



Epidemics and control of late blight, 2009 in Europe

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Late Blight Country Reports

General objective:

- To provide an overview of the late blight seasons in Europe
- Support of specific surveys (i.e. EucaBlight results),
- Support the implementation of Directive 2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides (October 2009)

Specific objective:

- Summary presentation at EuroBlight workshops.
- Report in the EuroBlight workshop proceedings

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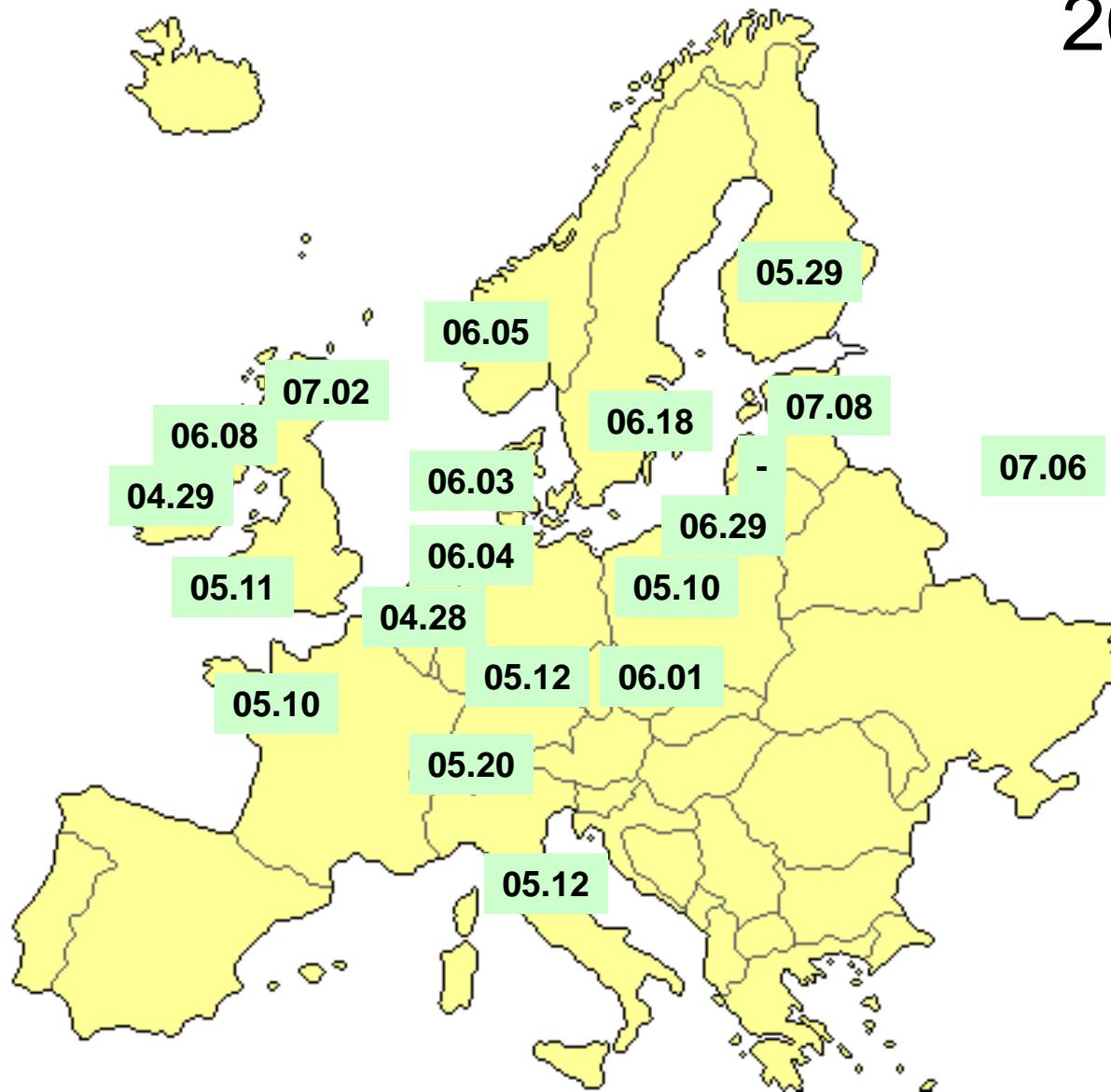
Late blight country reports - Questions

