CAMPAIGNING FOR BETTER PRACTICES (IPM) IN THE FOOD CHAIN.

STICHTING NATUUR EN MILIEU Hans Muilerman.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN

- Identify target group
- Develop campaigning angle
- Create discussion and debate
- Target group to take responsibility
- Realise reduction of the use of pesticides (by changing ways of production)

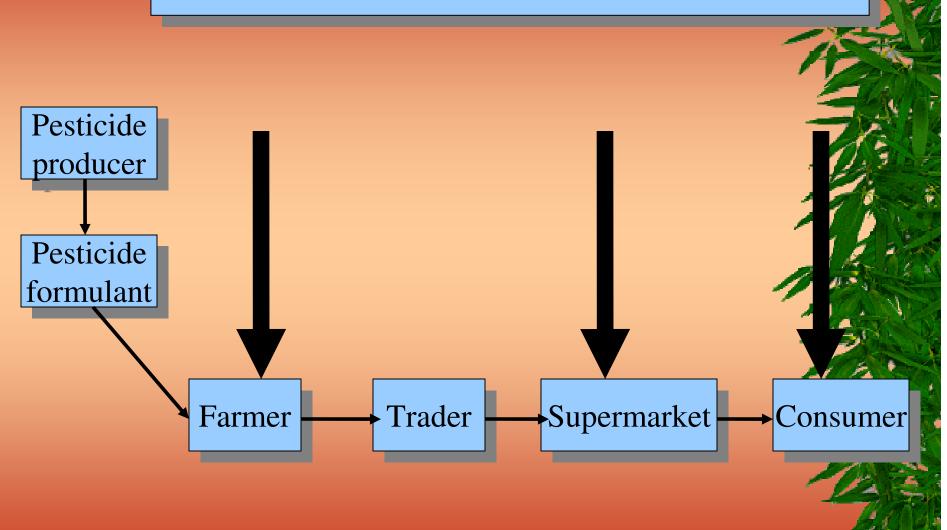


ANALYSIS, WHY NO CHANGE?

(2001)

- Not on the agenda of parties in production chain
- No pressure from stakeholders,
- No consumer interaction (on sustainability), no expression of consumer demands,
- No rewards, no law enforcement

PRIME TARGET GROUP ???



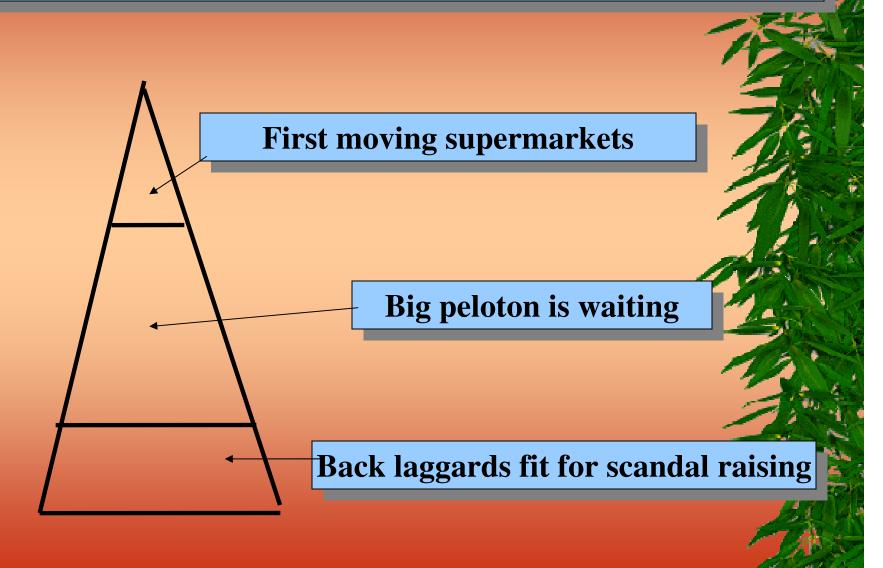


NGO-STRATEGY SUPERMARKETS

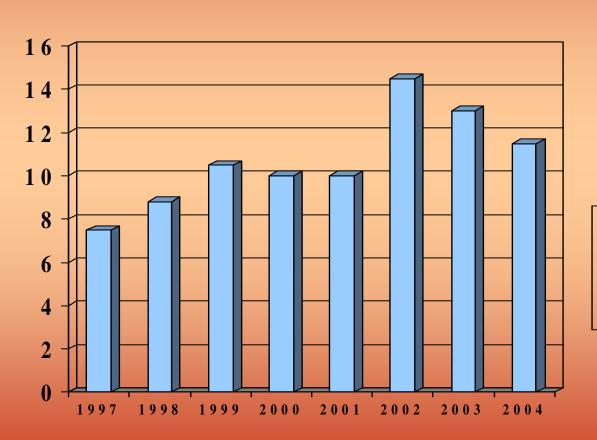
- Target group: Supermarkets/ Retail formula
- Most influential stakeholder: Consumers
- Issue for linking pesticides/IPM: Health (& not complying to law)
- Campaigning angle: Residues of pesticides
- Involve: Consumers, Media & Parties of the chain.

