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Argentina presents its sustainable agricultural production

As global trends indicate, there will be a sharp increase in population over the next three decades with the capacity to generate demand for food in different parts of the world, thereby opening a great structural opportunity for the food-exporting countries, among which Argentina holds an important role.

Argentina has positioned itself as a leader for direct seed or no-till planting, which is an integral grain production system involving the sowing of crops without prior removal of soil, as well as permanently covering the surfaces with the waste products from previously grown crops. Today, this system is used in 82 per cent of the Argentine cultivated agricultural surfaces. There has been a steady improvement over the last 18 years, with production figures passing from 37m tonnes to 95m tonnes of grains, and with Argentina as the only country in the world reporting an increase by 44% in the last 5 years, from 66,5 to 95m tonnes of grains. These high efficiency levels were achieved by an improvement in the technology involved in the harvest and postharvest, which we have presented today. Physical and quality losses of grain were reduced and production costs were cut due to decreased tillage and a drop in fuel consumption by 40 %, as well as improvements regarding the preservation of water. Globally, this makes the Argentine production the most efficient. Thus, at the request of the respective Governments, Argentina is conducting in several African countries practical research in planting, using Argentine machinery.

Furthermore, the Argentine Government launched the Strategic Plan for Agriculture (PEA 2020 - Programa Estratégico Agropecuario 2020) in 2011, in which it stipulates the objective for production to reach 157,5m tonnes of grains, presenting a 54% increase from 2011, and adding 9m hectares to the 33m hectares of land planted today. On the other hand, and with the purpose of reversing the migration trend from rural to urban areas that could be observed during the last years, it had become necessary to stimulate the industrialization of the sector as a mechanism to generate genuine jobs.

Agritechnica 2013 is the most important and prestigious international event worldwide, which links the Argentine agricultural machinery sector with its potential international clients. This year we have been accompanied by a number of prestigious public Argentine institutions that work together with the sector, such as INTA and INTI, and a large number of companies of the three Argentine producing provinces, with both great experience and high-technology, which are Santa Fe, Córdoba and Buenos Aires.

Our delegation is accompanied by Mr. Mariano Oddino, one of the winners of the Ternium-Expoagro prize, which honours innovation in agricultural machinery awarded to the websystem "intelligent weighing for hoppers", co-developed by two Argentine companies "Balanzas Hook" and "Corvusweb". Mr. Oddino was selected by DLG to present his innovation to the participants at this event, and accompanying the delegation is also Engineer Cristian Jetter, Argentine rice production expert in direct seed, also invited by the German Agricultural Society - DLG; in order to address the different organizations and rice growers from around the world.

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