EuroBlight Country Profile Data

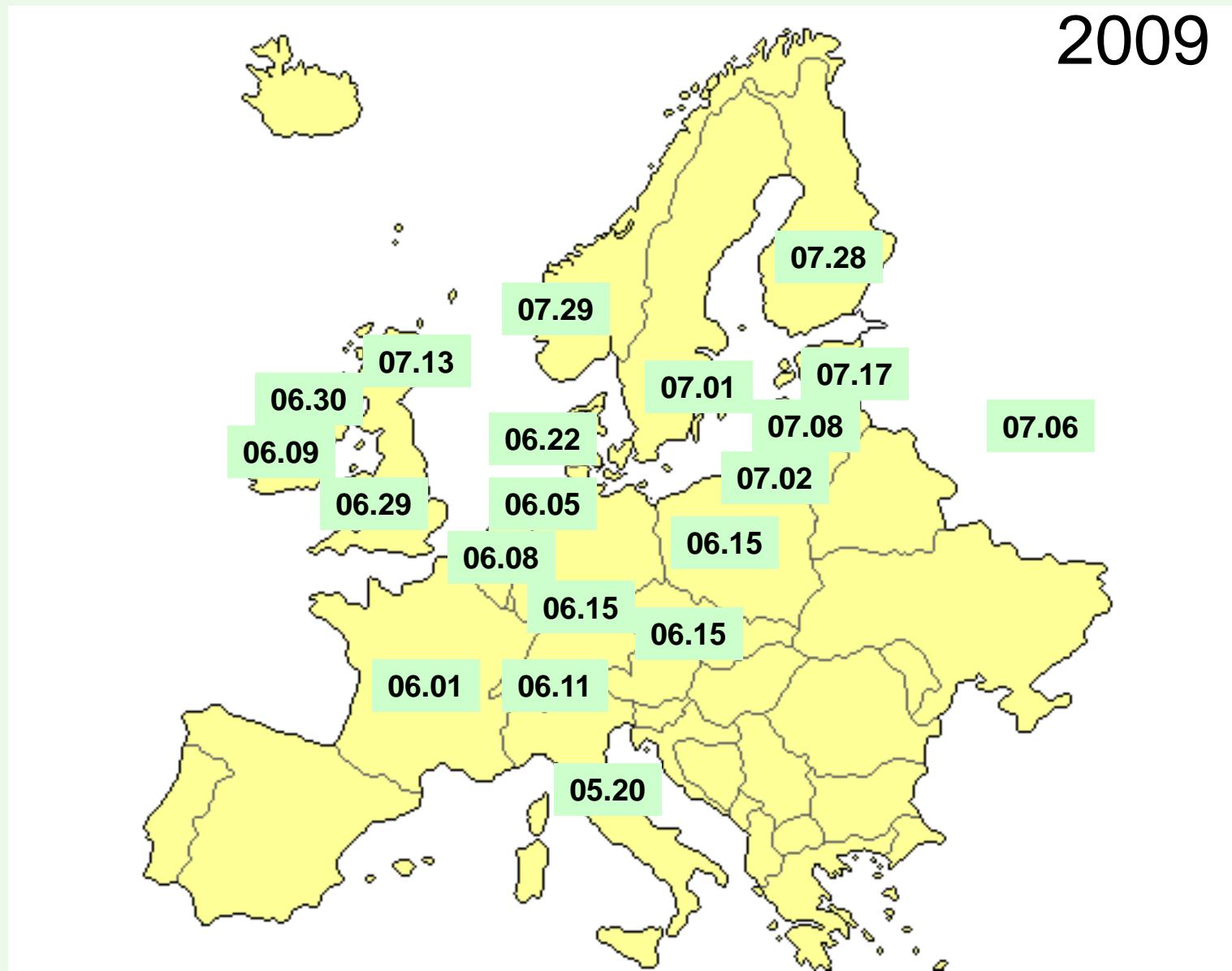
- **SUMMARY**
- **Early outbreaks of potato late blight**
- **Weather conditions and late blight development**
- **Use of fungicides and control strategies**
- **Organic potatoes**
- **Tuber blight**
- ***Alternaria* ssp**
- **Characteristics of *Phytophthora infestans***
- **Use of cultivars**
- **Use of DSS +**
- **Actions and NAP preparing for Directive 2009/128/EC**

First observation of late blight in covered or very early planted potatoes

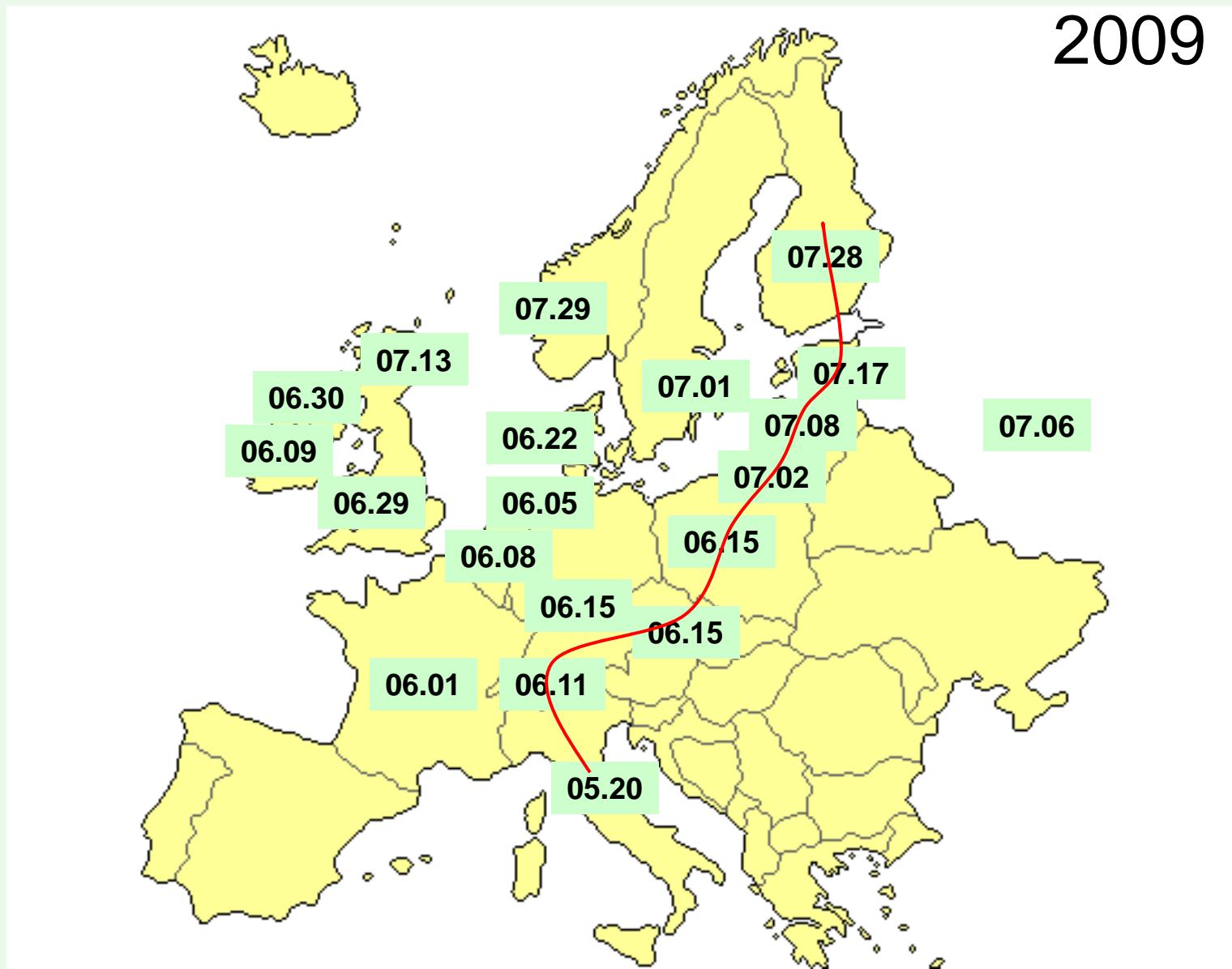
2009



Date when first infections were reported in more than 5 conventional, normally planted potato fields



