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EL NÚMERO DE CICLOS DE CULTIVO

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RESUMEN

1. La finalidad de este documento es informar acerca de las consideraciones relativas al número de ciclos de cultivo en el examen DHE.
2. Se invita al TC a tomar nota de los debates mantenidos en las sesiones de 2017 y 2018 de los TWP sobre el impacto de la utilización de diferentes números de ciclos de cultivo en las decisiones relativas a la DHE empleando datos reales.
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4. En el presente documento se utilizan las abreviaturas siguientes:

TC:	Comité Técnico
TC-EDC:	Comité de Redacción Ampliado
TWA:	Grupo de Trabajo Técnico sobre Plantas Agrícolas
TWC:	Grupo de Trabajo Técnico sobre Automatización y Programas Informáticos
TWF:	Grupo de Trabajo Técnico sobre Plantas Frutales
TWO:	Grupo de Trabajo Técnico sobre Plantas Ornamentales y Árboles Forestales
TWP:	Grupos de Trabajo Técnico
TWV:	Grupo de Trabajo Técnico sobre Hortalizas

ANTECEDENTES

5. En su quincuagésima segunda sesión, celebrada en Ginebra del 14 al 16 de marzo de 2016, el TC asistió a las siguientes ponencias sobre las descripciones de variedades y la función del material vegetal, incluido el número mínimo de ciclos de cultivo para el examen DHE (por orden de presentación) (véase el párrafo 204 del documento TC/52/29 Rev. "Informe revisado"):

Las descripciones de variedades y la función del material vegetal, incluido el número mínimo de ciclos de cultivo para el examen DHE	Francia (Sr. Richard Brand)
La elaboración y utilización de descripciones de variedades	Alemania (Sra. Beate Rücker)
El número mínimo de ciclos de cultivo	Países Bajos (Sr. Kees van Ettehoven)
La utilización de las descripciones de variedades y la duración del examen: una perspectiva de Nueva Zelandia	Nueva Zelandia (Sr. Chris Barnaby)

6. El TC examinó el debate sobre el número de ciclos de cultivo en el examen DHE y acordó invitar a los miembros de la Unión a que simulen el impacto de la utilización de diferentes números de ciclos de cultivo en las decisiones relativas a la DHE utilizando datos reales y a que informen sobre sus resultados en las sesiones de los TWP en 2016 y en la quincuagésima tercera sesión del TC.

7. En su quincuagésima tercera sesión, celebrada en Ginebra del 3 al 7 de abril de 2017, el TC examinó el documento TC/53/21 "El número de ciclos de cultivo" (véanse los párrafos 183 a 187 del documento TC/53/31).

8. El TC examinó las ponencias presentadas por los expertos en las reuniones de los TWP de 2016, en las que simularon el impacto de la utilización de diferentes números de ciclos de cultivo en las decisiones relativas a la DHE empleando datos reales, según se expone en los Anexos del documento TC/53/21.

9. El TC tomó nota de los ofrecimientos de miembros de la Unión de presentar ponencias a los TWP, en sus reuniones de 2017, sobre el impacto de la utilización de diferentes números de ciclos de cultivo en las decisiones relativas a la DHE empleando datos reales y convino en invitar a los TWP a informar al TC en su sesión de 2018.

10. El TC tomó nota de que las administraciones manifestaron interés en reducir los costos vinculados al examen DHE y convino en que el número de ciclos de cultivo debe ser el mínimo necesario para tomar una decisión sólida sobre la DHE y elaborar una descripción válida de la variedad.

11. El TC convino en que no era conveniente generalizar que las variedades ornamentales se deben examinar en un único ensayo de cultivo mientras que los otros tipos de cultivos se deben examinar en dos ciclos de cultivo y convino en que el número típico de ciclos de cultivo se debe establecer cultivo a cultivo.

PONENCIAS PRESENTADAS A LOS TWP EN SUS SESIONES DE 2017

Grupo de Trabajo Técnico sobre Plantas Agrícolas

12. En su cuadragésima sexta sesión, celebrada en Hannover (Alemania) del 19 al 23 de junio de 2017, el TWA examinó los documentos [TWP/1/21](#) "Number of growing cycles in DUS examination" (El número de ciclos de cultivo en el examen DHE), [TWA/46/8](#) y [TWA/46/8 Add](#) "Impact of using different numbers of growing cycles on DUS decisions using actual data" (El impacto de la utilización de diferentes números de ciclos de cultivo en las decisiones relativas a la DHE empleando datos reales) (véanse los párrafos 36 a 41 del documento TWA/46/10 "Report" (Informe)).

13. El TWA asistió a las siguientes ponencias, que se reproducen en los documentos TWA/46/8 y TWA/46/8 Add.:

a)	“Repercusión del número de ciclos de cultivo en las descripciones de variedades y en el poder de discriminación en el trigo y la cebada”, preparada por un experto de Alemania
b)	“El número de ciclos de cultivo en la papa/patata”, preparada por un experto de los Países Bajos
c)	“El número de ciclos de cultivo en el examen DHE de los brotes en variedades de papa/patata”, preparada por un experto de Polonia
d)	“Repercusión del número de ciclos de cultivo en las descripciones de variedades de cereales”, preparada por un experto del Reino Unido

14. El TWA convino en que deben proseguir los debates en torno al número de ciclos de cultivo en el examen DHE de plantas agrícolas y acogió con satisfacción los ofrecimientos de Alemania, Australia, Dinamarca, Francia, el Reino Unido y la ISF de presentar ponencias en su cuadragésima séptima sesión.

Grupo de Trabajo Técnico sobre Plantas Frutales

15. El TWF examinó el documento [TWP/1/21](#) “*Number of growing cycles in DUS examination*” (El número de ciclos de cultivo en el examen DHE) (véanse los párrafos 81 a 84 del documento TWF/48/13 “*Report*” (Informe)).

16. El TWF tomó nota de que el TC había convenido en que no es conveniente generalizar que las variedades ornamentales se deben examinar en un único ensayo de cultivo mientras que los otros tipos de cultivos se deben examinar en dos ciclos de cultivo. Tomó nota asimismo de que el TC había convenido en que el número típico de ciclos de cultivo se debe establecer cultivo a cultivo. No obstante, el TWF acordó aclarar al TC que, en el sector frutícola, en algunos casos, el número normal de ciclos de cultivo se debe establecer en función del tipo de variedad (por ejemplo, variedades de portainjertos, variedades híbridas).

Grupo de Trabajo Técnico sobre Automatización y Programas Informáticos

17. El TWC examinó el documento [TWP/1/21](#) “*Number of growing cycles in DUS examination*” (El número de ciclos de cultivo en el examen DHE) (véanse los párrafos 45 a 51 del documento TWC/35/21 “*Report*” (Informe)).

18. El TWC examinó el documento [TWC/35/7](#) “*Number of Growing Cycles in Potato*” (El número de ciclos de cultivo en la papa/patata) y asistió a una ponencia a cargo de un experto de los Países Bajos en la que se presentaron los resultados de la simulación del impacto de la utilización de diferentes números de ciclos de cultivo en las decisiones relativas a la DHE empleando datos reales de la papa/patata. Dicha ponencia se reproduce en el Anexo del documento TWC/35/7.

19. El TWC tomó nota de los siguientes resultados: el 73% de los 37 caracteres observados habrían recibido la misma valoración y, en el 24%, la diferencia entre la valoración del primer ciclo de cultivo y la del primer y el segundo ciclos combinados habría sido de una sola nota.

20. El TWC tomó nota de que en los Países Bajos se está sopesando la posibilidad de utilizar información obtenida mediante marcadores moleculares a fin de reducir el número de ciclos de cultivo en el examen DHE de variedades de papa/patata.

PONENCIAS PRESENTADAS A LOS TWP EN SUS SESIONES DE 2018

Grupo de Trabajo Técnico sobre Plantas Agrícolas

21. En su cuadragésima séptima reunión, celebrada en Naivasha (Kenya) del 21 al 25 de mayo de 2018, el TWA examinó el documento [TWA/47/5](#) “*Impact of the number of growing cycles on variety descriptions and discrimination power in potato*” (Repercusión del número de ciclos de cultivo en las descripciones de variedades y en el poder de discriminación en la papa/patata) y asistió a una ponencia a cargo de un experto

de Alemania, que se reproducirá en el documento TWA/47/5 Add. (véanse los párrafos 35 a 38 del documento TWA/47/7 “Report” (Informe)).

22. El TWA convino en que las descripciones de variedades elaboradas durante dos ciclos de cultivo son más consistentes que las elaboradas en un solo ciclo de cultivo. Convino además en que, con dos ciclos de cultivo, la evaluación de los caracteres individuales es más rigurosa.

23. El TWA convino en que se puede adoptar una decisión sólida acerca de la distinción tras un único ciclo de cultivo si la diferencia en los caracteres es suficientemente grande.

24. El TWA señaló que la información obtenida mediante marcadores de ADN puede aportar datos complementarios para el examen DHE, como se indica en el documento TGP/15 “Orientación sobre el uso de marcadores bioquímicos y moleculares en el examen de la distinción, la homogeneidad y la estabilidad (DHE)”. El TWA tomó nota de la experiencia presentada por los Países Bajos respecto del uso de información obtenida mediante marcadores de ADN para defender el derecho de obtentor, conjuntamente con la comprobación por pares de que el material vegetal corresponde a una variedad protegida.

Grupo de Trabajo Técnico sobre Automatización y Programas Informáticos

25. El TWC examinó los documentos [TWC/36/6](#) y [TWC/36/6 Add.](#) “*Impact of the number of growing cycles on variety descriptions and discrimination power*” (Repercusión del número de ciclos de cultivo en las descripciones de variedades y en el poder de discriminación) y asistió a una ponencia a cargo de un experto de Alemania (véanse los párrafos 24 a 28 del documento TWC/36/15 “Report” (Informe)).

26. El TWC acogió con agrado el análisis estadístico que cuantifica la interacción genotipo-medio ambiente en las descripciones elaboradas durante varios años.

27. El TWC convino en que las descripciones de variedades elaboradas durante dos ciclos de cultivo son más consistentes que las elaboradas en un solo ciclo de cultivo.

28. El TWC convino en que se debe aclarar que en los documentos TWC/36/6 y TWC/36/6 Add. se analizan diferencias en caracteres individuales de un ciclo a otro, pero no se evalúan las diferencias entre las variedades respecto de todos los caracteres.

29. El TWC tomó nota del informe verbal de los Países Bajos acerca del estudio que se está llevando a cabo sobre la utilización de marcadores de ADN como información complementaria para las decisiones relativas a la distinción, y acordó invitar a los Países Bajos a informar de su labor en una futura reunión.

30. *Se invita al TC a tomar nota de los debates mantenidos en las sesiones de 2017 y 2018 de los TWP sobre el impacto de la utilización de diferentes números de ciclos de cultivo en las decisiones relativas a la DHE empleando datos reales.*

[Siguen los Anexos]

IMPACT OF NUMBER OF GROWING CYCLES ON VARIETY DESCRIPTIONS AND
DISCRIMINATION POWER IN WHEAT AND BARLEY

Presentation by an expert from Germany at the forty-sixth session of the Technical Working Party
for Agricultural Crops



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Discrimination power of characteristics calculated in three steps:

- (a) '1 cycle': Comparison of all varieties in the growing trial (year 0)
- (b) '2 cycles': For all varieties which were also grown in the year before, distinctness was assessed in both years (year 0 / -1). Two varieties are considered to be distinct if a clear difference in the same direction was observed in both years.
- (c) '2 out of 3 cycles': For all varieties which were also grown the two previous years, distinctness was assessed in all 3 years (year 0 / -1 / -2). Two varieties are considered to be distinct if a clear difference in the same direction was observed in at least 2 out of 3 years

The same analysis was performed for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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Data for analysis of discrimination power from DUS growing trials:

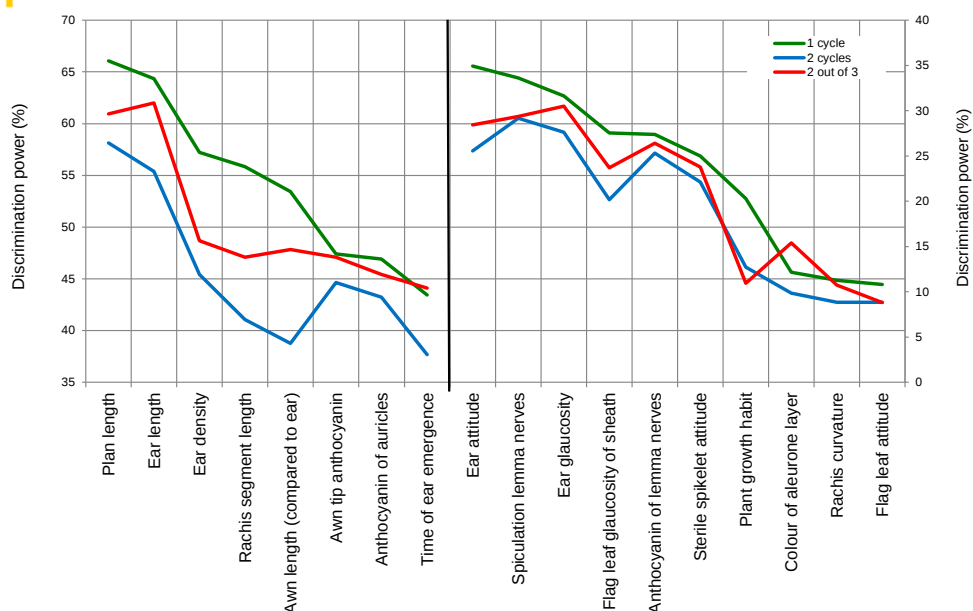
- Trials comprise about 600 varieties in winter wheat and 300 varieties in winter barley.
- Two year data are available for about 70% of the varieties and three year data for about 50% of the varieties.
- Every year, the distinctness test included
 - (a) 1-cycle-comparisons: 40,000 in wheat and 30,000 in barley
 - (b) 2-cycle-comparisons: 25,000 in wheat and 15,000 in barley
 - (c) 2 out of 3 comparisons: 15,000 in wheat and 6,000 in barley

