- A Dutch base; about 12 processors
- 3 million tons potatoes/year
- Export oriented business: 90% abroad
- In NL: 50% of potatoes into processing
- International sourcing: growers in NL/B/Fr/Germany



VVA/food safety certificate

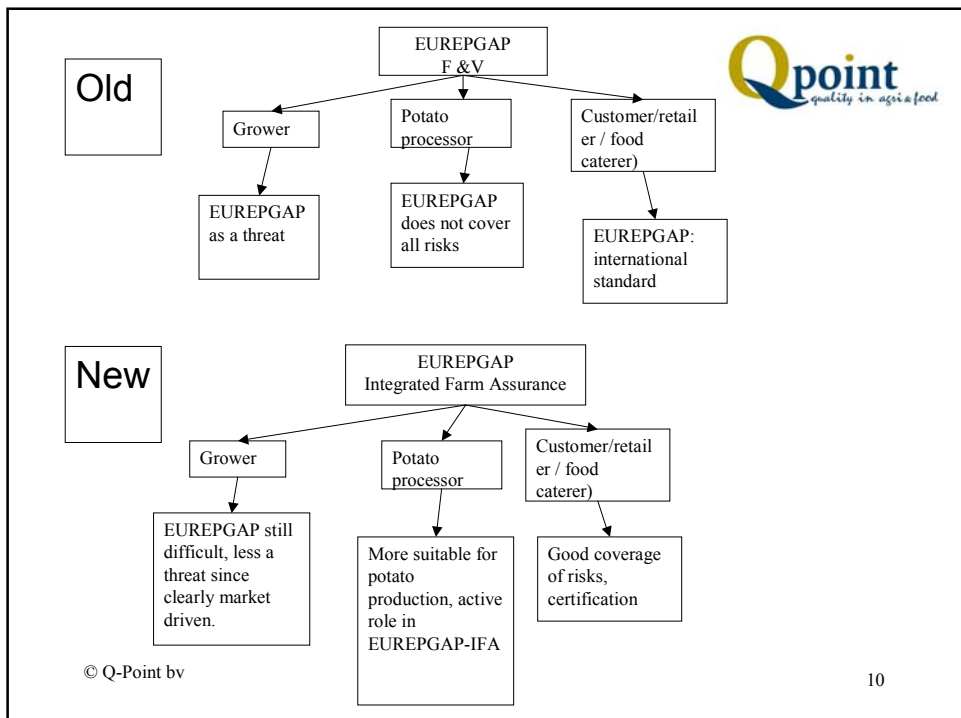
- History: started in 2001
- Based on risk analysis (Codex)
- 2004: 95%, 2005: 100%
- 2005: adjusted to EUREPGAP and General Food Law



Benchmark results VVA- EUREPGAP IFA



- VVA covers 80% of EUREPGAP, in 2005 more
- Differences:
 - Scope!
 - Training and safety workers
 - Waste management
 - Storage pesticides/fertilizers
 - Cleaning records
- But: in NL many criteria already in legislation
- VVA+: compost, storage: cooling equipment, thermometers, pets/birds



Important retail/food service members for potato processing

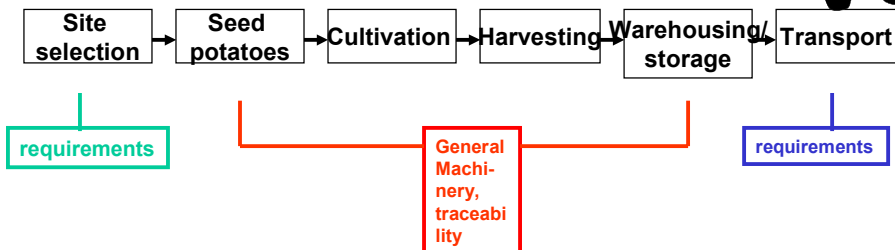


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Risks related to processes



Auditing and monitoring process



- Inspection (EN 45004) by independent inspection bodies
- 1,1 physical inspection, 1 documentary inspection (crop records)
- Residue monitoring (15% of growers)
- Crop records to be sent to IB by grower

Bottlenecks EUREPGAP



- Acceptance/motivation of arable growers
- Costs of certification
- Administrative “burden”
- Really based on risk assessment?

Conclusion

Implementation of food safety standard
for growers:

- Requires a period for acceptance
- Communication to growers needed
- Equivalence to EUREPGAP is possible

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