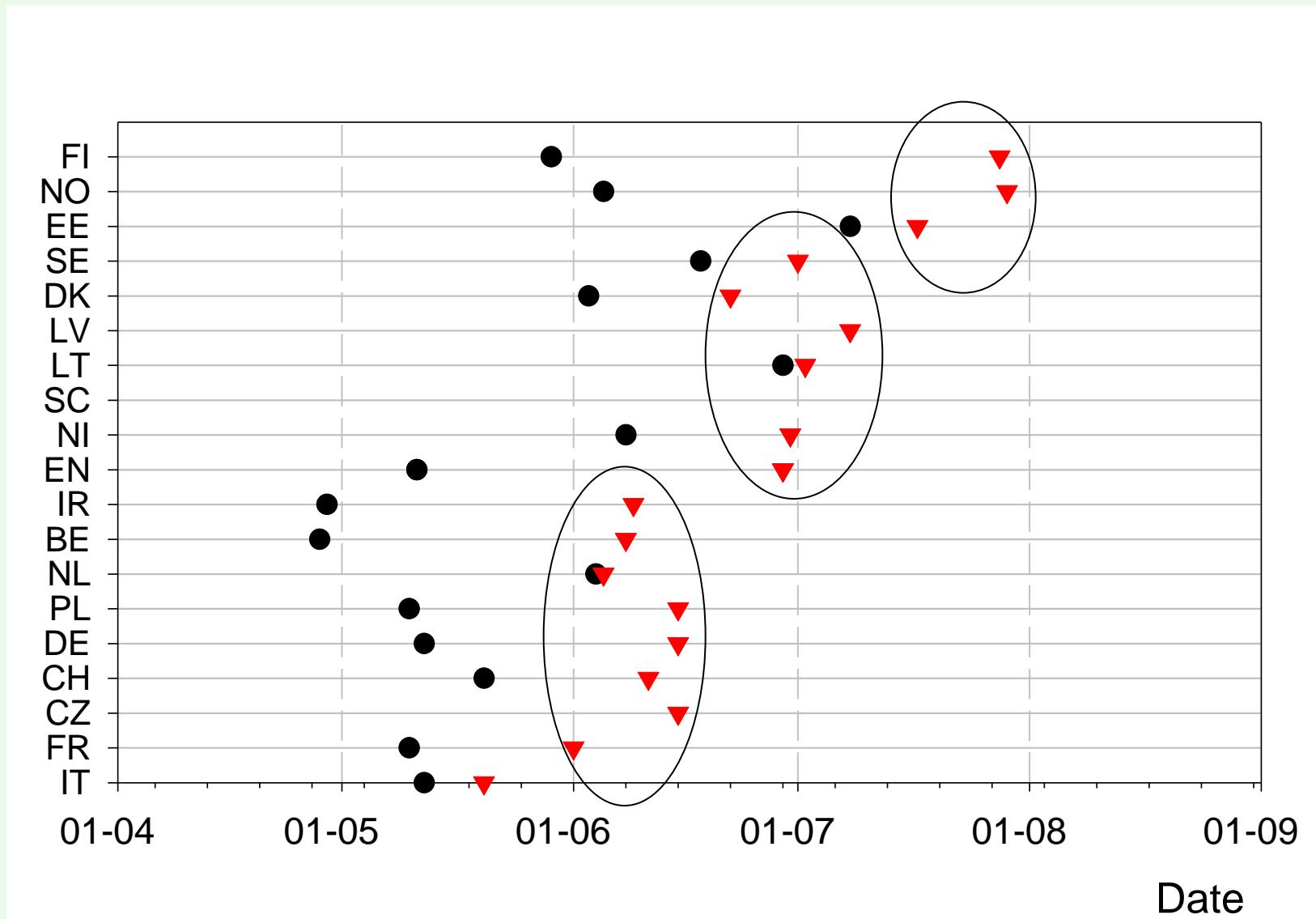
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First infections, 2009