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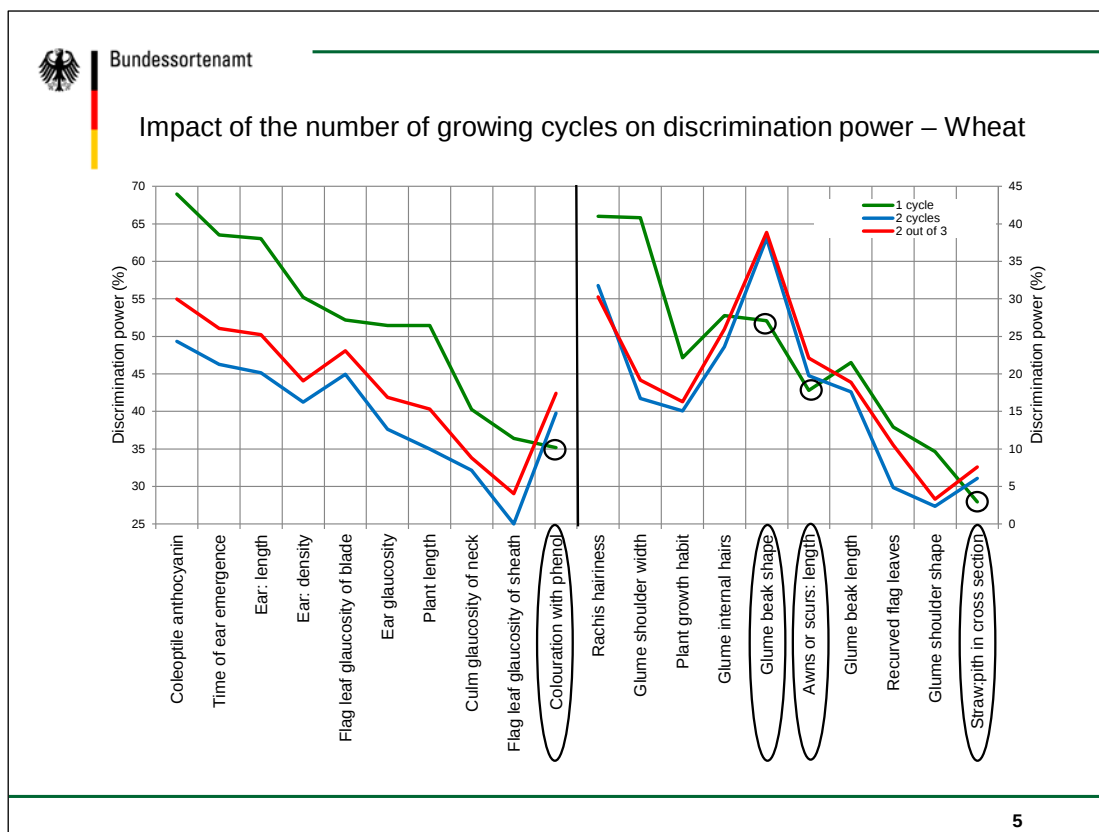


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Impact of the number of growing cycles on discrimination power – Barley



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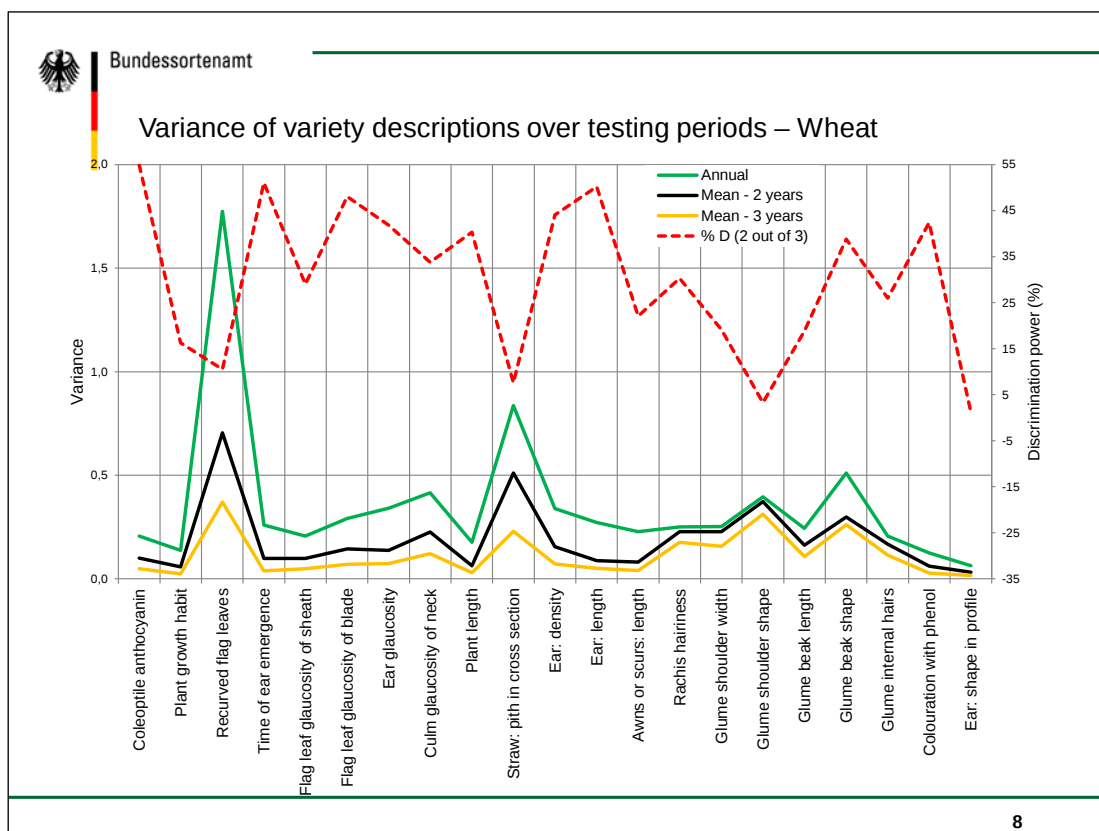
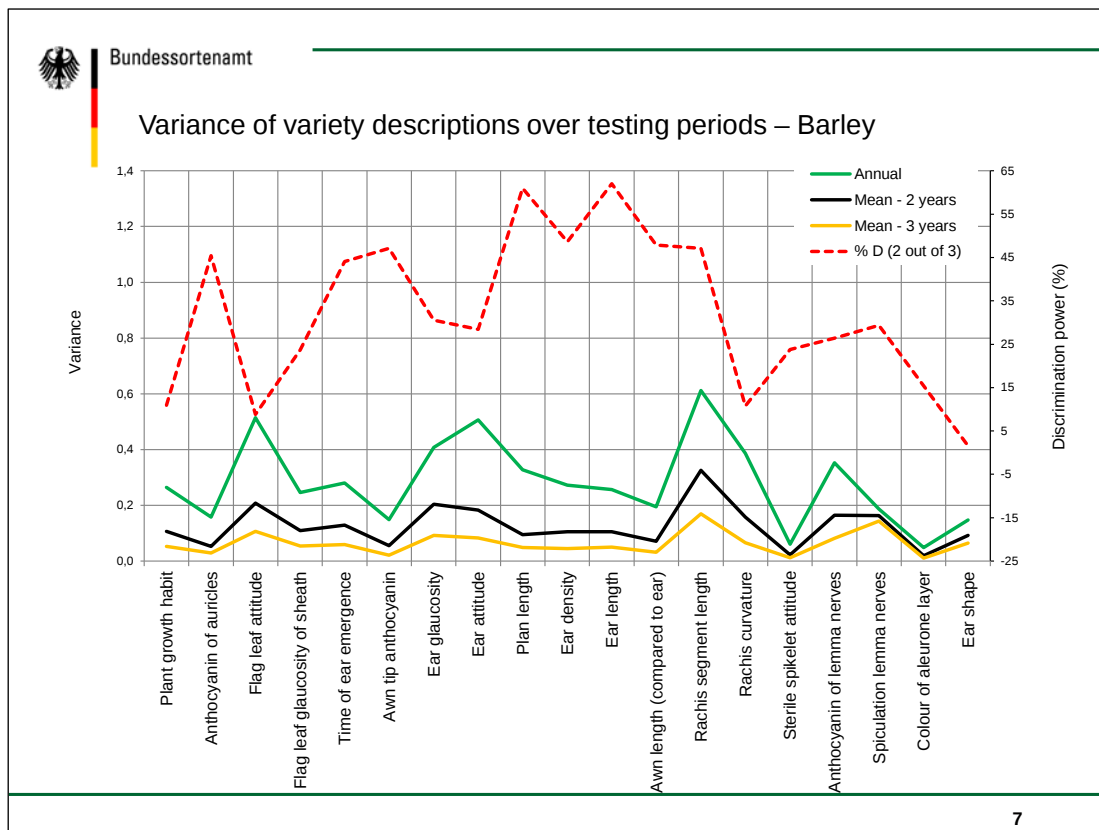


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Data for analysis of variety descriptions:

- DUS observations for 77 winter wheat varieties and 47 winter barley varieties in 6 successive growing cycles were used to establish
 - annual descriptions (year 0)
 - descriptions over 2 cycles (year 0 / -1)
 - descriptions over 3 cycles (year 0 / -1 / -2)
- The variation of descriptions over one, two and three cycles was calculated

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Conclusions:

- number of growing cycles has significant impact on distinctness decisions and variety descriptions
- Current recommendation in TG Barley and TG Wheat is appropriate: “The minimum duration of test should normally be two independent growing cycles”.
- Minimum duration of test should be followed to establish
 - official variety description – precondition for enforcement
 - “working description” – precondition for management of reference collection, in particular when databases are used
- Descriptions in a database should be based at least on the recommended minimum number of growing cycles. Any additional cycle can improve the quality of the description

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NUMBER OF GROWING CYCLES: THE IMPACT ON CEREAL VARIETY DESCRIPTIONS

Presentation by an expert from United Kingdom at the forty-sixth session of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops



Number of growing cycles: the impact on cereal variety descriptions

Presentation to UPOV TWA June 2017



Summary

- Background
- Examples
 - Barley
 - Wheat
- Do all varieties react the same?
- Summary of observations





UPOV No.	Characteristic	2015 Note	2016 Note
1	PLANT: GROWTH HABIT	5	6
2	LOWER LEAVES: HAIRINESS OF LEAF SHEATHS	1	1
4	FLAG LEAF: INTENSITY OF ANTH. COLOUR. OF AURICLES	6	7
	FLAG LEAF: ATTITUDE	4	5
6	FLAG LEAF: GLAUCOSITY OF SHEATH	6	7
7	TIME OF EAR EMERGENCE (1st spk. vis. on 50% ears)	6	5
9	AWNS: INTENSITY OF ANTHOCYANIN COLOUR. OF TIPS	5	6
10	EAR: GLAUCOSITY	5	6
11	EAR: ATTITUDE	2	2
12	PLANT: LENGTH (stem, ears and awns)	4	4
13	EAR: NUMBER OF ROWS	1	1
14	EAR: SHAPE	3	3
15	EAR: DENSITY	4	4
16	EAR: LENGTH (excluding awns)	4	5
17	AWN: LENGTH (compared to ear)	7	7
18	RACHIS: LENGTH OF FIRST SEGMENT	4	4
19	RACHIS: CURVATURE OF FIRST SEGMENT	5	3
	EAR: DEVELOPMENT OF STERILE SPIKELETS	1	1
20	STERILE SPIKELET: ATTITUDE (in mid-third of ear)	n/a	n/a
21	MEDIAN SPIKELET: LENGTH OF GLUME+AWN cf GRAIN	2	2
22	GRAIN: RACHILLA HAIR TYPE	1	1
23	GRAIN: HUSK	9	9
24	GRAIN: ANTHOCYANIN COLOURATION OF NERVES OF LEMMA	6	4
25	GRAIN: SPICULATION OF INNER LATERAL NERVES OF DORSAL	1	1
26	GRAIN: HAIRINESS OF VENTRAL FURROW	1	1
27	GRAIN: DISPOSITION OF LODICULES	2	2
28	KERNEL: COLOUR OF ALEURONE LAYER	1	
29	SEASONAL TYPE	3	

Example:
barley variety

Key:

	2 notes difference between years
	1 note difference between years

UPOV No.	Characteristic	2015 Note	2016 Note
1	COLEOPTILE: ANTHOCYANIN COLOURATION	3	-
2	PLANT: GROWTH HABIT	6	5
4	PLANT: FREQ. OF PLANTS WITH RECURVED FLAG LEAVES	1	1
5	TIME OF EAR EMERGENCE (first spkt visible on 50% of ears)	8	7
6	FLAG LEAF: GLAUCOSITY OF SHEATH	6	7
	FLAG LEAF: GLAUCOSITY OF BLADE (lower side)	5	6
7	EAR: GLAUCOSITY	6	6
8	CULM: GLAUCOSITY OF NECK	6	6
9	PLANT: LENGTH (stem, ears, awns and scurs)	2	3
10	STRAW: PITH IN CROSS SECTION	1	1
11	EAR: SHAPE IN PROFILE	2	2
12	EAR: DENSITY	6	6
13	EAR: LENGTH (excluding awns and scurs)	4	5
14	AWNS OR SCURS: PRESENCE	2	2
15	AWNS OR SCURS AT TIP OF EAR: LENGTH	9	9
16	EAR: COLOUR	1	1
17	APICAL RACHIS SEGMENT: HAIRINESS OF CONVEX SURFACE	4	4
18	LOWER GLUME: SHOULDER WIDTH	3	3
19	LOWER GLUME: SHOULDER SHAPE	6	6
20	LOWER GLUME: BEAK LENGTH	5	5
21	LOWER GLUME: BEAK SHAPE	4	4
22	LOWER GLUME: EXTENT OF INTERNAL HAIRS	4	3
24	GRAIN: COLOUR	2	-
25	GRAIN: COLOURATION WITH PHENOL	6	-
26	SEASONAL TYPE	1	1

Example:
wheat variety

Key:

	2 notes difference between years
	1 note difference between years

UPOV No.	Characteristic	2015	2016	2015	2016
		Note	Note	Note	Note
		Variety A		Variety B	
1	COLEOPTILE: ANTHOCYANIN COLOURATION	2		3	
2	PLANT: GROWTH HABIT	4	5	5	5
4	PLANT: FREQ. OF PLANTS WITH RECURVED FLAG LEAVES	5	5	7	5
5	TIME OF EAR EMERGENCE	3	5	8	8
6	FLAG LEAF: GLAUCOSITY OF SHEATH	5	7	8	8
	FLAG LEAF: GLAUCOSITY OF BLADE (lower side)	5	5	9	7
7	EAR: GLAUCOSITY	5	6	8	6
8	CULM: GLAUCOSITY OF NECK	5	7	8	7
9	PLANT: LENGTH (stem, ears, awns and scurs)	9	7	2	3
10	STRAW: PITH IN CROSS SECTION	1	1	2	2
11	EAR: SHAPE IN PROFILE	1	1	2	2
12	EAR: DENSITY	3	3	4	3
13	EAR: LENGTH (excluding awns and scurs)	6	5	4	4
14	AWNS OR SCURS: PRESENCE	2	2	2	2
15	AWNS OR SCURS AT TIP OF EAR: LENGTH	9	8	7	7
16	EAR: COLOUR	1	1	1	1
17	APICAL RACHIS SEGMENT: HAIRINESS OF CONVEX SURFACE	6	6	7	7
18	LOWER GLUME: SHOULDER WIDTH	3	3	5	5
19	LOWER GLUME: SHOULDER SHAPE	7	6	4	5
20	LOWER GLUME: BEAK LENGTH	5	5	4	4
21	LOWER GLUME: BEAK SHAPE	3	3	3	3
22	LOWER GLUME: EXTENT OF INTERNAL HAIRS	7	7	7	7
24	GRAIN: COLOUR	2		2	
25	GRAIN: COLOURATION WITH PHENOL	7		7	
26	SEASONAL TYPE	3	3	3	3



Do all varieties
react the same way
to environmental
changes?

