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About CERERE

Through a balanced, multivector network of researchers and communities of practitioners, the project promotes innovation by producing and disseminating accessible enduser materials and training products for farmers, food manufacturers, consumers, researchers and policy makers.

FAIR SHARING OF THE CAPITAL GAIN WITHIN A WHOLE CHAIN COOPERATIVE

PROBLEM

Cereals grown locally in organic farming are generally not processed on the spot, revealing problems of food sovereignty and low producer remuneration.

SOLUTION

Mutualize a processing workshop under cooperative status of SCIC (Cooperative Society of Collective Interest) bringing together producers, processors, distributors and consumers associations according to cooperative value (one man equals one voice).

Outcomes

This type of organization makes it possible to set, on the basis of production costs, selling prices deemed consistent by SCIC members, which are representative of the entire chain.

In the case of "L'Odyssée d'Engrain", the ton of wheat is currently bought 650 euros by the cooperative to the producer. In bulk, the wheat pasta is 5 euros/kg at the distributor.

Practical Recommendation

- It is important to involve all the stakeholders of a sector (from the producer to the consumer) in the construction of the selling prices of the products to guarantee a fair remuneration of each stakeholder of the sector. The organization in SCIC is interesting to achieve this.
- The collective organization must be done according to the cooperative values (one member = one vote) in order to avoid that the capital contribution gives decision-making privileges.



- o The SCIC status (Cooperative Company of Collective Interest) allows the reinvestment of the profits for the structure rather than being redistributed to the shareholders.
- o In order to guarantee a fair remuneration for the producers, it is important to collectively plan the production with rules of volume distribution, to control growth and focus on local development.
- o Selling prices must be set starting from production costs and fluctuate as little as possible.
- o Transformation and short food circuit help to keep added value at the local level.

Further Information

<http://odysseedengrain-patesbio.fr/>
<http://www.les-scic.coop/sites/fr/les-scic/les-scic/qu-est-ce-qu-une-scic.html>

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