● = Covered potatoes, dumps, oospores

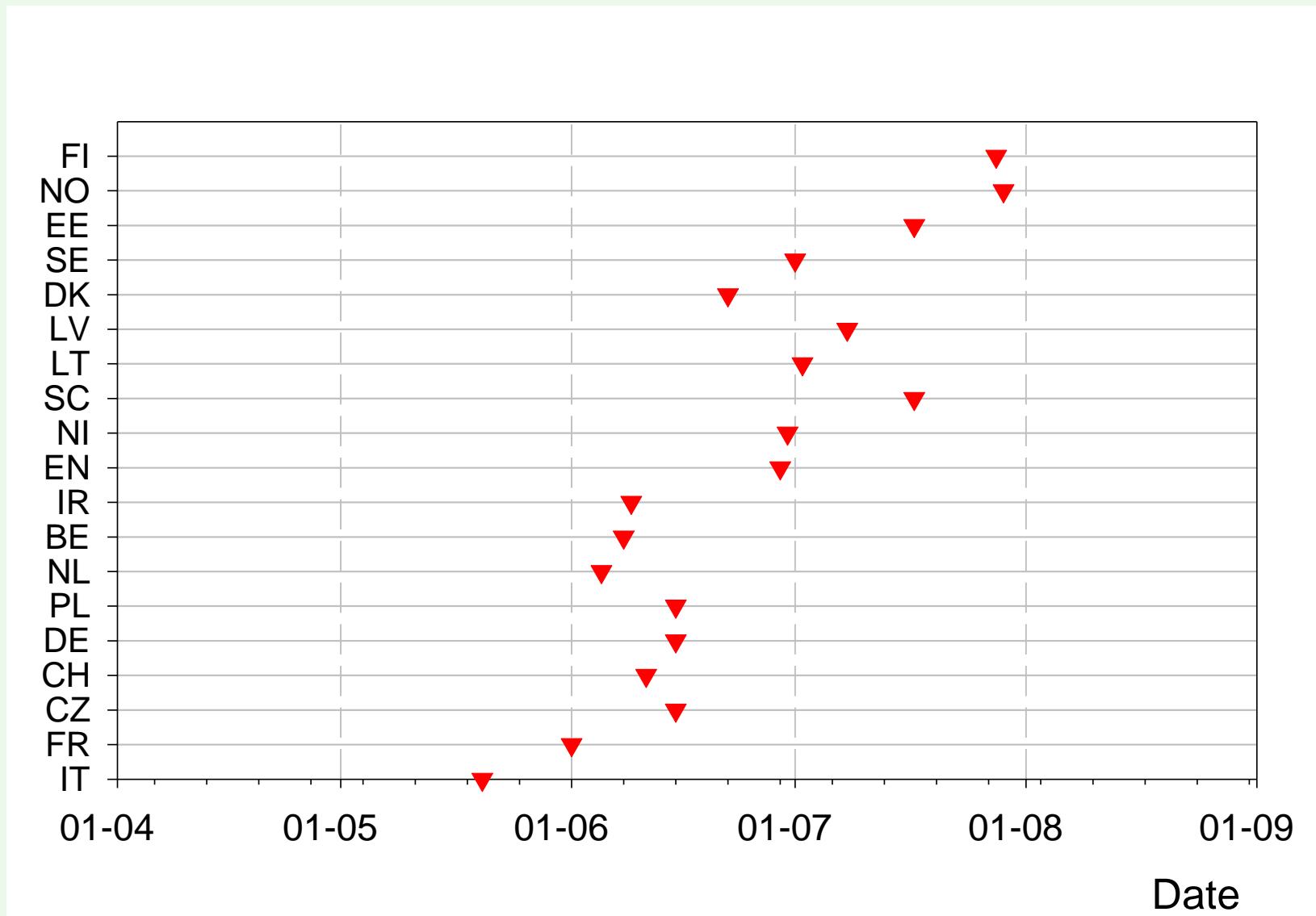
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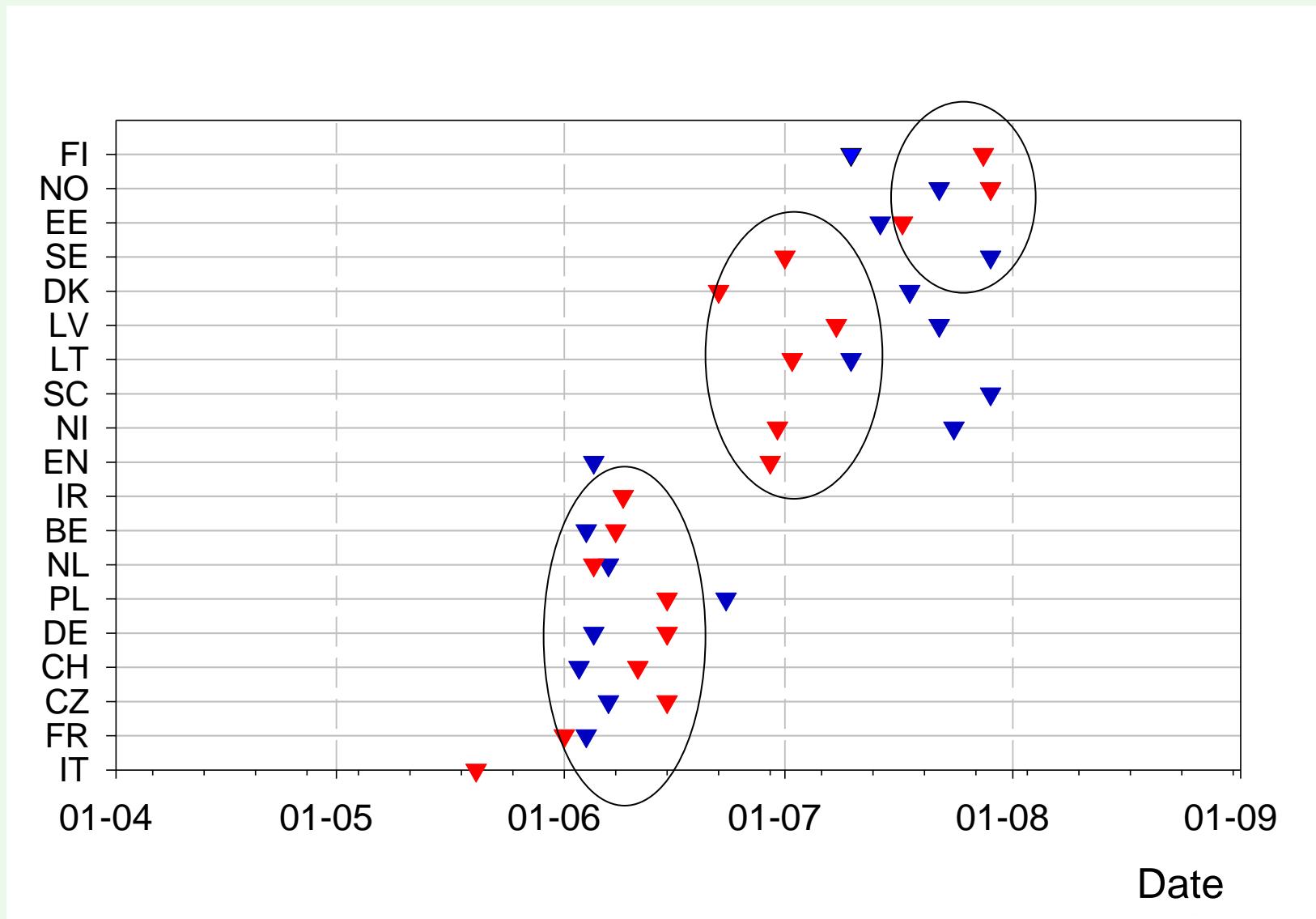
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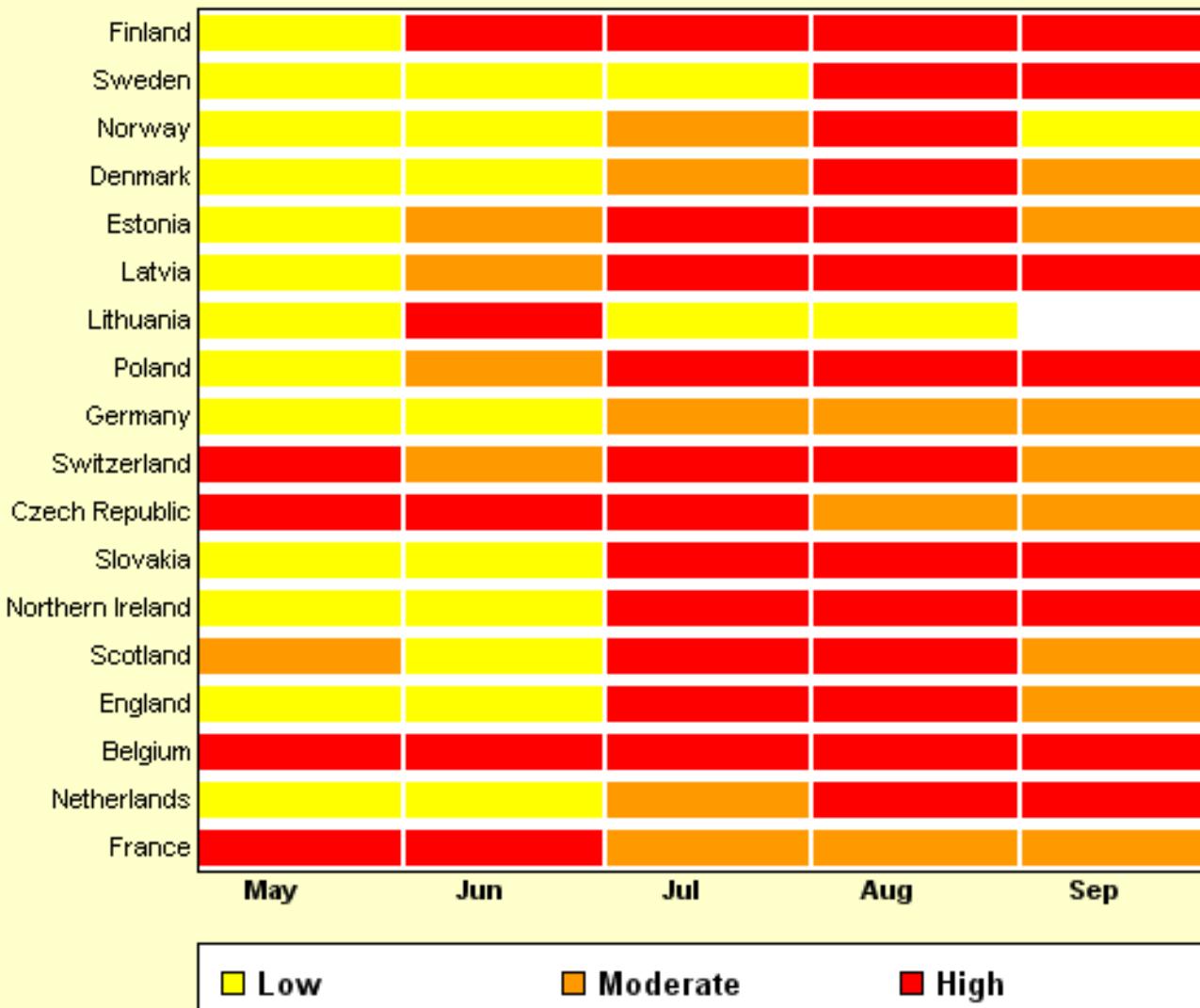
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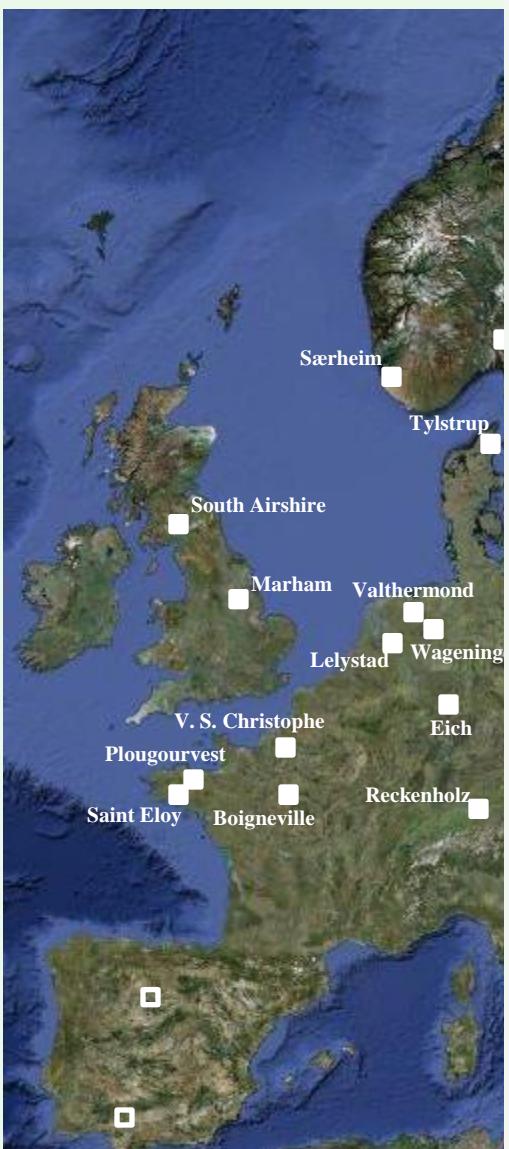
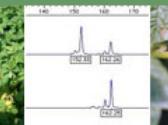
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Weather based late blight risk, 2008

