





Short food supply chain in Flanders: possibilities and constraints

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- Organisation representing the short food chain suppliers in Flanders
- +/- 1350 members
- Goal: supporting farmers developing a short food chain selling activity with an economic added value







- I. Information: Legal regulations: Federal food hygiene regulations, land management regulations, fiscal regulations, cost price management,...
- 2. Training
- 3. Info centre
- 4. Lab analysis
- 5. Syndicalist activity





Farmers motivations

- Economical
- Ownership
- 2 generation farms
- Urban regulations
- Product differentiation
- Promotion social contact professional proudness - ...





Number of short food supply chain farms (I)

1	4			% relative to the number of farms
	Flanders	1321	100,00%	<mark>5,08%</mark>
	Antwerp	252	19,08%	6,44%
	Vlaams-Brabant	197	14,91%	6,47%
	West-Flanders	409	30,96%	4,51%
	East-Flanders	290	21,95%	4,22%
	Limburg	172	13,02%	5,57%

Data through the Steunpunt Hoeveproducten /KVLV vzw (2012)





Number of short food supply chain farms (2)



	Selling							
	manufactur	Selling						
	ed	primary						
	products	products	Total					
Flanders	652	809	1461					
Antwerp	88	102	190					
Vlaams-Brabant	76	209	285					
West-Flanders	241	188	429					
East-Flanders	190	202	392					
Limburg	57	108	165					

Data through the FASFC (2011)







Number of short food supply chain farms (2)



				Farms	
			Manufacturers	selling	
	Meat	Dairy product	of crop	primary	
AI	manufacturers	manufacturers	products	products	Total
Flanders	99	447	106	809	1461
Antwerp	10	66	12	102	190
Vlaams-Brabant	15	36	25	209	285
West-Flanders	37	177	27	188	429
East-Flanders	28	130	32	202	392
Limburg	9	38	10	108	165

Data through the FASFC (2011)







- Farms selling primary crop products: fruit, vegetables, raw milk
- Farms selling manufactured dairy products: desserts, ice-cream, cheese,...
- Farms selling meat products: sealed meat, farms with own butchery
- Farms selling manufactured crop products
- A lot of farms combine several types of products

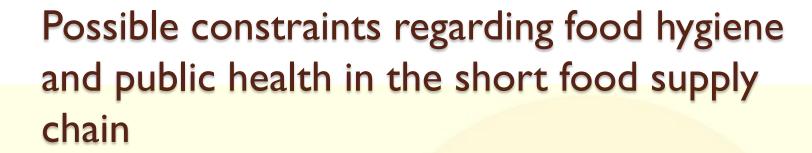




- Farms selling primary crop products: fruit, vegetables, raw milk: regulated through the Federal Food law + quality guides, similar risk as large chain selling activities
- Farms producing manufactured products:
 Federal Food Law + some self checking
 - guides. Risk ~ product and GMP







- Small scale
- Several products (types)
- Artisanal production system
- Investment capacity
- Use of well water
- Quality supervisor
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Answers to these constraints

- Mandatory training 'hygiene and autocontrole'
- Support self checking plan and quality manual
- Organisation of the half yearly lab analysis
- Collaboration with ILVO Gent and KHK Geel.
- Example: development of on-farm test kit (KHK Geel)





Restraints on the development of the short food supply chain sector

- Who are the short chain food suppliers in Flanders?
- Several self-checking guides
- I legislation Food hygiene
- Heavy administrative load
- Unannounced inspections
- Malus % very high
- Water
- Personal interpretations inspectors
- Certification system not interesting
- No self-checking guide for small scale processors of fruit and vegetables
- HP/M number!
- Location in rural areas/ fiscal constraints/VLIF aid/...





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