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Developing authority's test guidelines from UPOV Test Guidelines **PROCEDURES IN BRAZIL**

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PVP in Brazil:

Examination of applications and Granting of Plant Breeder's Rights





DUS trials in Brazil

Conducted by applicants or breeders of candidate varieties \rightarrow DUS Report is presented in conjunction with the application

Critical point: Descriptions are obtained under different enviromental conditions

Examination of the application

- ightarrow requires practical knowledge and large experience from the examiners
- ightarrow involves formal and technical aspects
- ightarrow tests can be conducted
 - If approved, a summary is published

Development of test guidelines - trials in different locations
→ Regional sets of example varieties





The Soybean Guidelines in Brazil

Most important agricultural commodity 745 varieties in NLi 543 protected by PBR:

- ~ **50** new varieties protected/year
- ~ 1/3 of the titles granted in 1 year by SNPC

Based on UPOV Guidelines - first version published in 1997

Raising difficulties to state Distinctness:

Narrow genetic base x large number of protected varieties PQ characteristics x diversity of environments



Examples

Color of the hilum

can vary from black to brown to gray within the same homozygote plant in certain environmental conditions

BRS Carla Depigmentation due to high temperature and hydric stress

BRS Celeste Depigmentation due to high temperature and hydric stress

BRS Celeste - typical (black) and altered color of hilum

Examples

Blistering of the leaves

varies according to different environmental conditions

Problems in sight

Distinctness based on morphological characteristics is becoming more and more difficult

The fragile characterization of varieties could be a problem for the future identification of the varieties and seed certification

What to do?

SNPC invited a group of soybean breeders to perform a collaborative study, aiming at the harmonization of the evaluation methodologies used by the breeders and promoted:

\rightarrow Revision of the TG

→identification of a set of example varieties suitable for different regions where soybean DUS trials are most frequently conducted

From 2006 to 2009

QL characteristics + Walking Reference Collection:

90 varieties in a ring test17 breeding companies14 locations

Meetings every six months

Experts subgroups: disease resistance protocols and possible uses of molecular markers

Beneficial results

Deep involvement of breeding companies and high level of exchanged information:

Improvement of **practical experience** on evaluation methodologies and **Harmonization** of procedures to reduce the impact of testing in different locations

Conclusions

Publication of the revised Test Guidelines for soybean in October, 2009

Harmonized set of example varieties for different regions where soybean DUS tests are conducted in Brazil

Compilation of protocols for all disease resistance characteristics

Protocols for the assessment of all morphological characteristics

Other beneficial results

On line application system and integration of database with the Agricultural Zoning Department, aiming to centralize the information received by the Ministry of Agriculture – **CultivarWeb**

Interface of data sent to SNPC, NLi and Agricultural Zoning

→ Farmers who use protected varieties will benefit from increased quality of information

VI. TABELA DE DESCRITORES DE SOJA [*Glycine max* (L.) Merrill]

Nome proposto para a cultivar:

Característica (*)	Descrição da característica	Código para cada descrição	Código da	
1. Plântula: pigmentação antociânica do hipocótilo 24. MI Reação à pústula bacteriana (Xanthomonas axonopodis pv	. glycinea)		1	
(+) QL resistente			2	
Suscetivel 26. MI Reação à mancha "olho-d (Cercospora sojina) Raça	e-ră" 15		1	
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Thank you!

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