Weather based late blight risk in 2008





Select specification

Country

Denmark

Weather station

Flakkebjerg

Year

2009

End date

25-08-2009

Weather data type

Temperature and precipitation

Number of models

3

Model no. 1

Infection Pressure

RH threshold:

90% 88% 85%

Model no. 2

WURCP

RH threshold:

90% 88% 85%

Model no. 3

Smith Criteria

RH threshold:

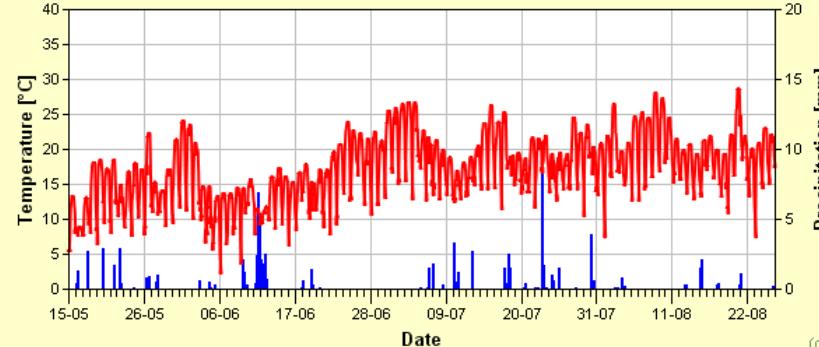
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Show new date interval

