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The introduction of chickpeas in conventional agriculture in the South-West of France

The introduction of pulses into conventional cropping systems has multiple interests due to the agronomic and nutritional benefits of legumes. Nevertheless, pulses such as chickpeas still occupy a marginal place in cereal farms in southwestern France and the role of advice to farmers on the spread of these crops remains little known. On-farm surveys of both adopters and non-adopters, carried out in the AgriLink project, have helped to better understand the determinants of chickpea adoption. Adopting farmers favour economic (remunerative and contractually guaranteed outlet) and agronomic (longer rotation, nitrogen autonomy, adaptation to shallow soils) factors. They generally use different sources of advice to assess and implement chickpeas while not expressing high expectations of the advice. This is because they do not perceive the introduction of chickpeas as something radically new: it is an undemanding plant and does not require new equipment. These initial results challenge research, which often highlights the uncertainties related to the lack of knowledge and know-how as a barrier to adoption. Farmers are more in expectation of a broad-based advice on the implementation of cropping systems that are both agronomically and economically efficient according to the characteristics of their farm.

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