



National Federation of Seed Multiplier Farmers

Site internet : www.fnams.fr

Structure backed by: ARVALIS - Institut du végétal

Key figures

Workforce

In 2014 : 42

Total budget

In 2014 : €4.15m

Seed is our culture

The FNAMS (National Federation of Seed Multiplier Farmers) runs a technical action program devoted to seed production, with the objective of economic and environmental performance.

From the implantation of the seed carrier until its harvest, the FNAMS studies and develops on its experimental stations the best technico-economic routes allowing to obtain a seed of quality and to improve the profitability of the productions all, taking into account the regulatory constraints. The work focuses on four groups of species: forage seeds, vegetable seeds, cereal and protein seeds and industrial beet seeds.

The orientation of the action programs is defined within the framework of the GNIS sections, by representatives of multiplying farmers and seed establishments, with the participation of ARVALIS - Institut du végétal.

The FNAMS technical team is composed of 18 engineers and 11 technicians, spread over 7 experimental sites in the main production basins. FNAMS benefits from BPE approval.

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Areas of expertise

- Experimentation in crop protection (BPE accreditation)
- Mechanical weeding
- Development of yield and quality of seed crops
- Pollination of crops
- Estimation of water and fertilizer requirements
- Harvesting techniques
- Seed drying techniques

Crop protection issues occupy a prominent place in the technical activity of FNAMS, reflecting growing difficulties in view of the disappearance of many molecules and the need to develop new solutions for control methods. The problems of weeding, crucial for the competitiveness and quality of production and particularly strategic for fodder and vegetables, alone represent 20% of global activity. The actions are aimed at testing products for approval on these minor species, and testing control methods combining chemical and mechanical weed control.

The fight against diseases and pests, another major concern, aims to test new products and develop tools for reasoning treatments.

Beyond the control of bio-aggressors, the issues are numerous. They concern the development of the yield and the quality of the seeds on the grain crops, the problems of fertilization (control of the nitrogen fertilization in particular), of the implantation of the cultures (implantation under cover of the forage crops).

The journal Bulletin Seeds, bimonthly, is the main support for dissemination of technical information of FNAMS. It is aimed at an audience of farmers multiplying seed and seed companies.

FNAMS publishes practical crop guides, technical notes and bio-surveillance bulletins.

[Consult the website](#)