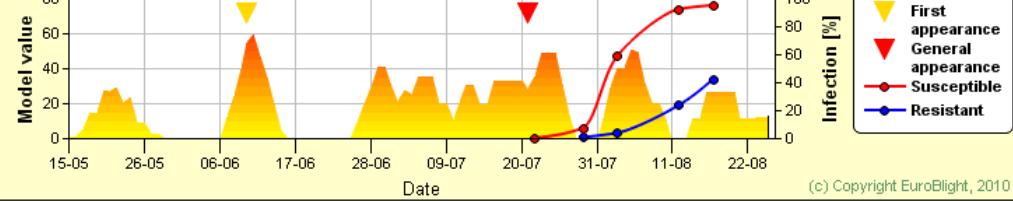
Compare submodels

Weather data from Flakkebjerg



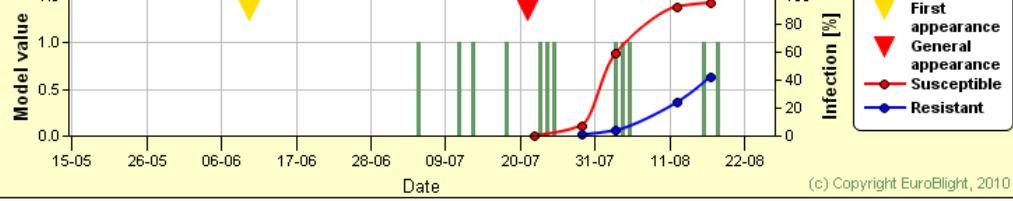
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Infection Pressure RH threshold = 88%



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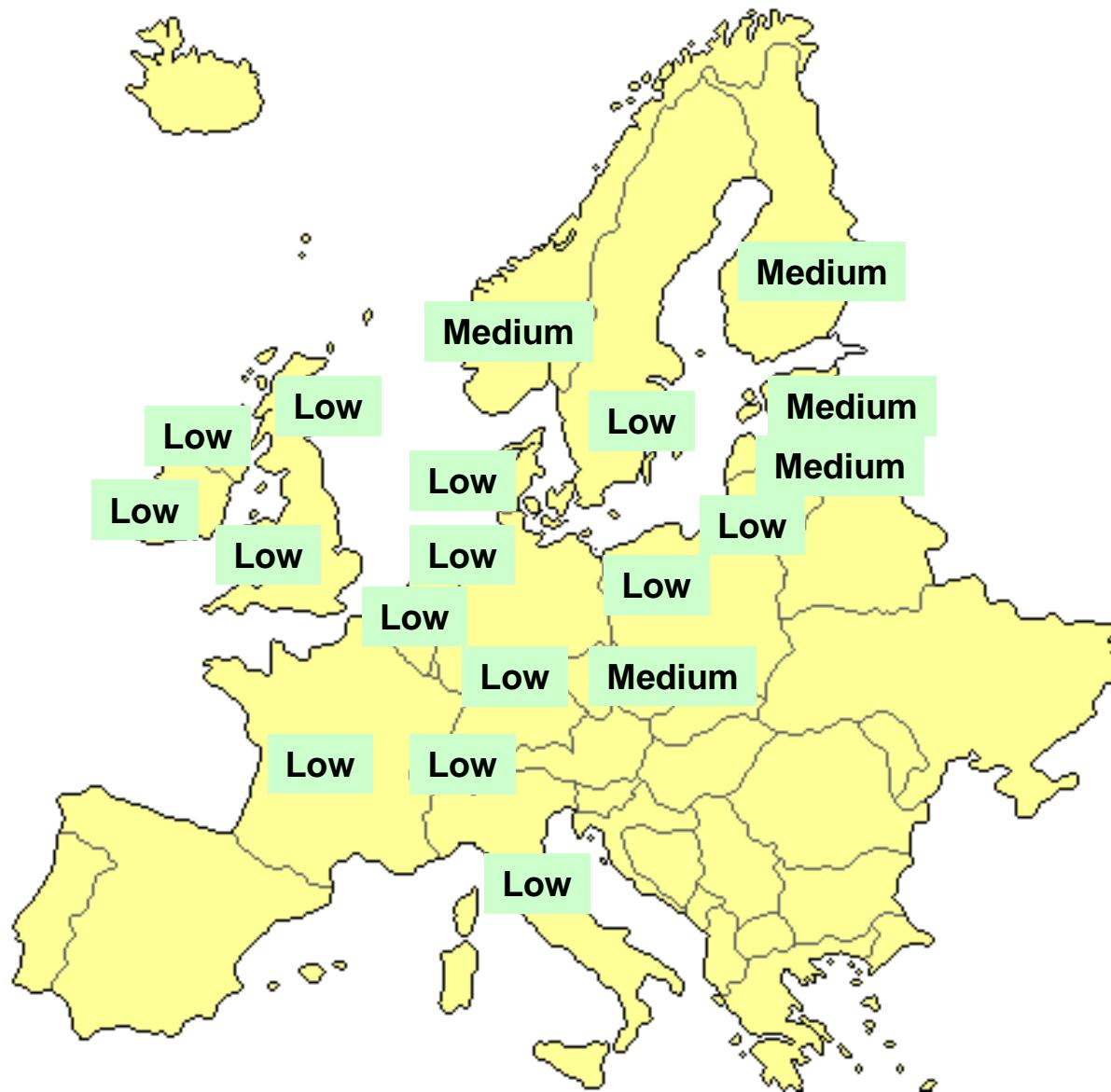
WURCP