Key:
2 notes difference
between years
1 note difference
between years

Summary of observations

- The state of expression can be variable over two years
- Quantitative characteristics are more variable
- Some QN characteristics are more variable than others
- Change in the environment does not affect all varieties the same way

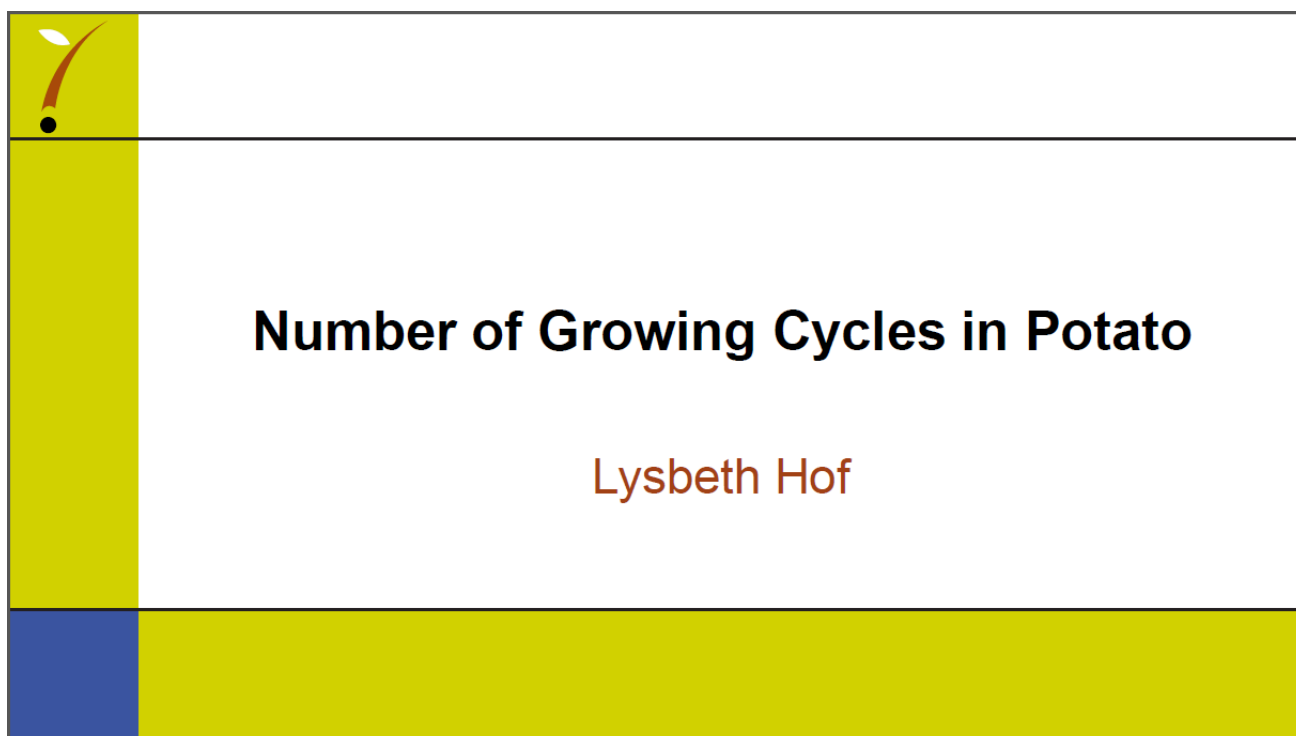
Two growing cycles produce more robust variety descriptions



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NUMBER OF GROWING CYCLES IN POTATO

Presentation by an expert from Netherlands at the forty-sixth session of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops and at the thirty-fifth session of the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs



	Introduction
	• Question: Is it possible to reduce the number of growing cycles in potato to 1 without loss of quality? – Effect on variety description – Other practical issues

	Effect on Variety Description
	• Comparison of description after 1 cycle with description after 2 cycles • All new applications in period 2013-2016 • All observations by 1 person • Observations in 2nd year independent of 1st year • All withdrawn applications deleted • End total of 117 varieties
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Effect on Variety Description

- Descriptions according to CPVO TP/23/2 (similar to UPOV TG/23/6, minus 5 characteristics)
- 37 char. (33 QN and 4 PQ)
- Nr observations per variety can be smaller than 37:
 - Char 29 and 30 only observed if flowers not white
 - Char 37 only observed if tuber is yellow

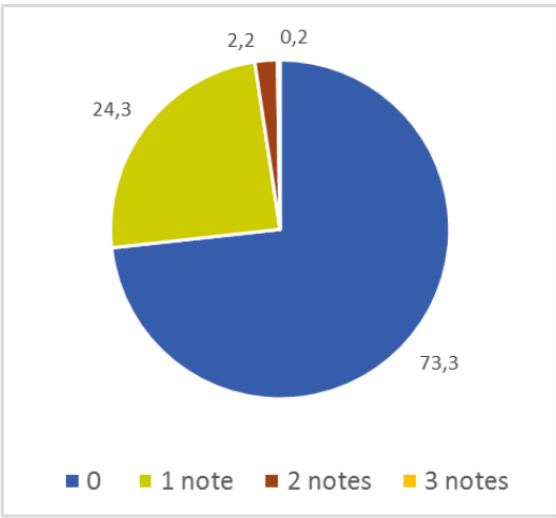
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QN characteristics

Difference between scores after 1st cycle and final scores.
(QN char. only, 3673 obs., 117 var.)

Difference between 1st – final score	number of observations	%
0	2691	73,3
1 note	894	24,3
2 notes	79	2,2
3 notes	9	0,2
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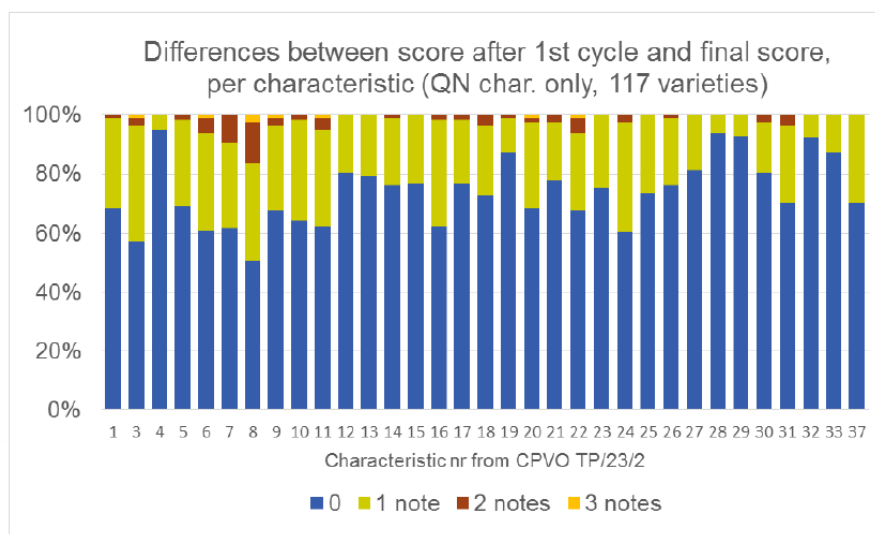


A pie chart illustrating the distribution of differences between scores after the first cycle and final scores for QN characteristics. The chart is divided into four segments: a large blue segment representing '0' (73.3%), a yellow segment representing '1 note' (24.3%), a small brown segment representing '2 notes' (2.2%), and a very thin orange segment representing '3 notes' (0.2%). A legend at the bottom identifies the colors with their respective categories.

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QN characteristics

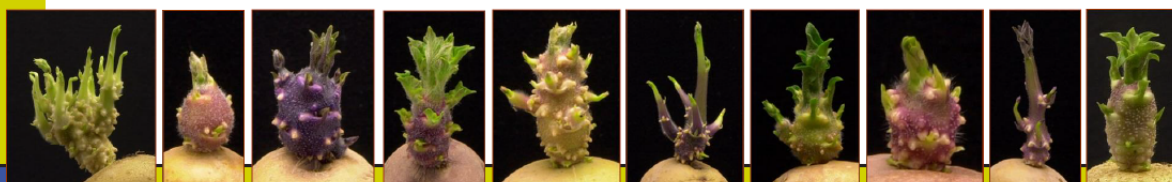


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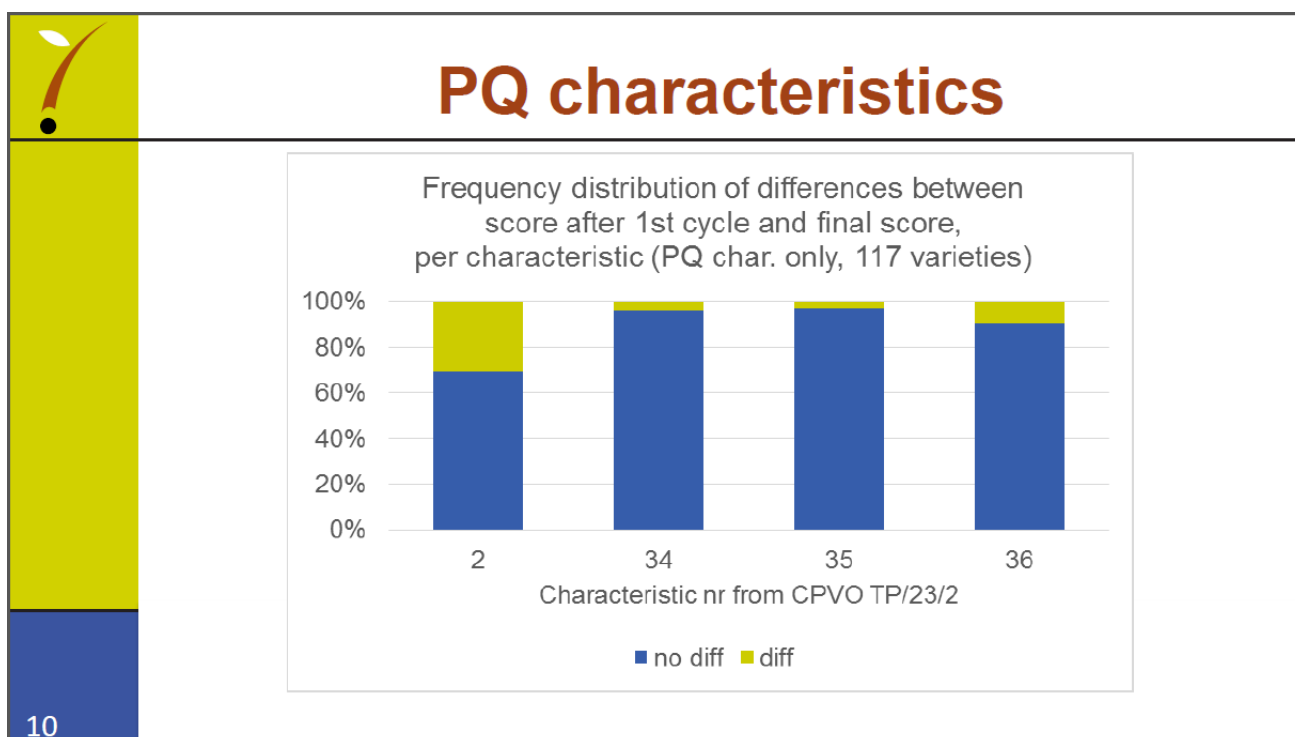
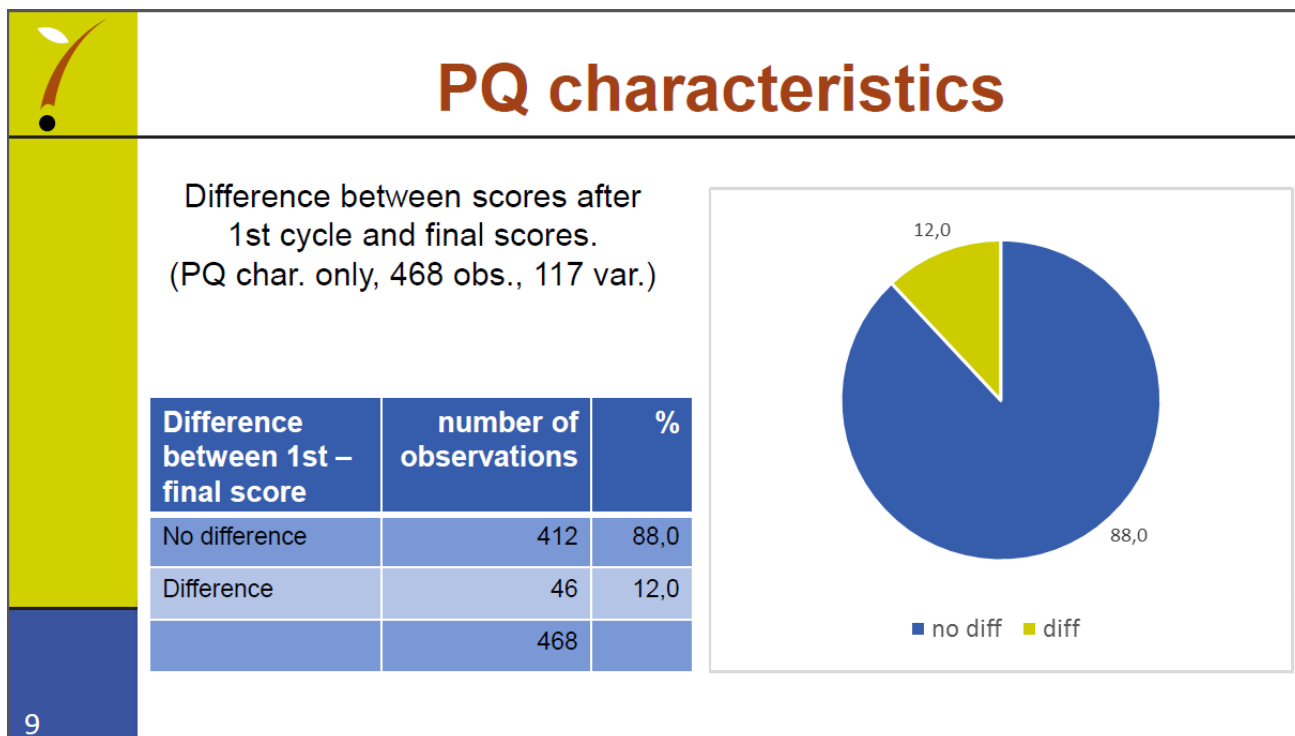


QN characteristics

- Char. 4 (colour of base of lightsprout), 28 (flower colour intensity) and 29 (flower colour) are very stable
- Char 8 (colour of tip of lightsprout) is less stable



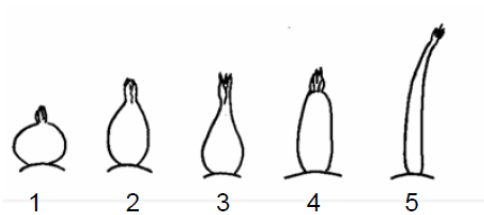
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PQ characteristics

- Char. 34 (Tuber skin colour), and 35 (Tuber base of eye colour) are very stable
- Char 2 (Shape of lightsprout) is less stable



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Effect on Variety Description

- Variety descriptions of potato are slightly adjusted when a second testing year is added
- But how significant/important are those adjustments?

