

Promote Info Management

Promote European regions' experience exchange on quality information management in food chains

Background

The EU Food and Feed Law includes specific rules for the documentation of products and processes and information sharing between actors. Farmers and other SMEs in agro food chains mostly perceive the requirements as additional burden. Experts from research, public services and agro food industry from Gelderland and NRW have been successful in commonly developing approaches and tools to harmonise and improve the quality management in meat chains.



Main Targets

Overall objective of this sub project is to exchange and extend knowledge on chain wide information management for transparency, quality management and process improvement in food chains. Ongoing results should lead to a common approach to promoting the implementation of chain wide information systems within the control of control principle in food chains. **Feasibility studies** carried out in Rhones Alpes and Vidin provide a basis for regional models for innovative centre on food chain management. A **best practice demonstration example** extends the knowledge for chain quality information systems in the feed-meat chain with special focus on improved feed advisor service. A **conceptual framework** analyses the economic aspects of food safety control.

Target Groups

- SMEs in Agro Food chains
- Foodstuff inspection services
- Farmers
- Slaughterhouses
- Advisor services
- Public veterinary services

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Duration	August 2005 – July 2007
Project approach	The subproject divides into three phases. Interregional work-shops to exchange knowledge and requirements on chain wide information systems in food chains. Regional working groups compile feasibility studies, best practices demonstrator and position paper on the control of control principle. Regularly inter-regional contact (phone calls, e-mail or meetings) between project partners ensure support in problems and knowledge exchange. Communicating the results regional and interregional by oral or poster presentations, exhibitions and papers.
Expected results and outputs	Feasibility studies carried out in the regions Rhône-Alpes and Vidin to determine the feasibility of an implementation of chain wide information system under the given circumstances. They will be conducted in order to identify the needs of chain actors (producers, enterprises, etc.) implement traceability, identify what already exists in the region in terms of traceability (best practices, innovative systems, etc.) and study the evolution prospects based on information systems proposed by the University of Bonn. The best practice demonstrator will be developed, implemented and reviewed in a real life chain in NRW. This covers facilitation of on farm documentation to reduce the farmers' work load and integration and use of information from multiple sources along the meat chain. The application for the meat chain especially for feed production – fattening and slaughterhouses will process chain information for quality and health management. Position paper on the control of control principle, based on the principal-agent-theory LEI, University Wageningen will be developed to analyse and understand the economic motivations behind the public policy decisions regarding the control of control principles.