Days with risk of infection

At selected stations 2009



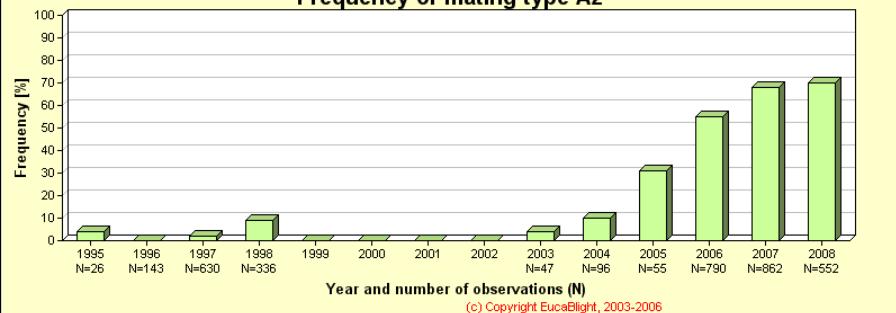
Problems with tuber blight, 2009 (compared to normal)



Frequencies of mating type A2

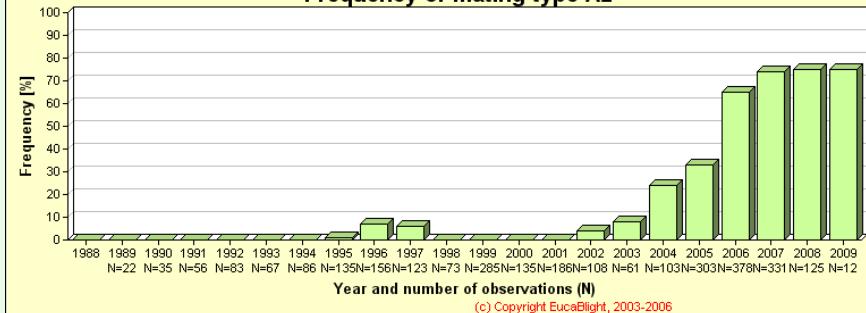
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Frequency of mating type A2



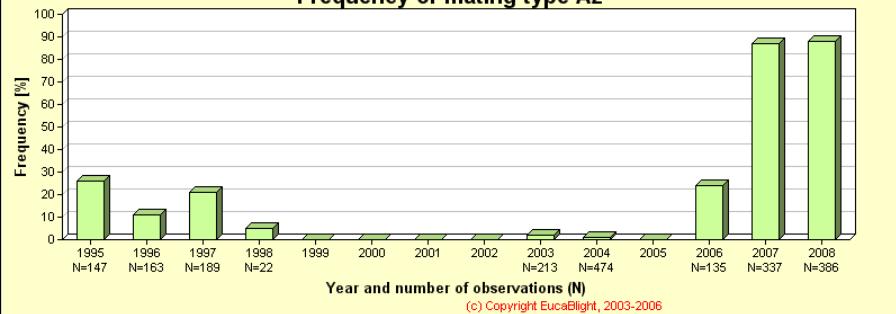
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Frequency of mating type A2