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Variety Descriptions across Europe

In 2005, a ringtest for potato was carried out in Europe:

- 12 varieties
- 12 countries
- Plant material (tubers) of same origin
- Main sources of variation in observations:
 - Location (weather, soil, nutrition etc.)
 - Observer
 - Interactions

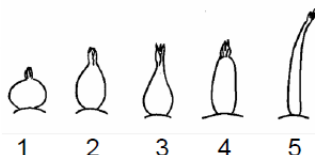
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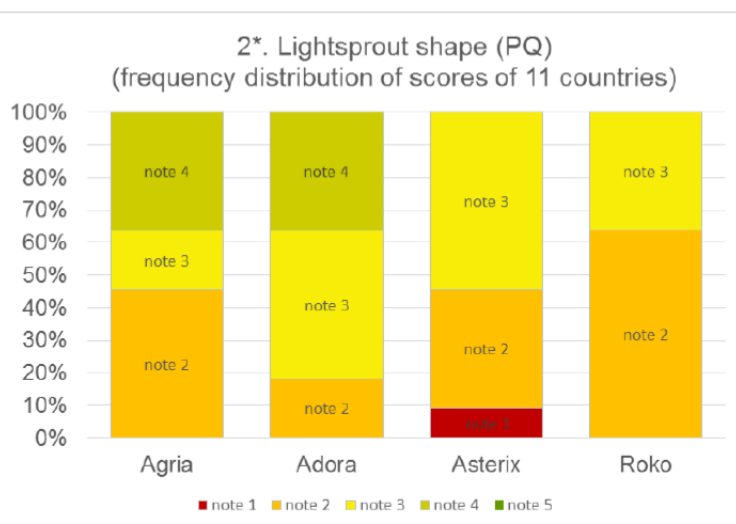
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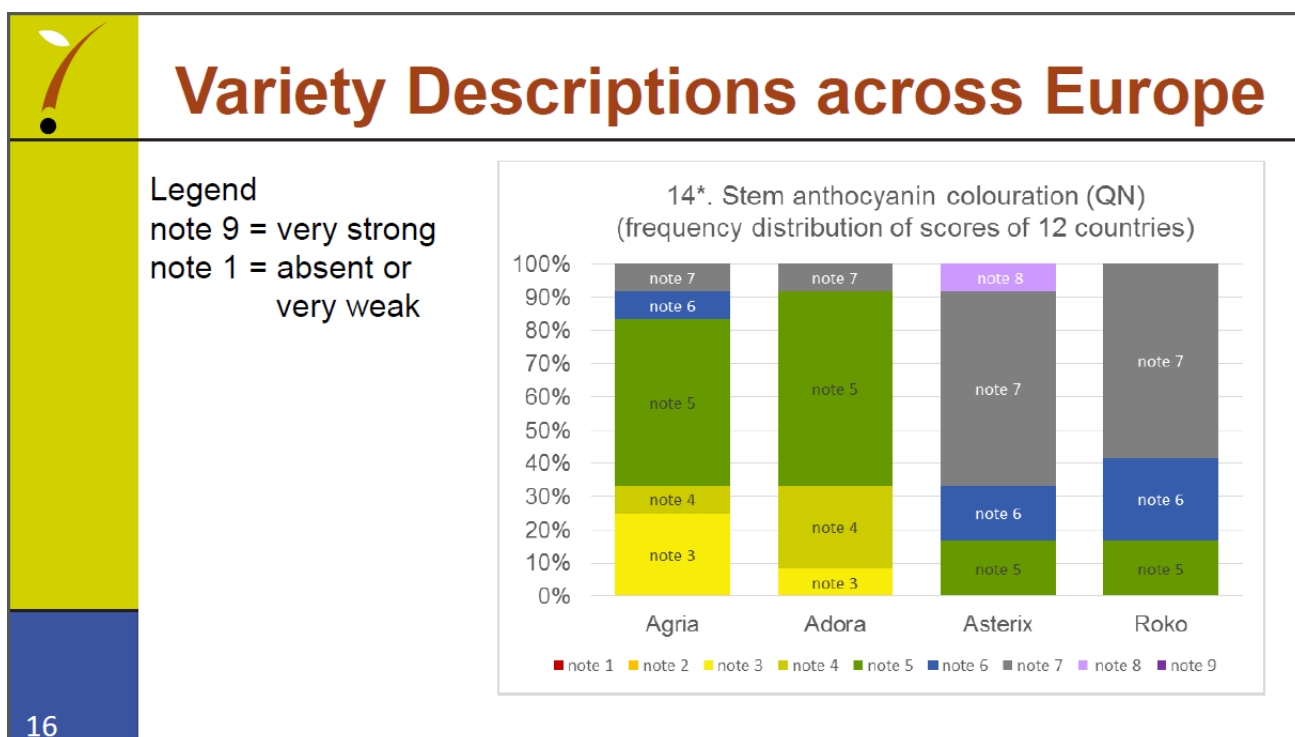
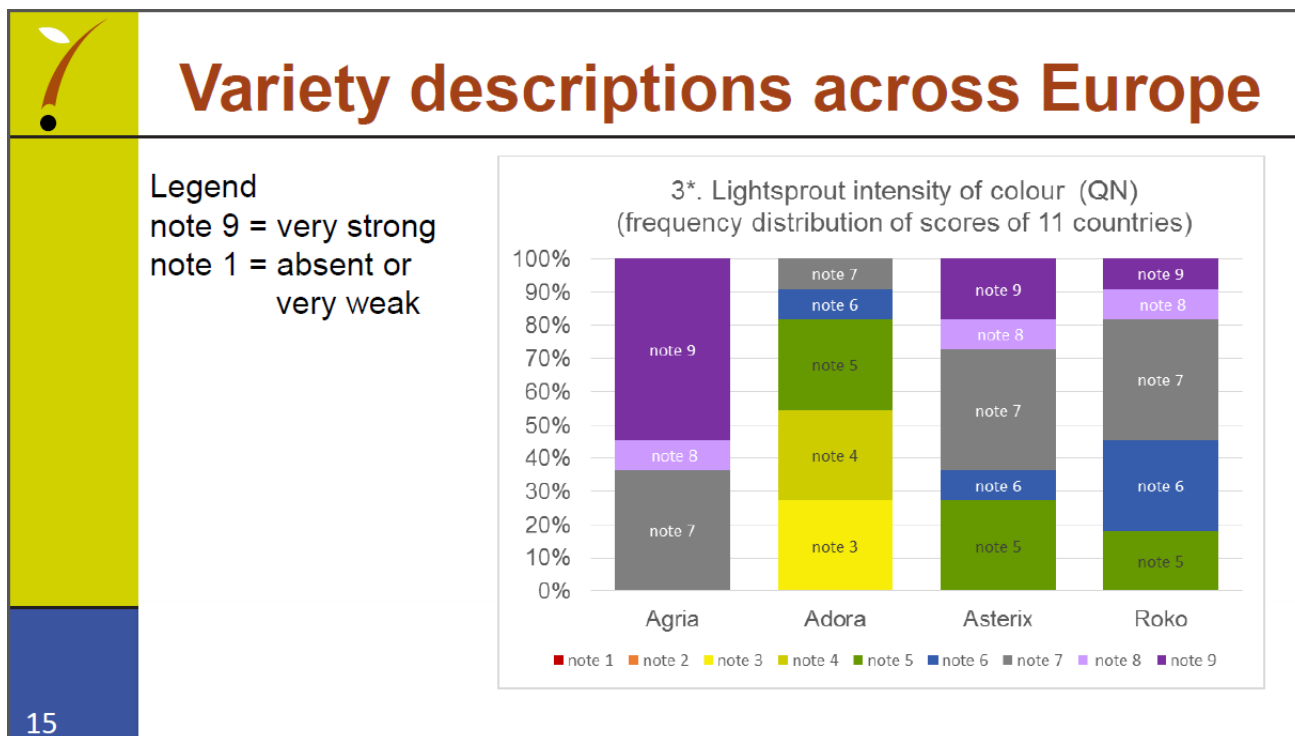
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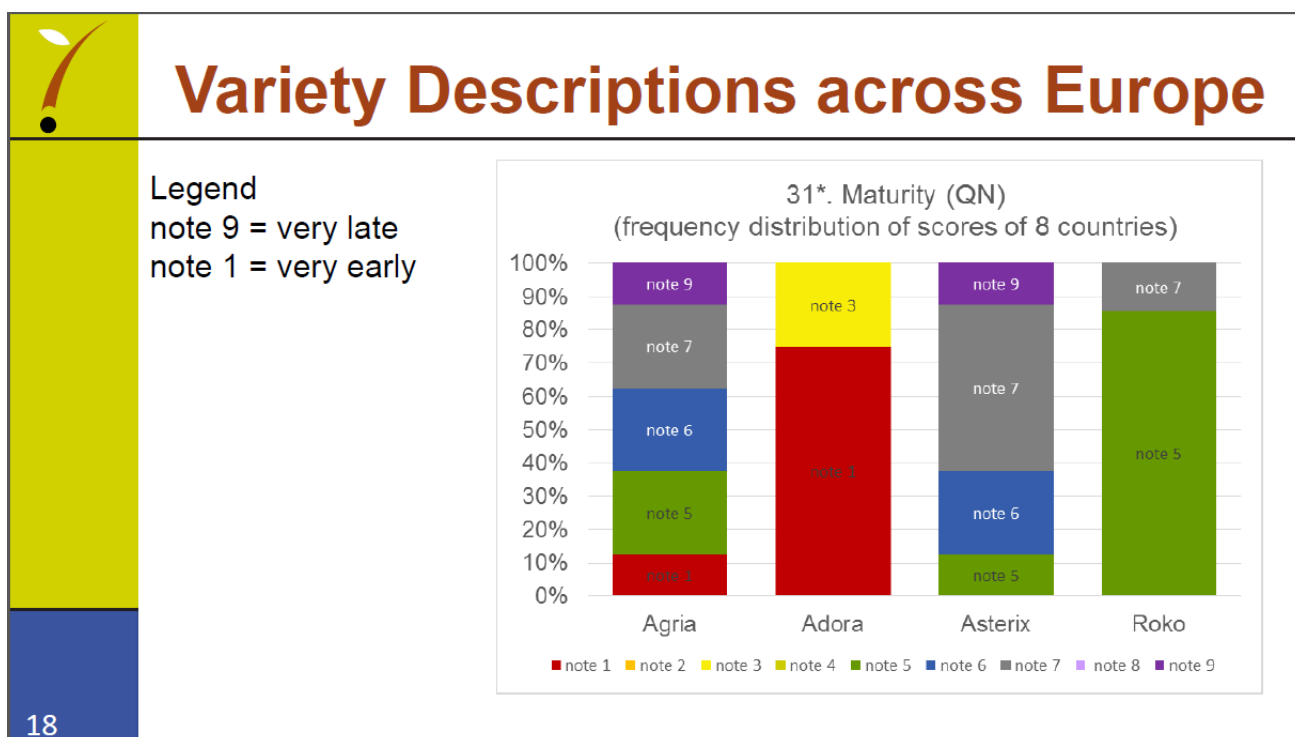
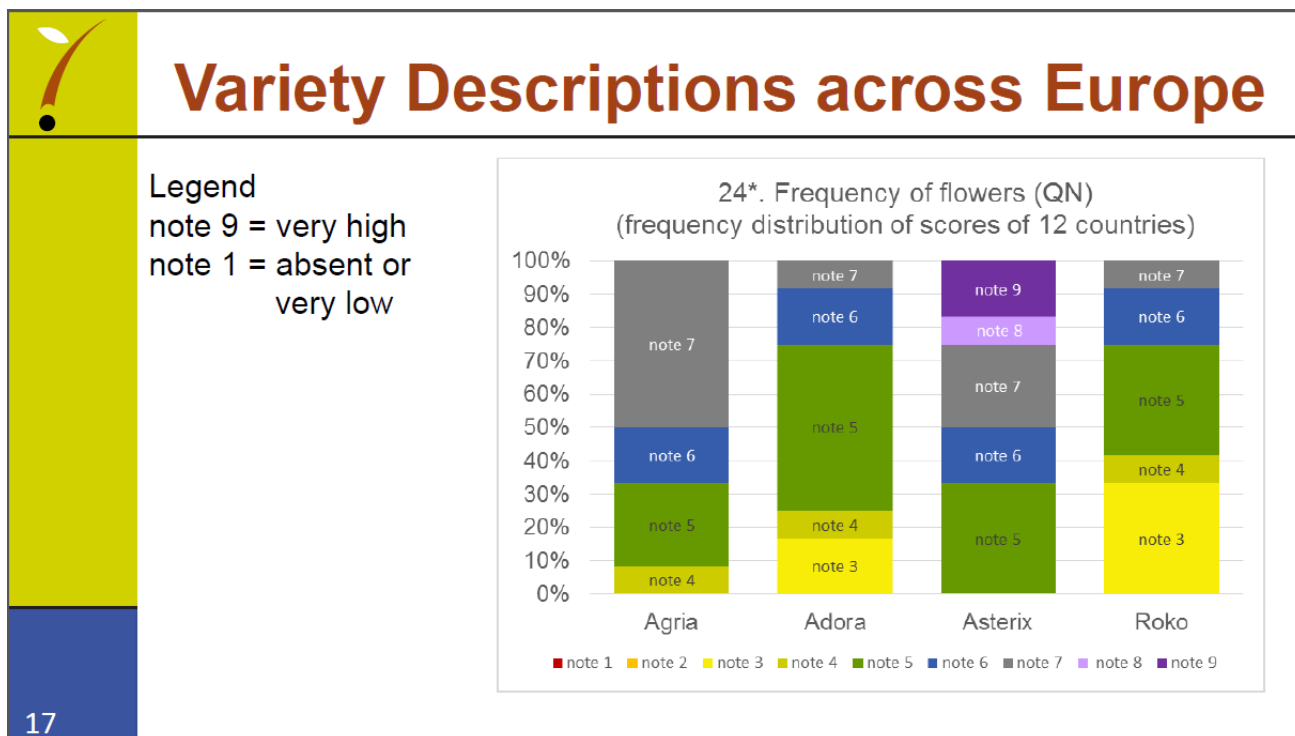
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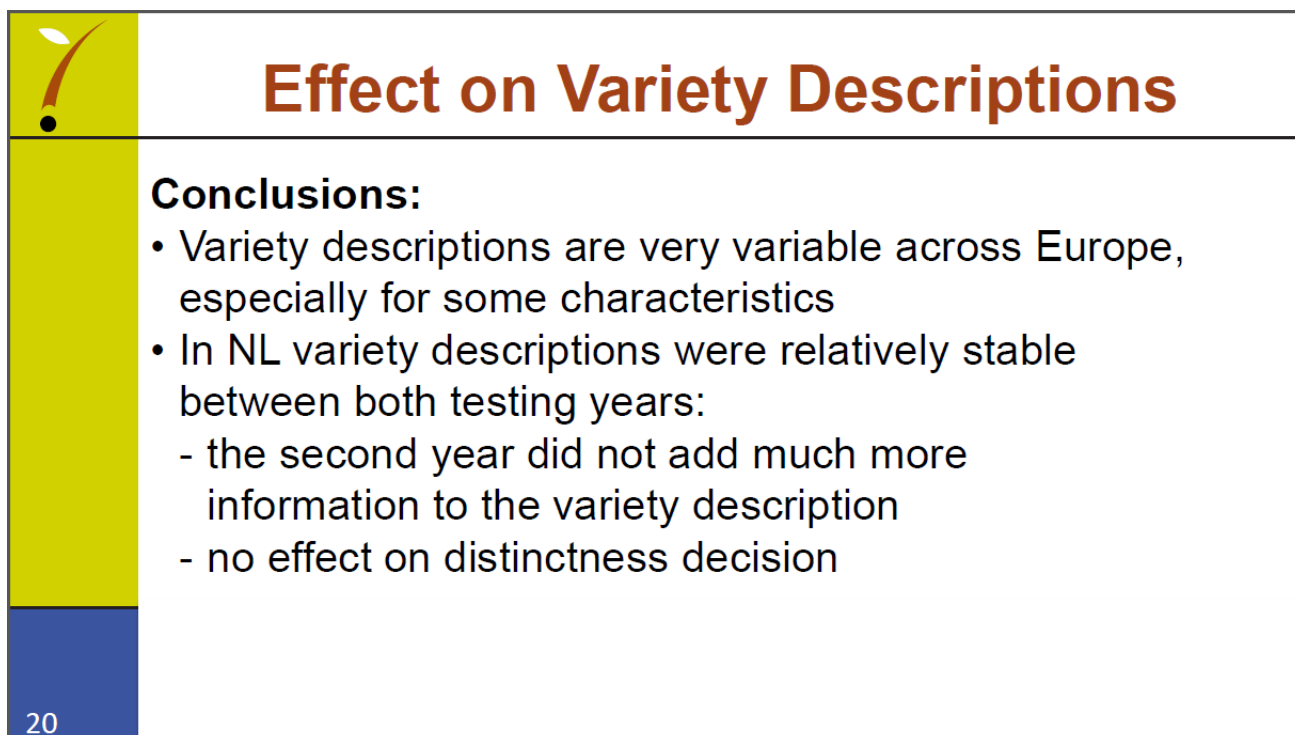
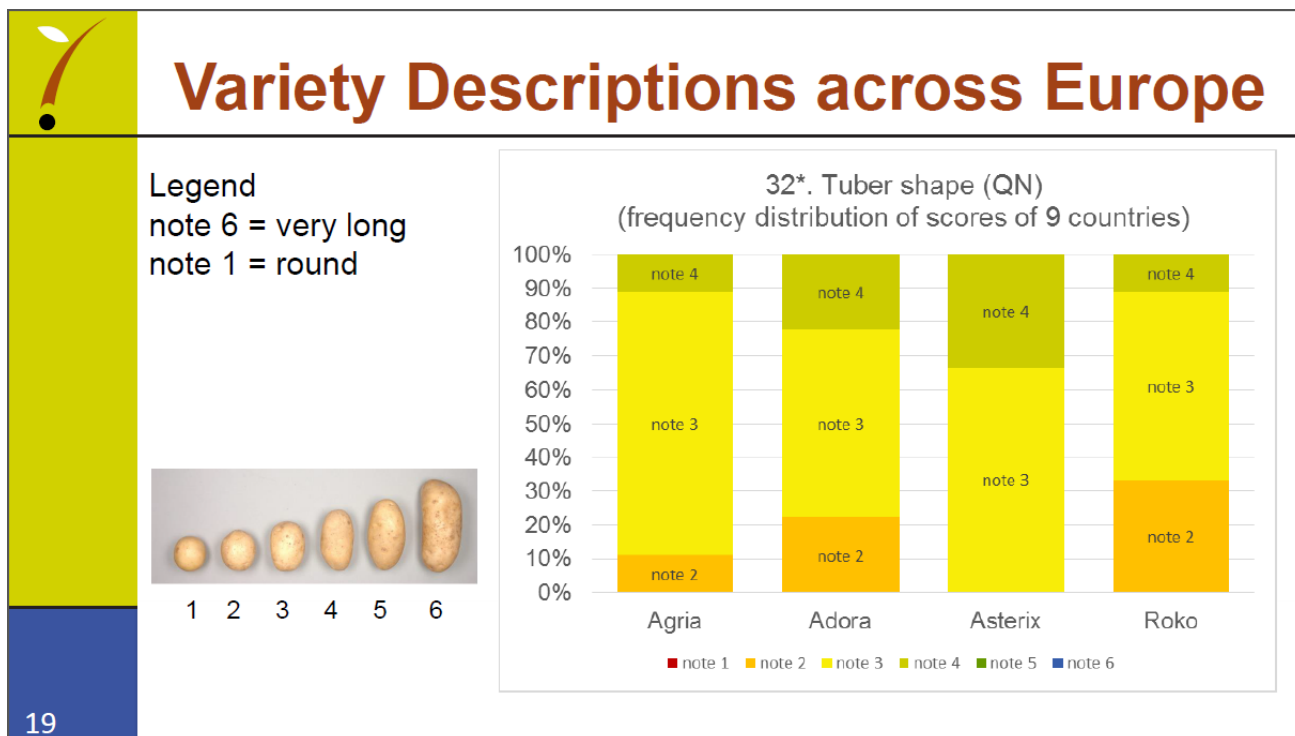


