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# **SHD ORCHARDS** **the solution for olive growers**



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OLIVE TREES

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# AGROMILLORA GROUP





**Foundation in 1986**

**Location in Sadurní d'Anoia (Barcelona)**

**International Projection: 11 subsidiary companies in 10 countries**

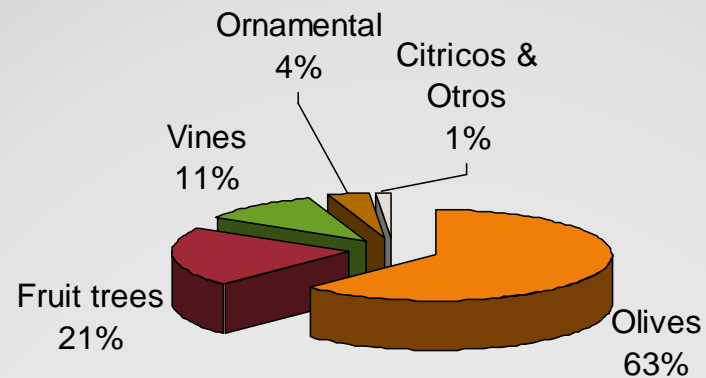
**Greenhouses Area in 2009: 300.000 m<sup>2</sup>**

***In vitro* laboratories : 3**

**Human Resources 2009: 500 employees, 50 technical *staff***

**Sales 2009: 45 million US *dollars***

**Production 2009: 30 million plants**





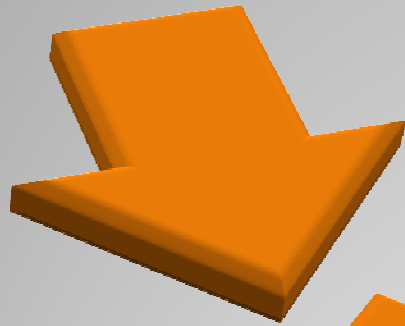
# **SHD ORCHARDS**

## **THE SOLUTION FOR OLIVE GROWERS**

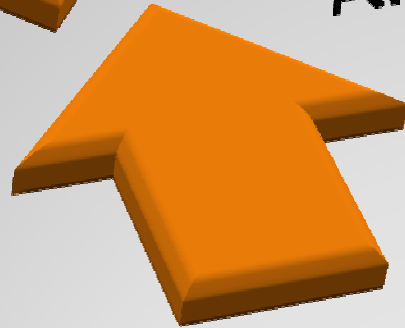




# CURRENT STATE



THE OLIVE OIL  
PRICES IN THE  
INTERNATIONAL  
MARKET NOW  
ARE LOW



IS AN  
OPPORTUNITY  
NOW TO  
PLANT OLIVES

## WHY...?



# CURRENT STATE

Europe  
produces  
80% of the  
olive oil world  
production

High potential  
for EVOO  
consumption

SHD  
Technology  
for efficient  
production of  
olives

# OPPORTUNITY



# SHD RESULTS TO DATE

- Harvesting costs around 63 \$Au/Tn
- Grape Harvesting machine implemented 100 %
- Third year average yield 3-4 Tn/Ha
- Sustainable productions from year 4th 10 – 12 Tn/Ha
- Improved olive oil quality
- Very low labour, mechanical pruning



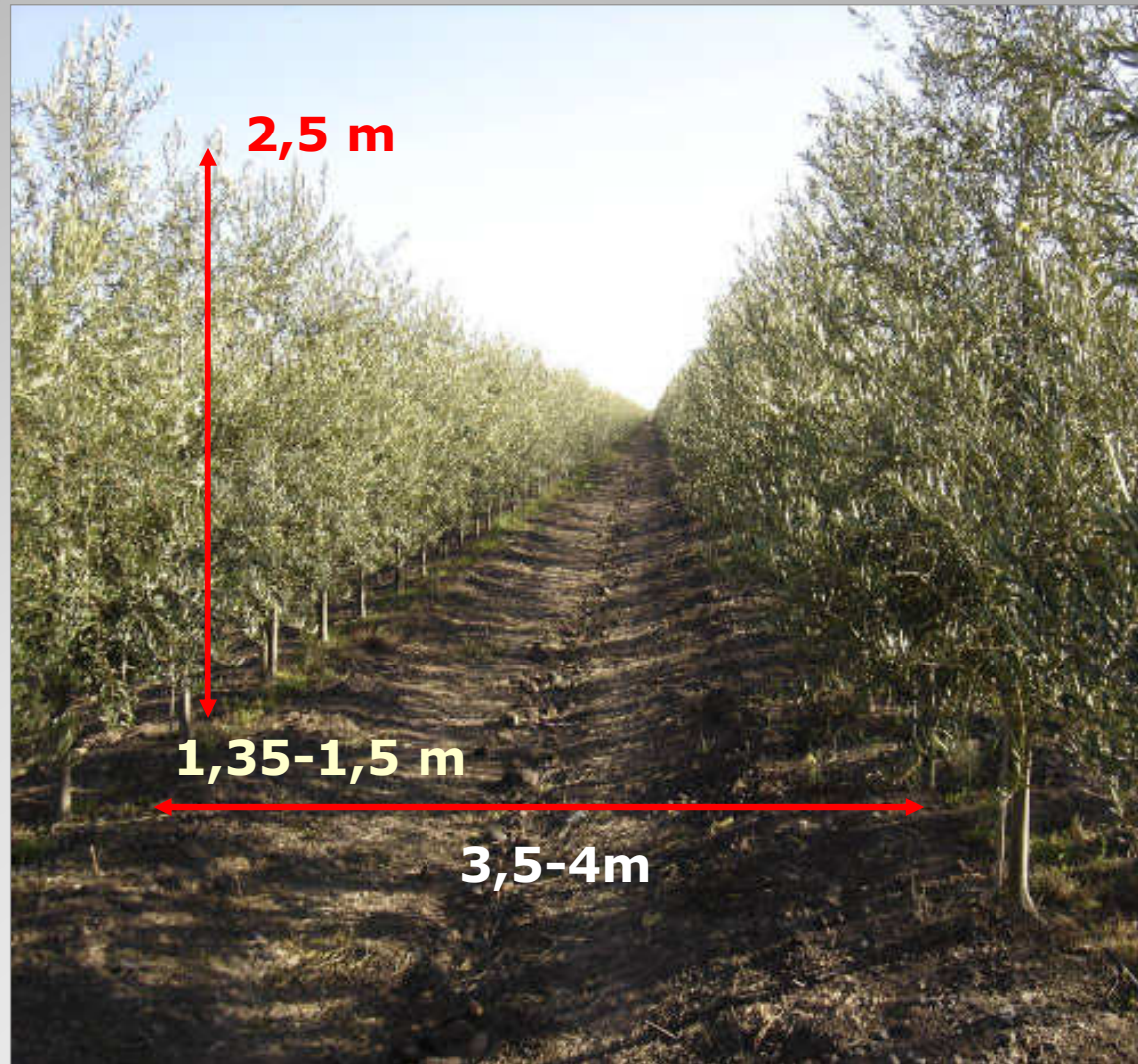
# PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SHD