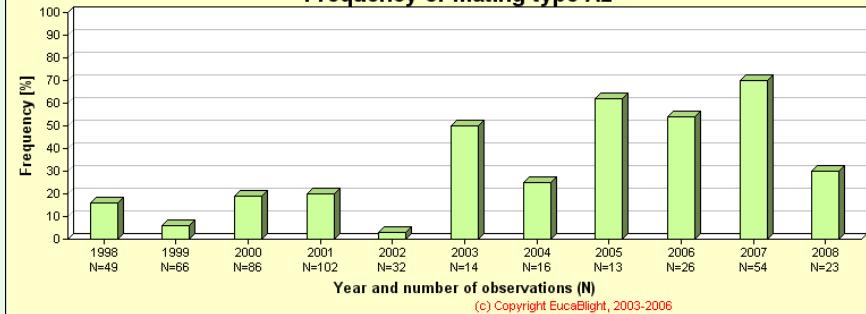
Scotland

Frequency of mating type A2



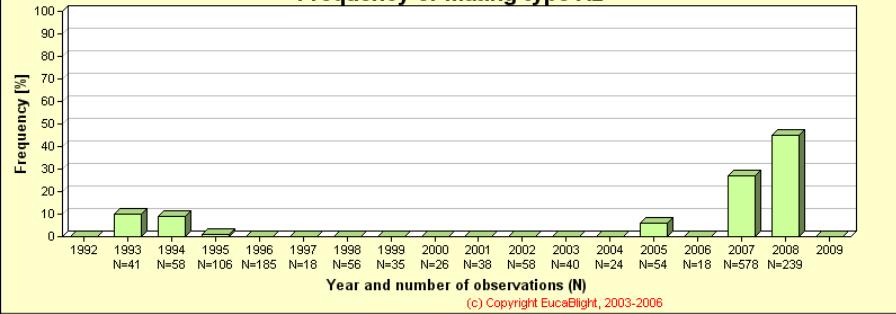
Belgium

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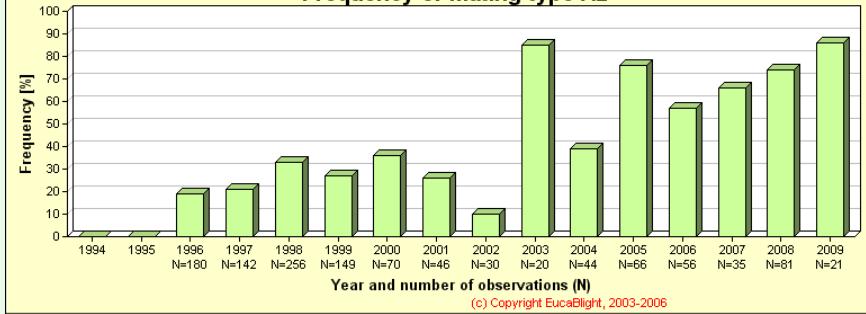
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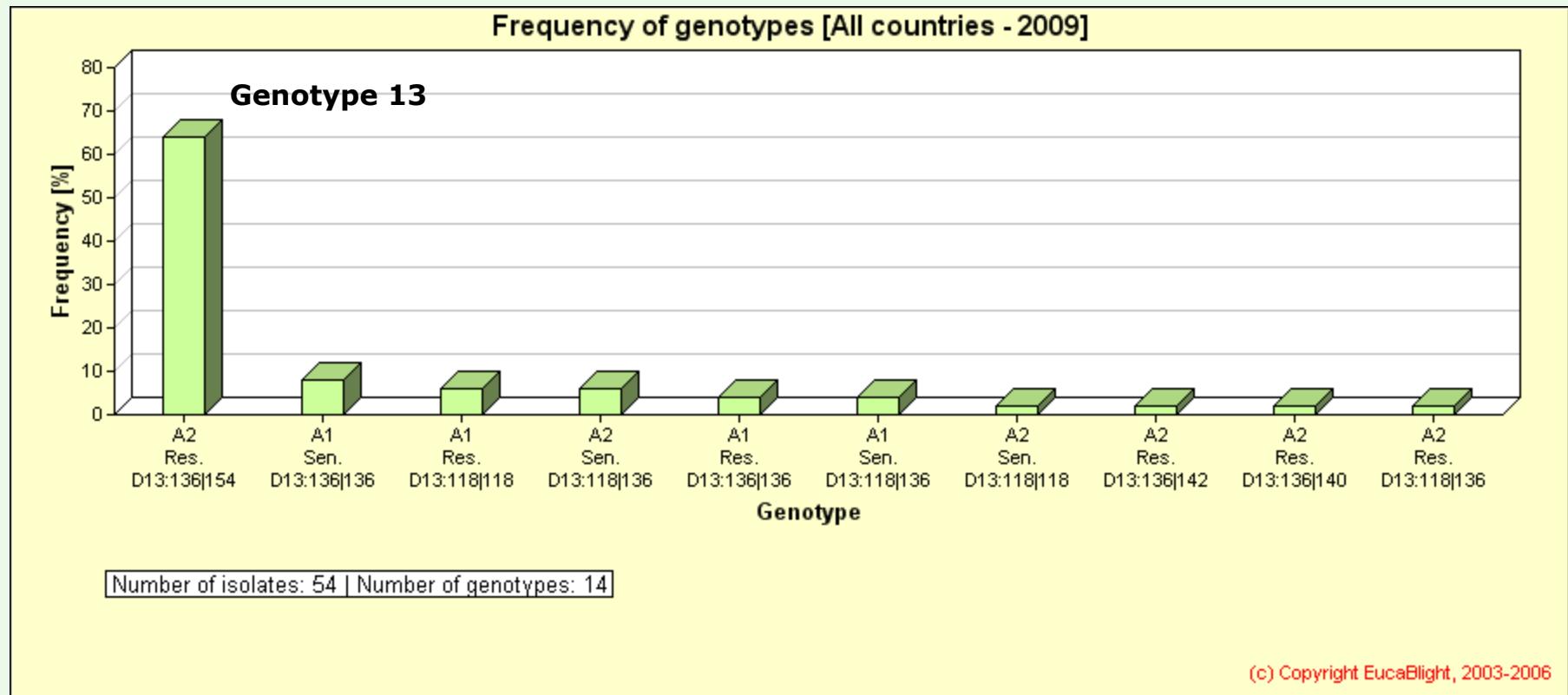
Poland

Frequency of mating type A2



Genotypes 2009 – 54 isolates from 5 countries

Genotype, combination of traits = Mating type, sensitivity to metalaxyl, marker D13



Use of DSSs

Belgium	Warning based on Guntz-Divoux
Czech Republic	Negative prognosis
Denmark	PlanteInfo - Blight Management
UK	Blight-Watch and Plant Plus
Estonia	Jõgeva PBI web system
France	Mileos (MilPV + MildiLIS)
Germany	PhytophthoraModel Weihenstephan, ISIP
Netherlands	ProPhy and Plant Plus
N. Ireland	DARD Blight-Net
Norway	VIPS
Russia	Plant Plus, VNIIIF-3 and SimCast+VNIIIF-3
Sweden	(Plant Plus)
Switzerland	PhytoPRE+2000



Related projects

Title	Description	Status	Themes
Production and survival of oospores, II [OOSPORE II]	Experiments in field and greenhouse with influence of cover crops, soil temperature and humidity on survival of oospores.	Duration 2007 - 2010 Responsibility Sabine Ravnkov	Inoculum sources Oospores
Development of a modeling platform and integration of decision support systems [ENDURE]	1) A joint DSS test platform, which can include different DSSwill be tested and validated. 2) Validation of the DSS submodels with biological data. 3) Principles for a Risk Dependent Fungicide Input Model, where fungicide dose, intervals and timing vary as a function of infection pressure, potato variety type and local climatic conditions will be identified.	Duration 2009 - 2010 Responsibility Bent J. Nielsen	DSS Fungicide degradation Modelling Weather
Test of Late blight DSSs [DOSE]	Semi field test of Plant Plus (NL) and Blight Management - Dose model (DK) for the chemical control of potato late blight	Duration 2009 - 2010 Responsibility Bent J. Nielsen [bent.nielsen@agrsci.dk]	DSS Modelling
Test of new fungicides [Fungicide]	Field experiments regarding approval test of new compounds for the control of late blight	Duration 2010 - 2010 Responsibility Bent J. Nielsen [bent.nielsen@agrsci.dk]	
Sustainable resistance against Phytophthora in potato through cisgenic marker-free modification (DuRPh)	In field experiments and simulation studies the use of different sets of resistance genes in space and time is investigated.	Duration 2006 - 2016 Responsibility Anton Haverkort [anton.haverkort@wur.nl]	GMO Potato Host resistance
Control of late blight in organic potatoes	In field experiments, strategies with low amounts of copper and other products are investigated.	Duration 2008 - 2010 Responsibility Kees Bus, Huub Schepers [kees.bus@wur.nl]	Copper Organic potato
Fungicide trials	Test efficacy of new fungicides and or new strategies to control late and early blight in potato	Duration 2010 - 2010 Responsibility Harro Spits, Bert Evenhuis, Huub Schepers [harro.spits@wur.nl]	Fungicide efficacy
Optimizing DSS including lower dose rates of fungicides	In 3 field trials and on 6 farmers fields different modules (including lower dose rates) of DSS are tested under practical conditions.	Duration 2010 - 2011 Responsibility Huub Schepers, Joanneke Spruijt, Bert Evenhuis, Huub Schepers, Joanneke Spr [joanneke.spruijt@wur.nl]	DSS Fungicides Reduced dose rate
Proof of principle for a control strategy based on virulence monitoring within the local blight population	Two field trials with 6 varieties are surrounded by 50 monitoring plots with 6 varieties with R-genes. The presence of isolates in these plots influences the spray decisions in the control	Duration 2010 - 2011 Responsibility	DSS Host resistance Virulence

**Tank you for your attention !
And thanks to all country editors**

