

Ban on glyphosate

Results from a case study in Germany

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I. Background

- (1) Glyphosate is the most used herbicide and the key herbicide in minimum tillage systems. Within the EU the admission of Glyphosate expired in the end of 2015. Due to different scientific assessments on the health risk of Glyphosate and a political debate on the use of Glyphosate the readmission was scheduled to July 2016. Even if the readmission is likely it is not safe due to the political debate.
- (2) Therefore, the question arises how and at which costs farmers would adapt their production systems to a ban of glyphosate.

II. Goals

- (1) Show how Glyphosate is used in German production systems
- (2) Show options to adapt to a glyphosate ban and resulting costs in Germany
- (3) Get an impression on other European countries

III. Key questions to address

- (1) Where in the production system is glyphosate used?
- (2) What are the implications of a glyphosate ban for the production systems?
- (3) How high are the resulting costs?