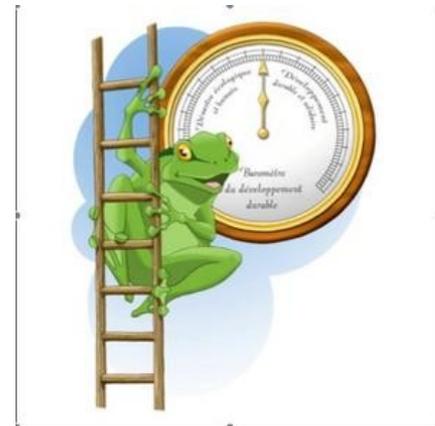




HARVEST 2013

No breaking news...

Farmers are too busy in the fields,



wondering what the frog is preparing for the coming days...



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Harvest 2013

Netherlands:

- Enough water in most of the regions, some could need more in the coming days
- Main crop parcels still vigorous, good growth potential
- First opinion (yields and tuber size) dependent on region and especially soils
- Tuber size quite heterogeneous. Innovator often still quite small, not enough length
- Potatoes seem to have suffered both from the heat and the drought
- Samplings Fontane : yield 42,6 t/ha, 8% 28-40, 39% 40-50, 54% 50+, 9,3 tubers/kg and 384 UWW

Harvest 2013

Belgium:

- Sufficient rain for now
- Main crop parcels still vigorous
- Yield below average
- Second growth has been reported in Bintje

UK:

- Enough water in the last days
- Now perfect growing conditions : dry weather, relatively warm
- Vigorous parcels with good potential
- Good yields up to now

Poland:

- Some light rainfalls in the last days, but water is needed
- Very high temperatures
- Growers who can irrigate do it
- Variable growth potential - depending on region, variety and recent water supply
- Good yields up to now, but big calibers and length are missing

Harvest 2013

Germany:

- North Germany : current yield around average or just below
- Some (light) rainfalls in South Germany, in most areas still too dry
- Water is still needed !
- Plants still relatively vigorous
- Slow tuber development, small calibers until now
- In general good potential if more water in the coming days

France:

- Enough water for now in most of the regions
- Good plant development, good vigor
- Yields are still behind, but huge growth during the last 14 days
- A few cases of second growth in Bintje

Main crop South Germany (no irrigation)

4 plants Fontane



4 plants Innovator



4 plants Agria



Main crop France

1m² Markies (irrigated)



2m² Fontane (not irrigated)



Main crop Netherlands

Parcel Miranda (not irrigated)
South East NL



3 plants Fontane
Polder region NL