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From 2 cycles to 1?

- Question: Is it possible to reduce the number of growing cycles in potato to 1 without loss of quality?
 - Effect on variety description
 - Other practical issues



Current situation

- All new varieties are tested against morph. database(s) as well as DNA database
- DNA is very useful for selecting genetically close varieties (> 85% Jaccard similarity)
- DNA is very useful as supporting evidence with DUS
- DNA helps finding anomalies fast (wrong sample, mixtures)
- Distinctness and uniformity are rarely a problem in potato

	Database morphological char.
	• NL database with variety descriptions • As of 2018: European Common Database with potato descriptions since 2013 of all CPVO entrusted E.O.'s. Only 17 most stable characteristics.
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	Database DNA
	In addition: DNA database. In NL part of DUS since 2009. • Currently ≈ 2000 varieties, mainly from Europe - As of 2017 including all available varieties of Common Catalogue • 9 SSR markers (≈ 115 alleles in total) • Jaccard similarity < 85% = clear genetic difference (based on research evidence) • DNA data will be included in European Common Database (morph. char/DNA/lightsprout pictures)
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Time line DUS potato in NL

	year 1													year 2												
activity	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
subm. tubers	■																									
DNA		■	■																							
lightsprouts		■	■	■																						
field		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■																
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field														■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
data + report																						■	■	■		

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Practical problems with 1 cycle

- Time schedule: DNA results in March. Field trials already prepared (pre-sprouting of tubers). No changes possible with regard to reference varieties. DNA results currently used for 2nd cycle.
- Some varieties do not (or hardly) flower. Currently extra test in 2nd cycle: cultivation on stone

A photograph showing a potato plant growing in a black plastic pot. The plant has green leaves and a single red potato tuber is visible above the soil surface. The soil is dark brown and appears moist.

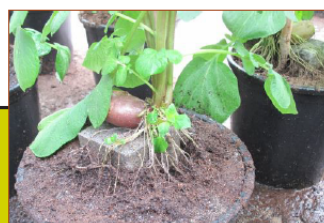
A photograph showing a tall, slender potato plant growing in a black plastic pot. The plant has many green leaves and a single red potato tuber is visible above the soil surface. The soil is dark brown and appears moist.

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Practical problems with 1 cycle?

Solutions:

- Shift submission of tubers to Jan 1st (or 15th at the latest)
- Shift DNA test to end of January (results available before planning of trial)
- Put all low frequency flowering varieties in flowering test (based on TQ data) or shift this test to summer/fall

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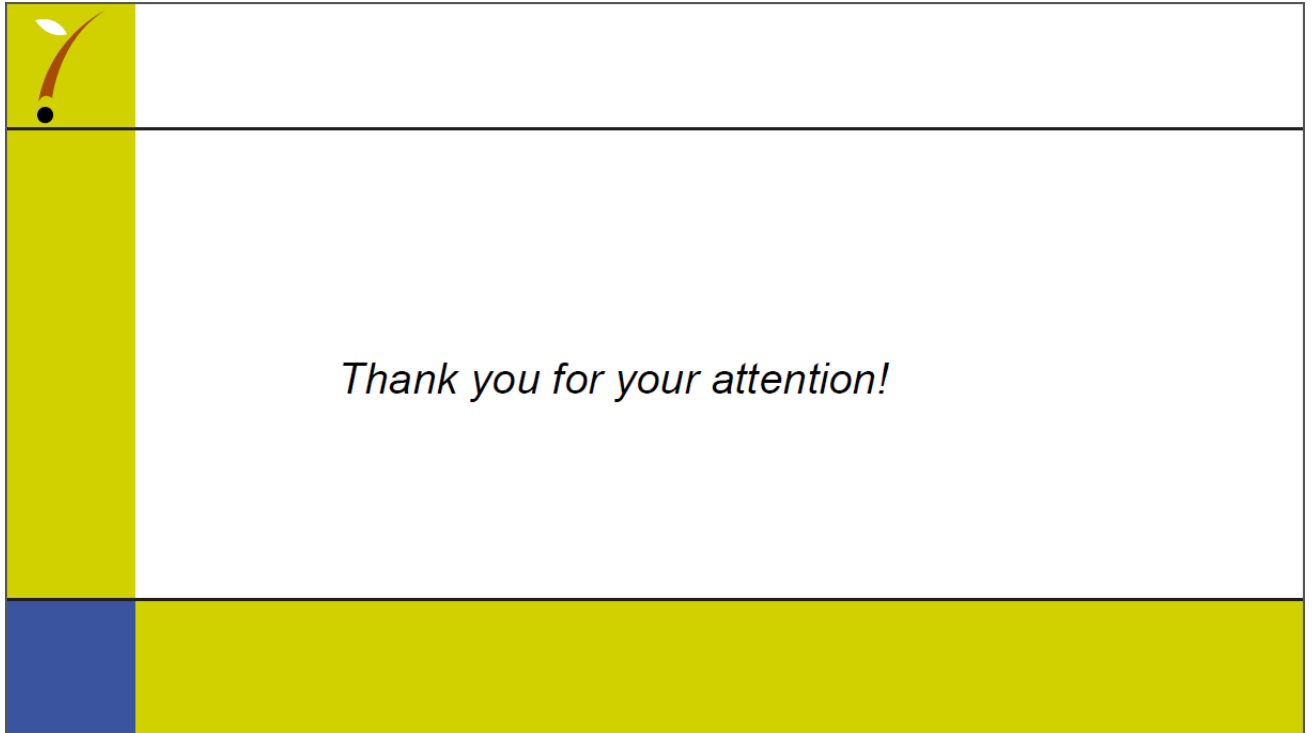


Number of growing cycles in potato?

Conclusion:

- **Q:** can we reduce the number of growing cycles for DUS in potato to 1 without loss of quality?
- **A:** Yes for the majority of varieties, provided that time schedules can be adjusted.
- In case of doubt, add 2nd cycle.
- N.B. VCU will remain 2 yrs!

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NUMBER OF GROWING CYCLES IN POTATO VARIETIES – DUS EXAMINATION OF LIGHTSPROUTS

Presentation by an expert from Poland at the forty-sixth session of the Technical Working Party
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Number of growing cycles in POTATO varieties DUS examination of lightsprouts

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Growing seasons 2011-2012

	Characteristic/Variety	Variety 1		Variety 2		Variety 3		Variety 4		Variety 5		Variety 6		Variety 7		Variety 8		Variety 9		Variety 10		Variety 11		Variety 12	
		T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F
1	Lightsprout: size	3	3	5	5	3	3	5	6	5	5	3	3	5	5	3	3	5	7	5	3	5	5	3	3
2	Lightsprout: shape	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	2	2	4	4	1	1
3	Lightsprout: intensity of anthocyanin coloration of base	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	5	5	7	7	5	5	5	7	5	5	7	7	5	7
4	Lightsprout: proportion of blue in anthocyanin coloration of base	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1
5	Lightsprout: pubescence of base	5	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	1	1	1	2	5	5	1	5	5	5	7	7	3	3
6	Lightsprout: size of tip in relation to base	5	5	3	3	5	5	3	3	5	5	4	3	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	7	5	5	3	4
7	Lightsprout: habit of tip	1	3	1	1	3	3	1	1	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
8	Lightsprout: anthocyanin coloration of tip	5	4	7	7	5	5	7	7	1	1	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	5	3	3	7	7	3	5
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10	Lightsprout: number of root tips	7	7	5	5	7	7	7	6	5	5	7	7	5	5	3	3	3	5	5	5	7	7	5	5
11	Lightsprout: length of lateral shoots	5	4	3	3	5	5	7	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	3	3	6	7	5	5	5	5	3	3

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comparison of temporary (T) and final (F) variety descriptions for 12 varieties

variety descriptions from two growing seasons 2011, 2012

differences are indicated in yellow colour

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Growing seasons 2012-2013-2014

	Characteristic/Variety	Variety 1			Variety 2			Variety 3			Variety 4			Variety 5			Variety 6		Variety 7		Variety 8		Variety 9			Variety 10	
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TP/023/2 Final

comparison of temporary (T) and final (F) variety descriptions for 10 varieties

variety descriptions from two growing seasons 2012, 2013 and for some varieties additional (3) growing season 2014

differences are indicated in yellow colour

differences between 2012 a 2013 result from a change of the conditions in the growing chamber (light, temperature), for comparison added some variety descriptions from 2014

Growing seasons 2013-2014

	Characteristic/Variety	Variety 1		Variety 2		Variety 3		Variety 4		Variety 5		Variety 6		Variety 7		Variety 8		Variety 9	
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comparison of temporary (T) and final (F) variety descriptions for 9 varieties

variety descriptions from two growing seasons 2013, 2014

differences are indicated in yellow colour

no differences – 2013-2014

Growing seasons 2014-2015

	Characteristic/Variety	Variety 1		Variety 2		Variety 3		Variety 4		Variety 5		Variety 6		Variety 7		Variety 8		Variety 9		Variety 10	
		T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F
1	Lightsprout: size	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7
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comparison of temporary (T) and final (F) variety descriptions for 10 varieties

variety descriptions from two growing seasons 2014, 2015

differences are indicated in yellow colour

Growing seasons 2015-2016

	Characteristic/Variety	Variety 1		Variety 2		Variety 3		Variety 4		Variety 5	
		T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F
1	Lightsprout: size	7	7	5	5	5	5	7	7	7	7
2	Lightsprout: shape	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
3	Lightsprout: intensity of anthocyanin coloration of base	5	5	3	3	5	5	1	1	1	1
4	Lightsprout: proportion of blue in anthocyanin coloration of base	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	Lightsprout: pubescence of base	5	5	3	3	5	5	1	1	1	1
6	Lightsprout: size of tip in relation to base	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
7	Lightsprout: habit of tip	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5
8	Lightsprout: anthocyanin coloration of tip	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
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TP/023/2 Final

comparison of temporary (T) and final (F) variety descriptions for 5 varieties

variety descriptions from two growing seasons 2015, 2016

differences are indicated in yellow colour

no differences – 2015-2016

Conclusions

- modification of growing conditions in the chamber(temperature, light) since 2013 growing season had significant impact on attributed notes
- there are generally slight differences (or no differences) between temporary and final variety descriptions for potato lightsprouts characteristics
- reduction of observation seasons for potato lightsprouts could be possible

