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ITA which supported structures:

- ANIFELT
- VEGENOV

Key figures

Workforce

In 2019 : 295 FTEs and 10 PhDs and Alternates

The Technical Centre at the service of the entire fruit and vegetable sector

The Centre Technique Interprofessionnel des Fruits et Légumes - CTIFL - is the leading applied research organisation in the French fruit and vegetable sector. Through its work and innovations, it works to develop and diversify the production and marketing methods of each of the players. Research, validation and dissemination of technical references are carried out in all the operational centres and branches of the CTIFL: Balandran, Carquefou, Lanxade, St-Rémy-de-Provence, Rungis and Nancy.

Research and experimentation

In order to support all the professionals of the sector and to provide answers adapted to their specific needs, the CTIFL has structured the Research and Experimentation activity around 6 major thematic axes: Plant Material, Plant Health / Biocontrol, Agroecology, Greenhouse, Commercial Routes and Product Quality / Measures.

18 product line managers cover some 40 product lines. In 2019, the research and experimentation teams carried out just over 400 research, expertise and development projects.

The CTIFL carries out partnership actions with research, teaching, professional families and interprofessional organisations, in France and abroad.

Transfer and Valuate

In a highly competitive environment, and particularly challenged by the many expectations of consumers and citizens, the sector must be able to quickly assimilate knowledge and know-how, sources of development. In its function as a tool at the service of all the professionals of the sector, the CTIFL has oriented its action towards the transfer of the know-how it produces, beyond the mere diffusion.

Maintaining and developing training in a context of reform, animations, technical assistance and dissemination of tools are all responses that the CTIFL intends to target and adapt as closely as possible to specific needs.

Studying and anticipating

The CTIFL carries out economic studies for all professionals in the fruit and vegetable sector. The research officers of the Prospective and Economic Studies Department collect and analyse the available figures, conduct surveys among consumers, distributors and restaurant owners, and write economic summaries that are widely distributed within the sector through CTIFL publications. In this way, they provide a permanent insight into the markets, the companies and the consumers.

Disseminating knowledge

The dissemination and transmission of technical, economic and regulatory knowledge contribute to the support and services offered by the CTIFL to professionals. More than 200 publications are available for sale and many thematic dossiers, databases and technical and economic editions are available online.

In order to share as widely as possible the knowledge acquired and to respond to the specific problems of professionals, the CTIFL also organises events bringing together hundreds of professionals and technicians from the entire industry. National days, technical meetings and regional meetings are all privileged moments of sharing and exchange to deal with the thematic subjects tackled in a reactive manner.

Certifying to have quality plant material at your disposal

Fruit certification is voluntary. Around sixty nursery establishments in France have joined this scheme. The technical scheme is based on the principle of propagation by filiation of fruit-bearing material (varieties and rootstock), starting from a healthy initial plant. The main actions of the CTIFL cover the identification of candidate initial mother plants, the sanitary analyses carried out in the CTIFL laboratory, the biomolecular analyses intended to help in varietal identification, the field controls and the control of traceability. These means make it possible to make plant material with a maximum of guarantees available to the world fruit industry.

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Areas of expertise

- **Recherche et expérimentation :**

- **Matériel végétal :** Évaluer les innovations et concevoir des modes de conduite au regard des attentes du marché, des performances environnementales et de la compétitivité.
- **Santé des Plantes / biocontrôle :** Étudier les bioagresseurs et y faire face par l'étude de moyens de protection privilégiant le biocontrôle et les techniques alternatives.
- **Agroécologie :** Innover et mettre au point des systèmes de culture plus autonomes, économes et résilients. Faire ressortir les services rendus.
- **Serre :** Étude des innovations (équipement et matériel végétal) en serre pour limiter la consommation en intrants (énergie, eau...) dans un marché segmenté (qualité), et de la physiologie des plantes pour accroître la compétitivité.
- **Itinéraire commercial :** Maîtriser l'évolution des produits et leur conservation et/ou tenue dans le circuit de commercialisation.
- **Qualité produits et mesures :** Étudier la qualité des produits et les préférences consommateurs.

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- **Research and experimentation :**

- Plant material: Evaluate innovations and design driving modes with regard to market expectations, environmental performance and competitiveness.
- Plant Health/ Biocontrol: Study and deal with bioaggressors through the study of means of protection favouring biocontrol and alternative techniques.
- Agroecology: Innovate and develop more autonomous, economical and resilient cropping systems. Highlight services rendered.
- Greenhouse: Study of innovations (plant equipment and equipment) in greenhouses to limit consumption of inputs (energy, water, etc.) in a segmented market (quality), and plant physiology to increase competitiveness.
- The Business Journey: Managing Product Evolution and Preservation

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- **Transfer and valuation :**

- Training to adapt to consumers
- To advise and accompany
- Development and provision of tools to increase the performance of professionals

Quality approaches, work organization and traceability, product knowledge, merchandising and commercial techniques, cultivation practices, technical assistance and distribution management.

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- **Foresight and Economic Studies :**

Economic studies: to know and analyse consumption, markets and distribution.

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- Plant material: Evaluating innovations and designing driving modes in relation to market expectations, environmental performance and competitiveness.
 - Plant health/biocontrol: Studying pests and dealing with them by studying means of protection that favour biocontrol and alternative techniques.
 - Agroecology: Innovate and develop more autonomous, economical and resilient cropping systems. Highlight the services provided.
 - Greenhouse: Study of innovations (equipment and plant material) in greenhouses to limit the consumption of inputs (energy, water, etc.) in a segmented market (quality), and of plant physiology to increase competitiveness.
 - Commercial itinerary: Controlling the evolution of products and their conservation and/or holding in the marketing circuit.
 - Product quality and measurements: Study product quality and consumer preferences.

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[Access to the CTIFL's documentary platform](#)

Periodic publications

The CTIFL publishes Infos-Ctifl, the technical journal containing the results of its work in all fields of expertise, from research and experimentation to certification, including studies, training and technical assistance. The 10 annual issues of Infos-Ctifl are available for subscription in printed or online version.

Thematic publications

The CTIFL proposes, in its Point Sur collection, detailed thematic files on products, techniques and tools, to disseminate theoretical knowledge and practical contributions to all the actors of the sector. Distributed on the occasion of the technical days organised by the CTIFL, the issues of the Point Sur collection are also available online.

Economic publications of 2019 :

- Evolution of the apricot market: Perception and expectations of the sector and consumers
- Tomato production in vegetable gardens
- Observatory of the retail trade specialising in fresh fruit and vegetables: year 2015-2017
- Observatory of fresh fruit and vegetable wholesale and shipping companies: year 2015-2017
- Zero or zero" approaches between organic and conventional: perception and expectations of tomato consumers

The CTIFL training offer

The complementary nature of the CTIFL's technical and economic know-how enables it to support the different professions in the sector in improving their expertise. The CTIFL offers inter- or intra-company training courses. The topics covered in these training courses refer to specific techniques, knowledge and skills required by each of the actors of the sector, from production to distribution.

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