MARKET STRATEGY: DIVIDE & RULE

(by benchmarking on residue analysis)



RESIDUES & HEALTH: EXCEEDING STANDARDS



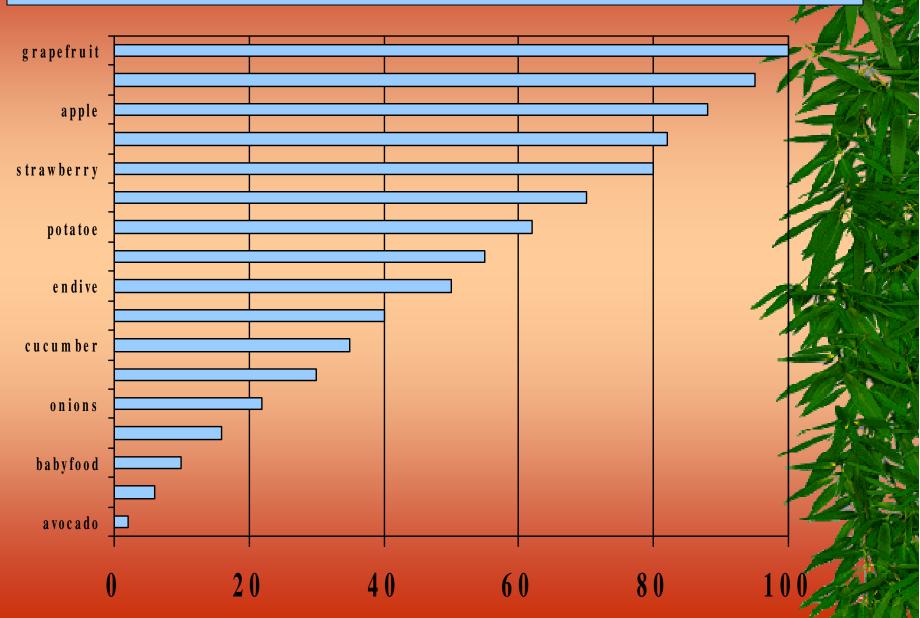
■ % exceedance

MRL-standards

(Eur. sourced

products)





KEY INGREDIENTS STRATEGY

- Hit where it hurts
- Create a system of independent analysis & benchmarking
- Involve consumer/media
- If possible start court cases
- Prepare for a 3-5 year battle
- Develop and present ways out for supermarkets



RESULTS



- In first instance no reaction (but denying & trying to marginalise NGO's)
- Court cases speeded things up
- After 1-3 years rearranging of supply chain (2003-present):
 - triple testing in advance
 - supplier in/out
 - integrating residue testing in EUREP-GAP
- Traders offer negotiations on ban black list pesticides (2005)
- Government starts publishing offenders (naming & shaming, 2006)

NEW FRONT RUNNER LAURUS

- Moving from residue testing to IPM
- Negotiations with Laurus and their trader Greenery on black-list of pesticides
- Fair trade products on shelve
- Aiming at European best CSR performer
- Initiative of Laurus/Greenery to integrate IPM in EUREP-GAP (2006).

HOW TO FIND OUR WAY IN IPM/ICM-LAND?

- IOBC (1976) holistic approach, minimize off-farm inputs
- EISA (2001) more focus on farm income
- EU (2006) taking FAO code 2002 as a basis (only IPM)
- Practice > 42 systems present in EU-15 (Agra CEAS) with big variety in approach and performance

What should always be in?

- No, unless ... principle, or priority for non-chemicals,
- Embracing a holistic view,
- Crop-wise practices & measures defined
- Certification of performance

OPTIONS FOR PAN-EUROPE CAMPAIGNING

- 答
- Start EU supermarket front-runner group for IPM
- Lobby EUREP-GAP for (stricter) IPM
- Amend TS through EP-lobby
- Focus on the nationals plans to be set up under TS
- Create EU IPM network for inspiration, communication & extension
- More ideas?

.....and, be sure you always rock the boat !!!

