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The partnership between INRA and CEP INNOVATION

Apricots from lab to orchard

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INRA, SICA CENTREX and CEP INNOVATION are working together on varietal research programs including apricot. Since more than 25 years, the nurserymen of CEP INNOVATION produce, multiply and commercialize the INRA's apricot varieties. CEP INNOVATION looks after the development of the INRA's obtentions in France for many years and abroad since 2008. The collaboration does not stop there because, since 2006, a research agreement between INRA and CEP INNOVATION aims at creating, jointly, new varieties of apricot with high agronomical and gustative values. The purposes of this programme co financed by both INRA and CEP INNOVATION, and the participation of SICA CENTREX for apricots adapted to Roussillon area, are to strengthen the actual varietal offer by proposing, on the largest maturity time possible, varieties with regular production, excellent gustative qualities, good firmness and that show good behaviour during storage. Supplying genetic alternatives to the Plum Pox Virus problem to fruit growers is also a priority for this program. At last, it also aims at offering a clear varietal segmentation based upon the skin and the flesh coloration.

A late maturity range under development
Anegat, Bangat, ...

Aramis® Shamade :
the 1st resistant to
PPV (M & D strains)

Bergeval® Aviclo : Self
fertile, look and taste

Rubisco® : The range
of red skins apricots

Soledane : Early,
firm and regular
in production
(co obtention INRA/Centrex)

Solimar® Torraviun :
Gathering skills (co ob-
tention INRA/Centrex)

Bergarouge® Avirine :
the reference
variety

**17 Innovating and
qualitative apricot varieties adapted
to YOUR area that come WITH YOU
during all the season**

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