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## **An Integrated Apricot Breeding Program in France Joining CEP Innovation - CENTREX and INRA**

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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.



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under development  
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in production

(co obtention INRA/Centrex)



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Gathering skills (co ob-  
tention INRA/Centrex)



**Bergarouge® Avirine :**  
the reference  
variety



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



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