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Thank you for your attention

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IMPACT OF NUMBER OF GROWING CYCLES ON VARIETY DESCRIPTIONS AND
DISCRIMINATION POWER IN POTATO

Presentation by an expert from Germany at the forty-seventh session of the Technical Working Party
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Background

TC/53, 2017:

- TC invited presentations to the TWPs on the impact of using different numbers of growing cycles on DUS decisions using actual date
- TC agreed in relation to costs for DUS examination that the number of growing cycles should be the **minimum necessary for a robust DUS decision and the establishment of a reliable variety description.**
- TC agreed that the appropriate number of growing cycles should be established on a **crop-by-crop basis.**

TWA/47, 2017

- Examples on wheat and barley (DE, UK) and potato (PL, NL)
- Further examples invited for 2018

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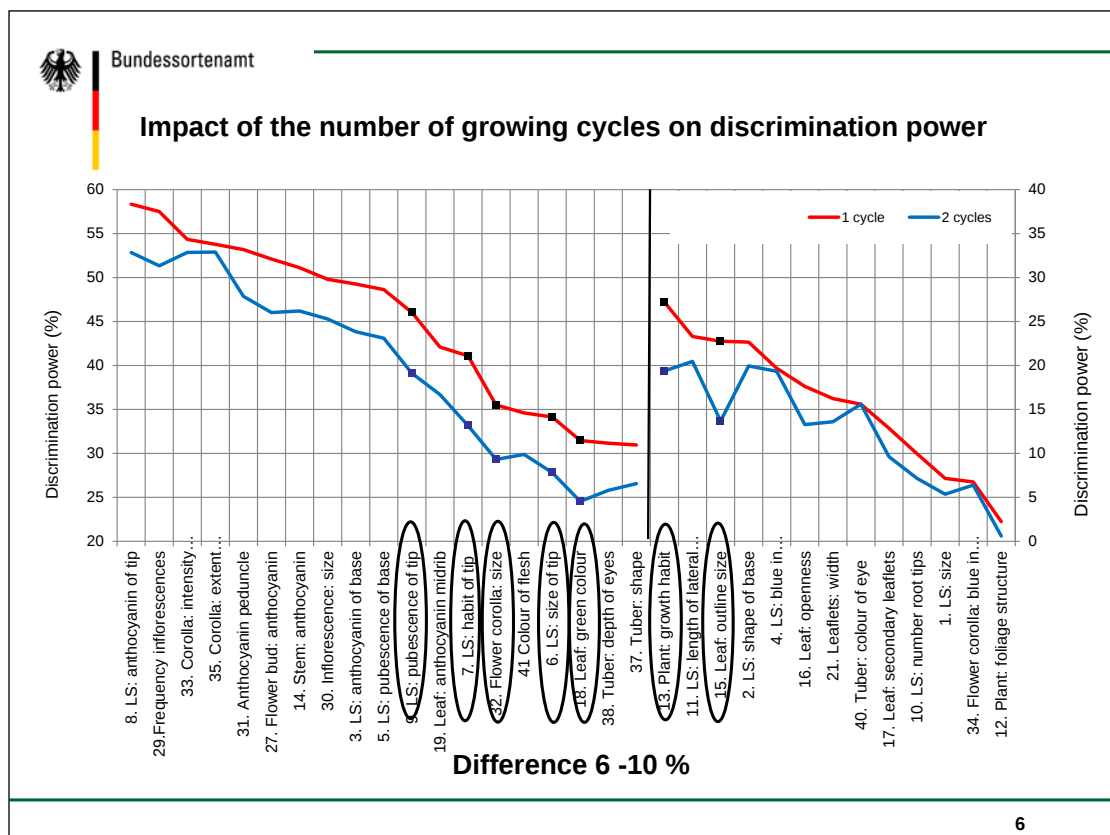
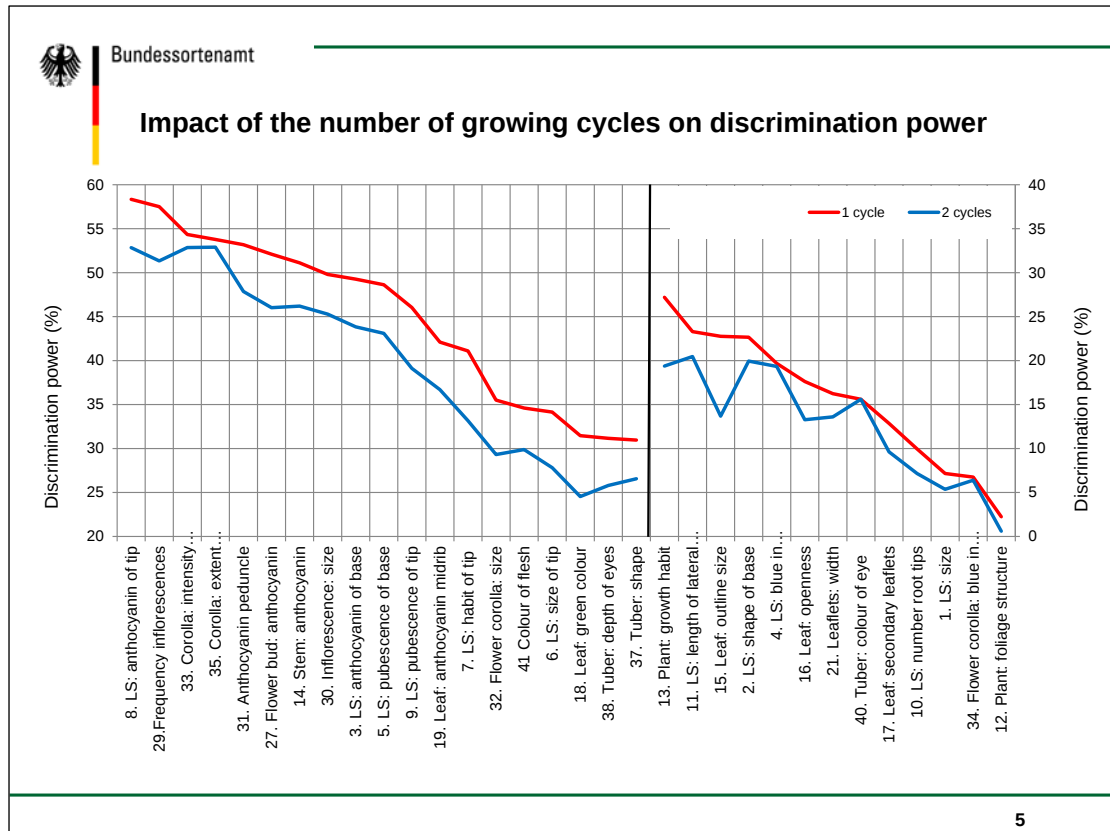
Introduction

- TG/23/6 for Potato: minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles.
- Aim of this study: to validate whether two growing cycles are necessary or the duration of test could be reduced.
- Impact of the number of growing cycles was analyzed for quantitative characteristics in potato on the basis of data from actual DUS trials



Data for analysis of discrimination power from DUS growing trials:

- Trials comprise about 360 varieties, incl. 50-70 candidates in 1st and 2nd year.
- Discrimination power of individual characteristics was calculated based on 2nd-year-candidates. Comparison to all varieties in the same growing trial.
- Two distinctness tests performed:
 - (a) '1-cycle': second year only.
Two varieties are considered to be distinct if a clear difference was observed.
 - (b) '2-cycles': second year and first year.
Two varieties are considered to be distinct if a clear difference in the same direction was observed in both years.
- Same analysis 2013 to 2017. In total, about 130 candidates compared to 350 reference varieties, resulting in ca. 45,000 pairwise comparisons.





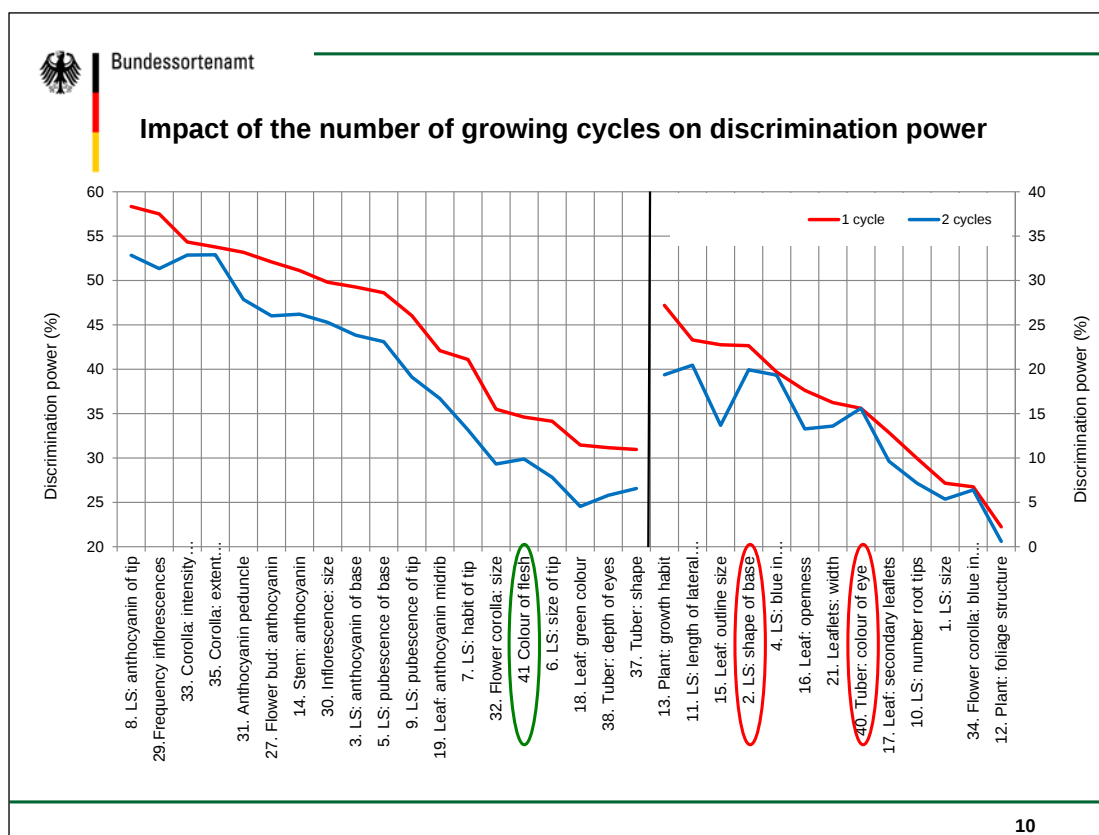
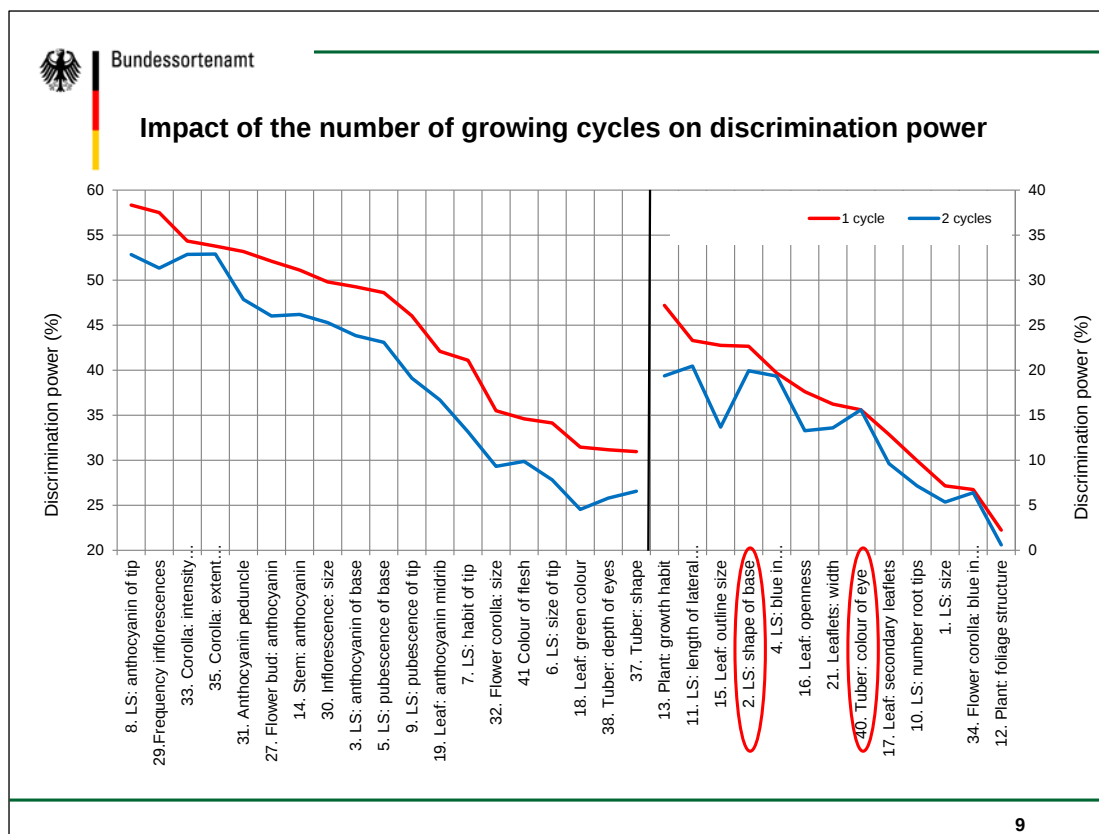
Impact on discrimination power:

- discrimination power in a single cycle between 58 % and 2 %.
- clear difference observed in one cycle was not always confirmed in the second cycle
- consequently, discrimination power was lower after 2 cycles (up to 10 % less)
- '2 out of 3 cycles' option was not analyzed
- reliable decisions based on a single cycle, would require larger minimum differences for some characteristics
- larger minimum differences would lead to lower discrimination power



Data for analysis of variety descriptions:

- Orthogonal DUS observations for 211 varieties in 6 successive growing cycles (2012-2017)
- For each variety establishment of
6 annual descriptions and
6 descriptions over 2 cycles
- The variation of descriptions over one and two cycles was analyzed (maximum difference between the 6 descriptions).
- Same characteristics as for distinctness analysis

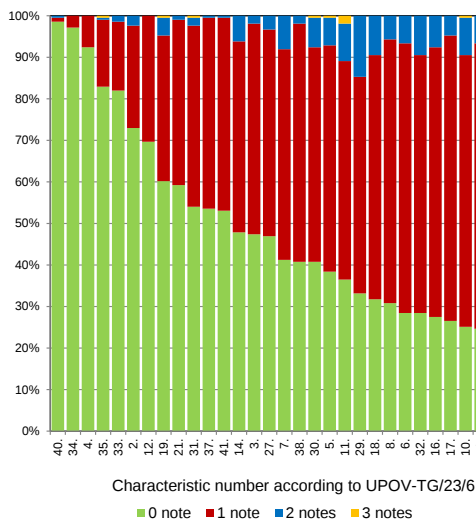




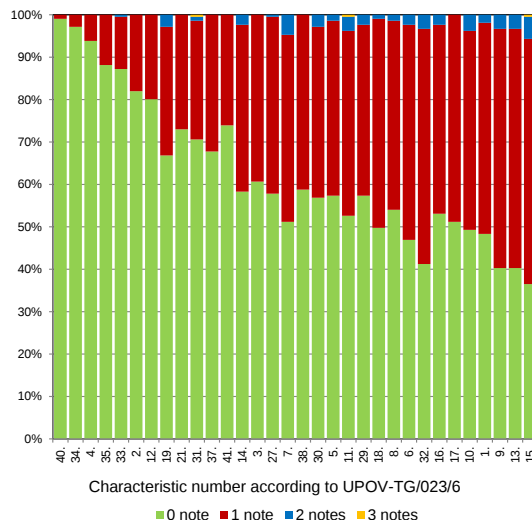
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Difference between variety descriptions (Maximum difference between 6 descriptions per variety, 211 varieties)

1-cycle variety descriptions



2-cycle variety descriptions



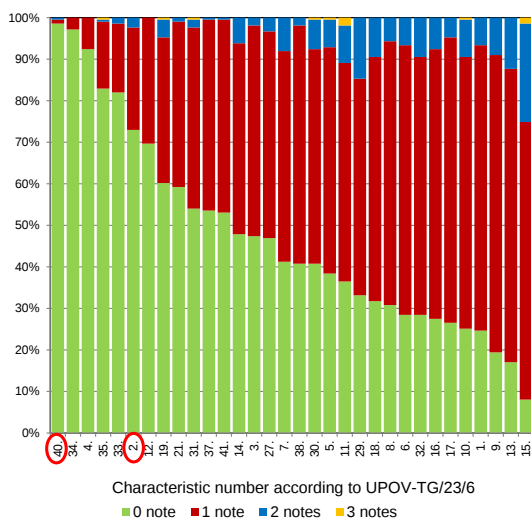
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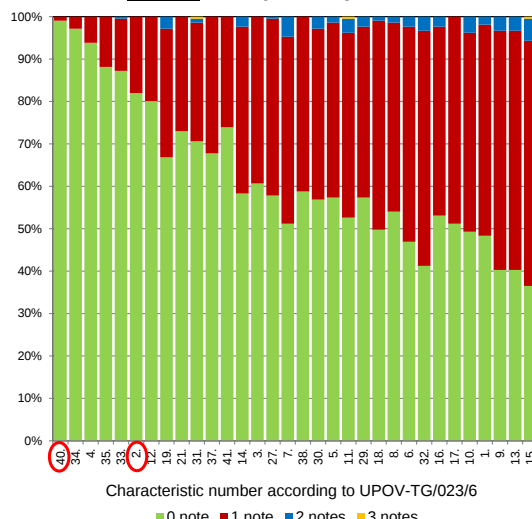
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Difference between variety descriptions (Maximum difference between 6 descriptions per variety, 211 varieties)

1-cycle variety descriptions



2-cycle variety descriptions



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Impact of the number of growing cycles on variety descriptions:

- Frequency of zero notes difference considerably higher between 2-cycle descriptions. Summary over all characteristics:

Differences	1-cycle	2-cycles
0 notes	47 %	62 %
1 note	47%	36 %
>1 note	6 %	2 %

- 1 note difference can be considered as quite stable descriptions. Nevertheless, +/- 1 note can lead to different decisions.
- Two cycles produce more robust descriptions.
- Robust descriptions have particular importance for databases used for management of reference collections (impact on thresholds and efficiency to exclude varieties from growing trials).



Conclusion

- Number of growing cycles has significant impact on distinctness decisions and variety descriptions
 - Impact on distinctness decisions for varieties compared in the same growing trials
 - Impact on the management of the reference collection on the basis of descriptions stored in a database.
- Two growing cycles produce more robust variety descriptions and DUS decisions.
- The recommended minimum number of two growing cycles should be followed.
- Variety descriptions based on two cycles provide a better basis for enforcement.



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Introduction

- TC 2017 considered impact of number of growing cycles
- TC: number of growing cycles should be the minimum necessary for a robust DUS decision and the establishment of a reliable variety description.
- TC: number of growing cycles should be established on crop-by-crop basis.

- TGs wheat, barley and potato: minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles.
- Aim of this study: to validate whether two growing cycles are necessary or the duration of test could be reduced.
- Impact of the number of growing cycles was analyzed on the basis of data from actual DUS trials in winter wheat, winter barley and potato performed in DE (see TWA/46/8 Annex I, TWA/47/5)



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1. Analysis of discrimination power

Data for Potato:

- Trials comprise about 360 varieties, incl. 50-70 candidates in 1st and 2nd year.
- Discrimination power of individual characteristics was calculated **based on 2nd-year-candidates**. Comparison to all varieties in the same growing trial.
- Two distinctness tests performed:
 - (a) '1-cycle': second year only (year 0)
 - (b) '2-cycles': second year and first year (year 0 / -1)
Two varieties are considered to be distinct if a clear difference in the same direction was observed in both years.
- Same analysis 2013 to 2017. In total, about 130 candidates compared to 350 reference varieties, resulting in ca. 45,000 pairwise comparisons.



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Data for Winter Wheat and Winter Barley:

- Trials comprise about 600 varieties in wheat and 300 varieties in barley.
- Discrimination power of individual characteristics was calculated **based on all varieties in the same growing trial(s)**.
- Distinctness analyzed in three steps:
 - (a) '1 cycle': Comparison of all varieties in the trial (year 0)
 - (b) '2 cycles': For varieties also grown in the year before, distinctness was assessed in both years (year 0 / -1)
Two varieties are considered to be distinct if a clear difference in the same direction was observed in both years.
 - (c) '2 out of 3 cycles': For varieties also grown the two previous years, distinctness was assessed in all 3 years (year 0 / -1 / -2)
Two varieties are considered to be distinct if a clear difference in the same direction was observed in at least 2 out of 3 years.



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- Two-year data are available for about 70% of the varieties and three-year data for about 50% of the varieties.
- Same analysis for 2014, 2015 and 2016
- Every year, the distinctness test included
 - (a) 1-cycle-comparisons: 40,000 in wheat and 30,000 in barley
 - (b) 2-cycle-comparisons: 25,000 in wheat and 15,000 in barley
 - (c) 2 out of 3 comparisons: 15,000 in wheat and 6,000 in barley

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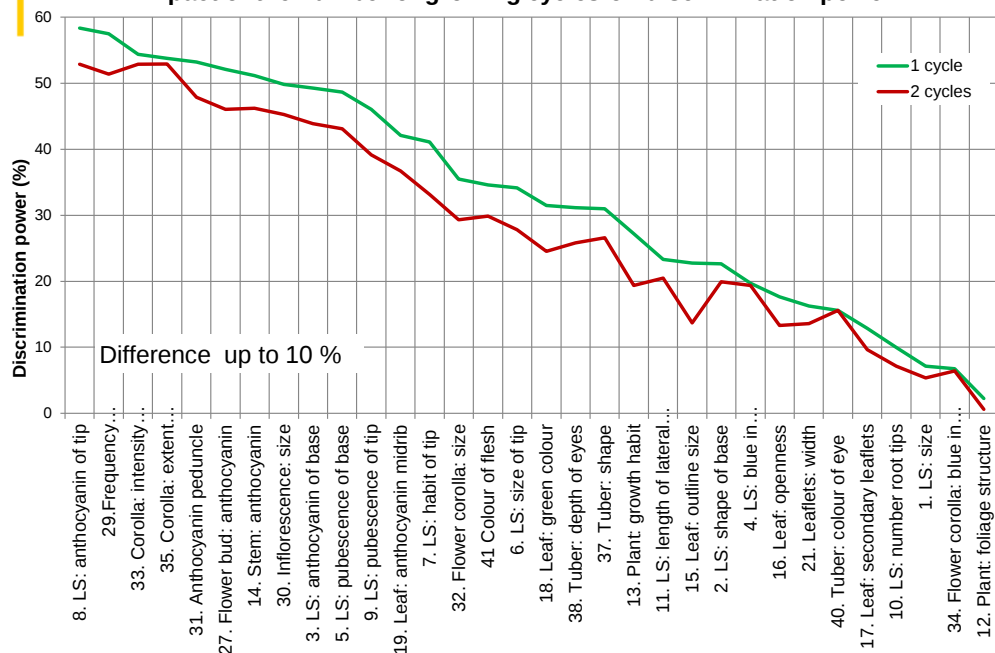
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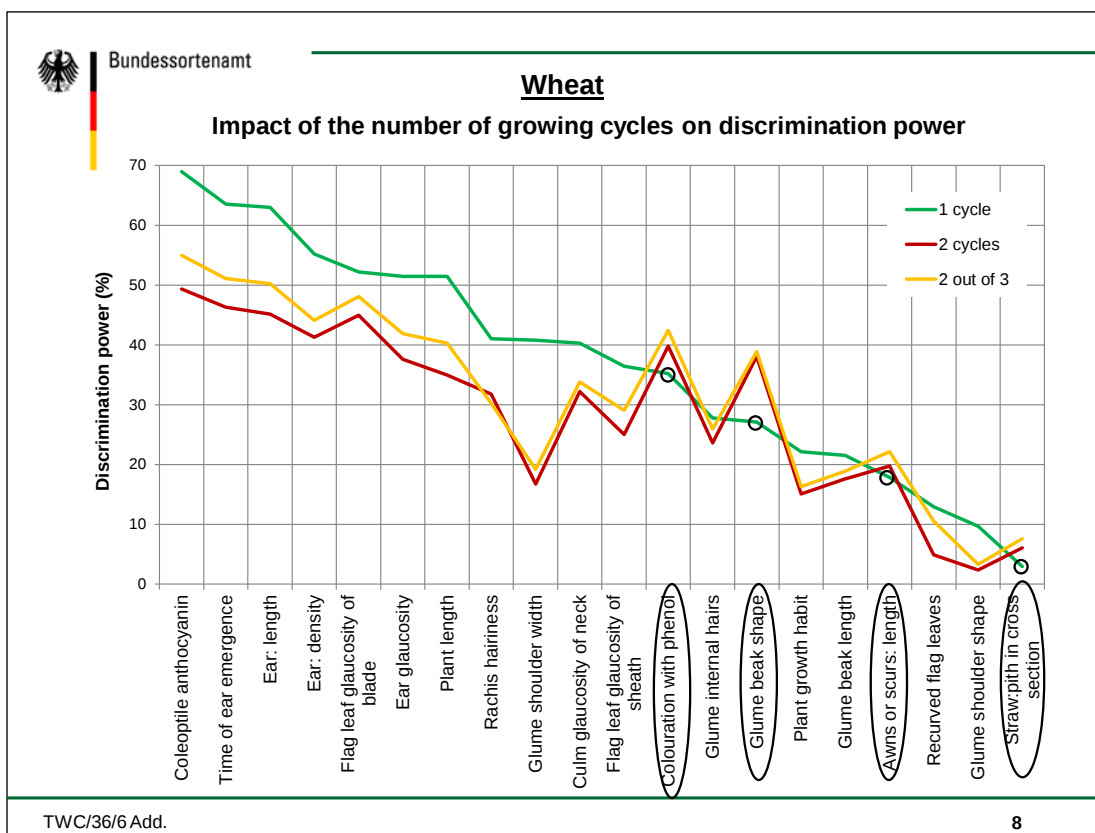
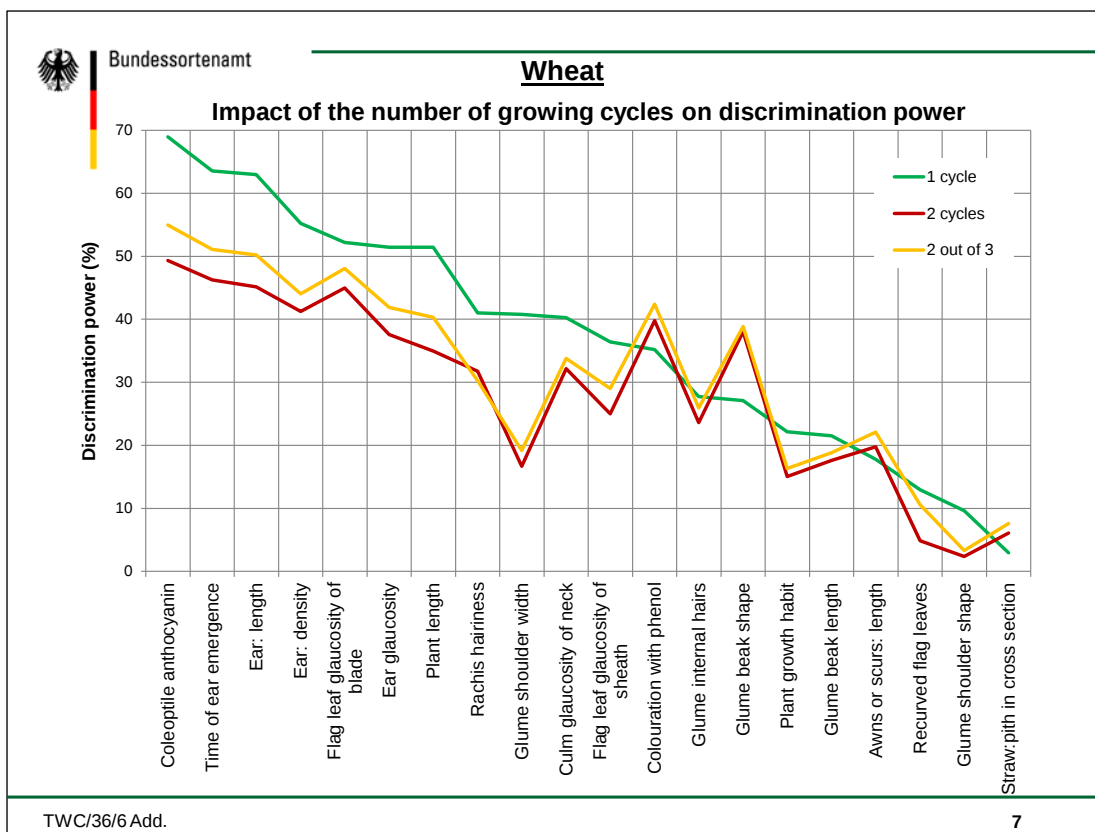
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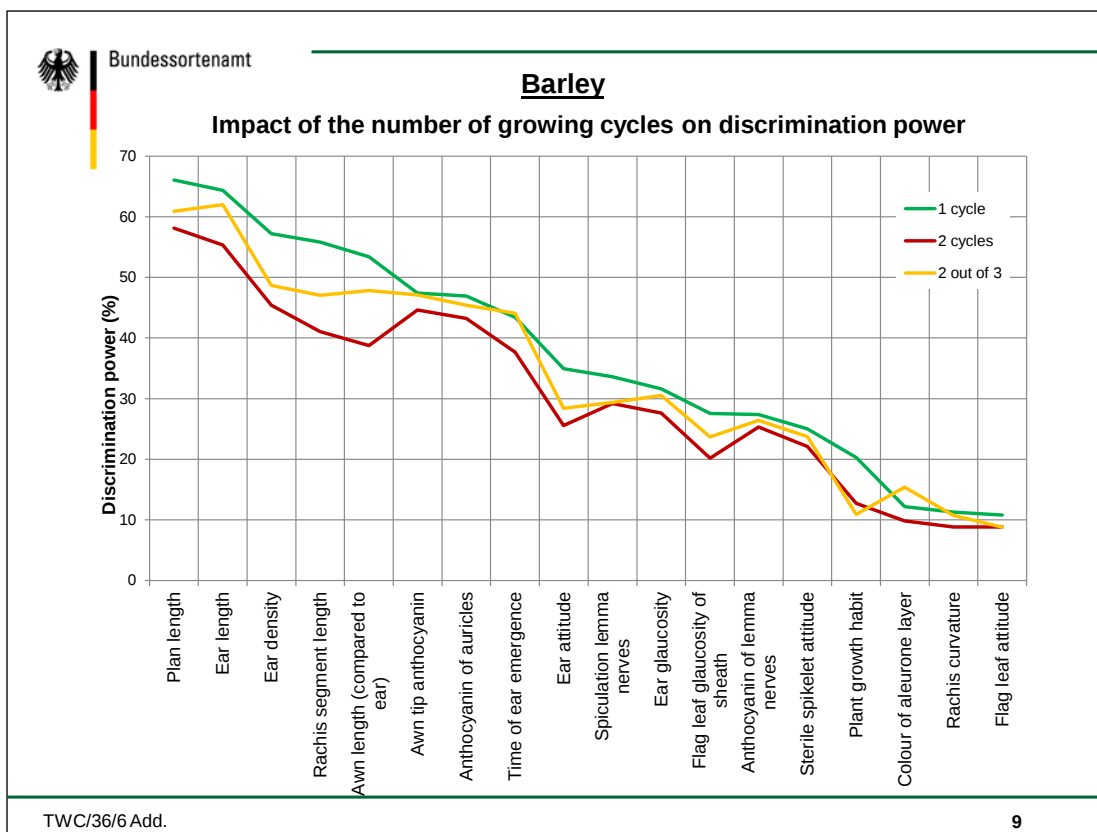
Impact of the number of growing cycles on discrimination power



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- #### Impact on discrimination power:
- clear difference observed in one cycle was not always confirmed in the 2nd cycle
 - consequently, discrimination power was lower after 2 cycles
 - 3 cycles better than 2 cycles because a difference in 1 cycle can be confirmed in 3rd cycle (3rd cycle not analyzed for potato because normally there are sufficient characteristics with clear differences after 2 cycles)
 - reliable decisions based on a single cycle, would require larger minimum differences for most characteristics
 - larger minimum differences would lead to lower discrimination power
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2. Analysis of variety descriptions

Data for Potato:

- Orthogonal DUS observations for 211 varieties in 6 successive growing cycles (2012-2017)
- For each variety establishment of
6 annual descriptions and
6 descriptions over 2 cycles
- The variation of descriptions over one and two cycles was analyzed (maximum difference between the 6 descriptions).
- Same characteristics as for distinctness analysis

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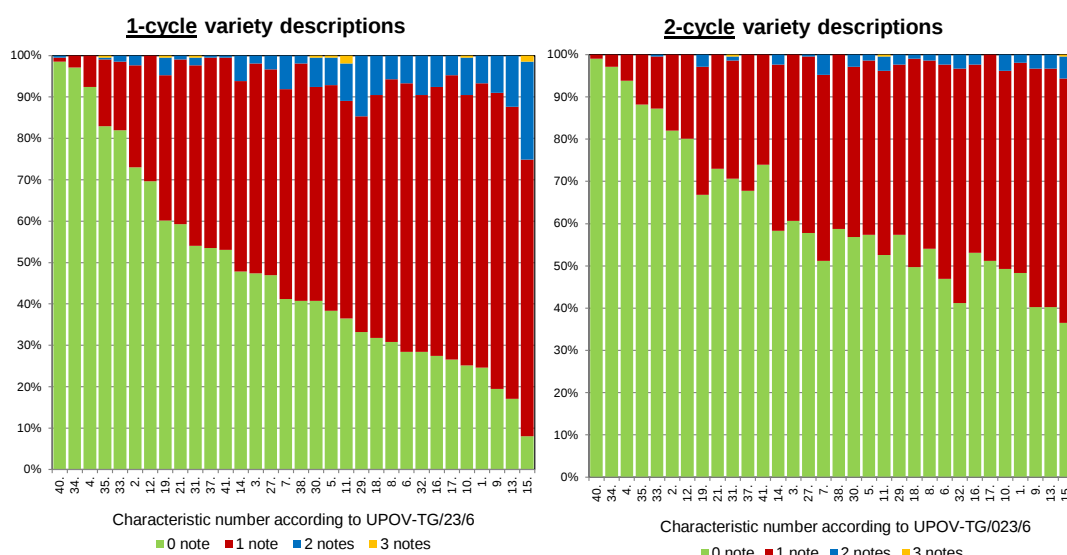
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Difference between variety descriptions

(Maximum difference between 6 descriptions per variety, 211 varieties)



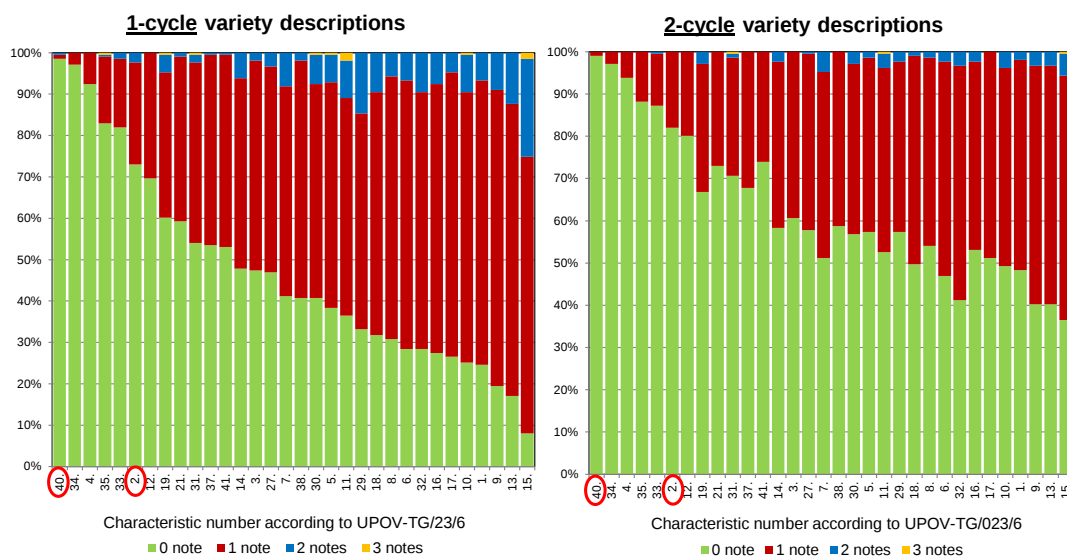
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Impact of the number of growing cycles on variety descriptions:

- Frequency of zero notes difference considerably higher between 2-cycle descriptions.
Summary over all characteristics:

Differences	1-cycle	2-cycles
0 notes	47 %	62 %
1 note	47%	36 %
>1 note	6 %	2 %

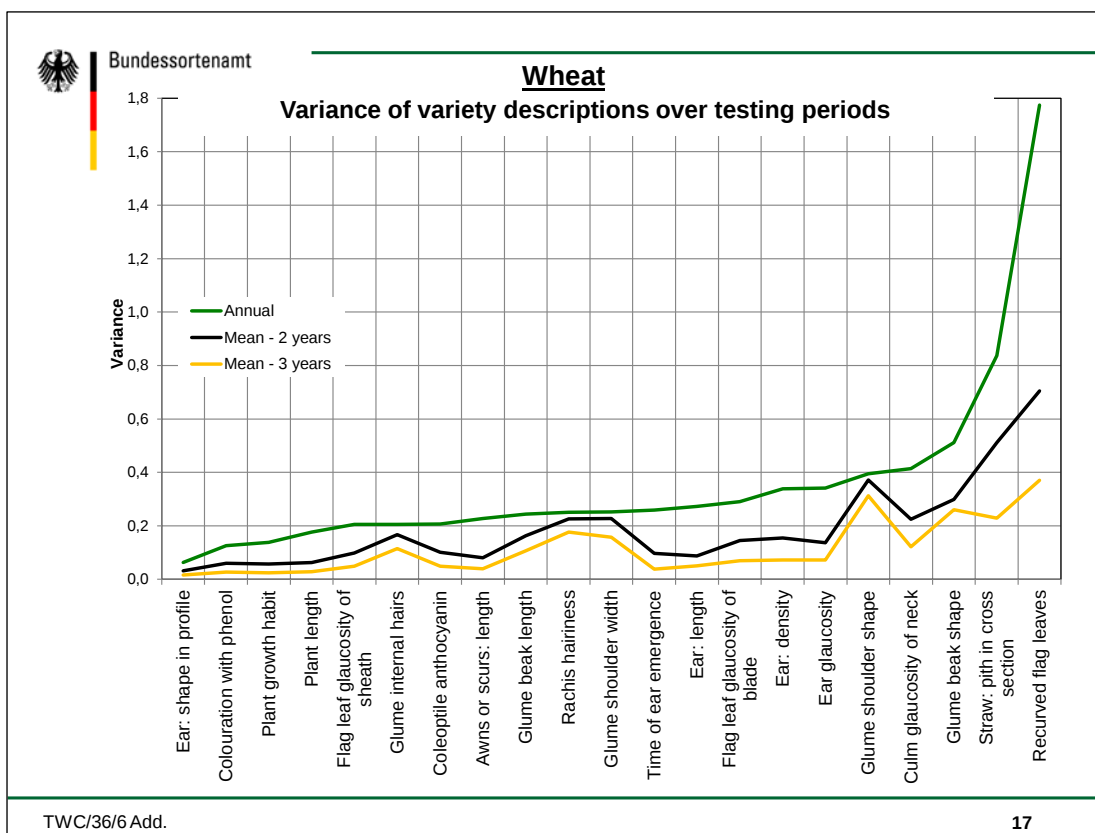
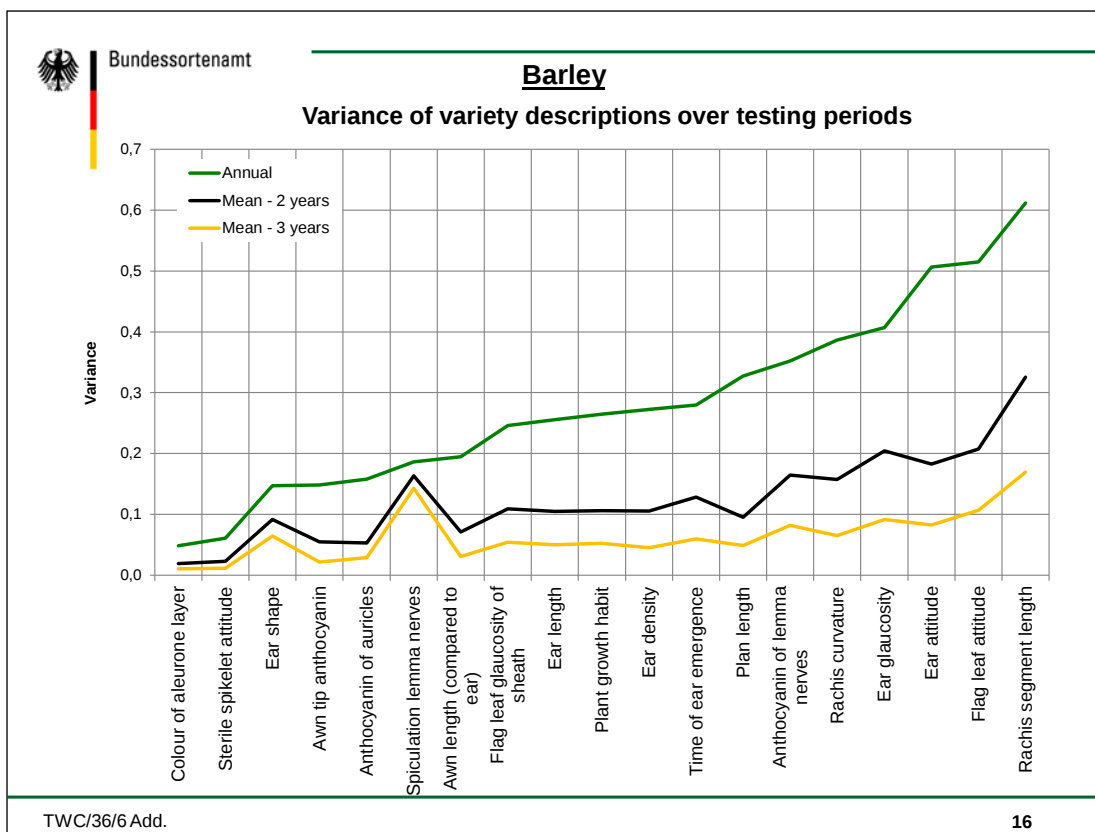
- 1 note difference can be considered as quite stable descriptions.
Nevertheless, +/- 1 note can lead to different decisions.
- Two cycles produce more robust descriptions.



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Data for Wheat and Barley:

- DUS observations for 77 winter wheat varieties and 47 winter barley varieties in 6 successive growing cycles were used to establish
annual descriptions (year 0)
descriptions over 2 cycles (year 0 / -1)
descriptions over 3 cycles (year 0 / -1 / -2)
- The variation of descriptions over one, two and three cycles was calculated





Conclusions

- Number of growing cycles has significant impact on distinctness decisions and variety descriptions
 - Impact on distinctness decisions for varieties compared in the same growing trials
 - Impact on the management of the reference collection on the basis of descriptions stored in a database.
- Two growing cycles produce more robust variety descriptions and DUS decisions.
- Current recommendation in TG Barley, TG Wheat and TG Potato is appropriate: "Minimum duration of test should normally be two independent growing cycles".



- Minimum duration of test should be followed to establish official variety description (basis for identification & enforcement)
- Robust descriptions have particular importance in databases used for management of reference collections (impact on thresholds and efficiency to exclude varieties from growing trials).
- Descriptions in a database ("working description") should be based at least on the recommended minimum number of growing cycles. Any additional cycle can improve the quality of the description



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