❑ Planting density:  
1600-2100 trees/Ha.

❑ Varieties:  
Arbequina, Arbosana,  
Koroneiki, Tosca,  
Sikitita, FS17, Other

❑ Training system:  
central axis.

❑ Aprox. topping  
height: 2,5 m.

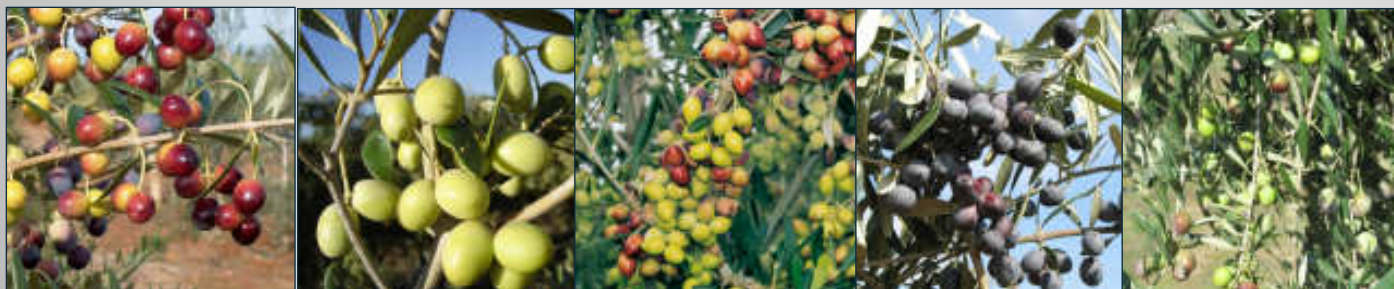


# SHD KEY FACTORS

## 1. Harvesting machines



## 2. Correct variety choice





## KEY FACTOR 1: HARVESTING

Use of continuous, over the row, machine harvesters

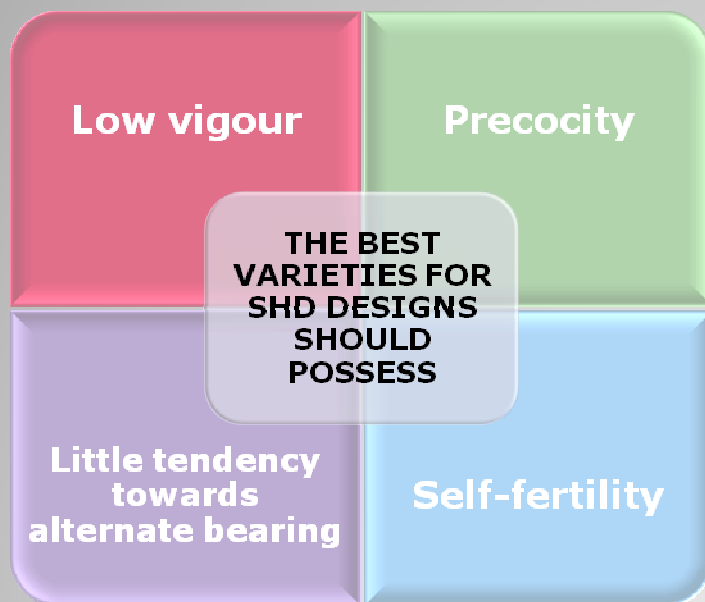
### WINEGRAPE HARVESTER:

- ❑ Doesn't require significant modifications for olives.
- ❑ Up to 98% of fruit removed.
- ❑ Neither the fruit nor the trees are significantly damaged.
- ❑ High efficiency (2 hours/ha)





# KEY FACTOR 2: CORRECT VARIETY CHOICE



**ARBEQUINA**



**ARBOSANA**



**KORONEIKI**



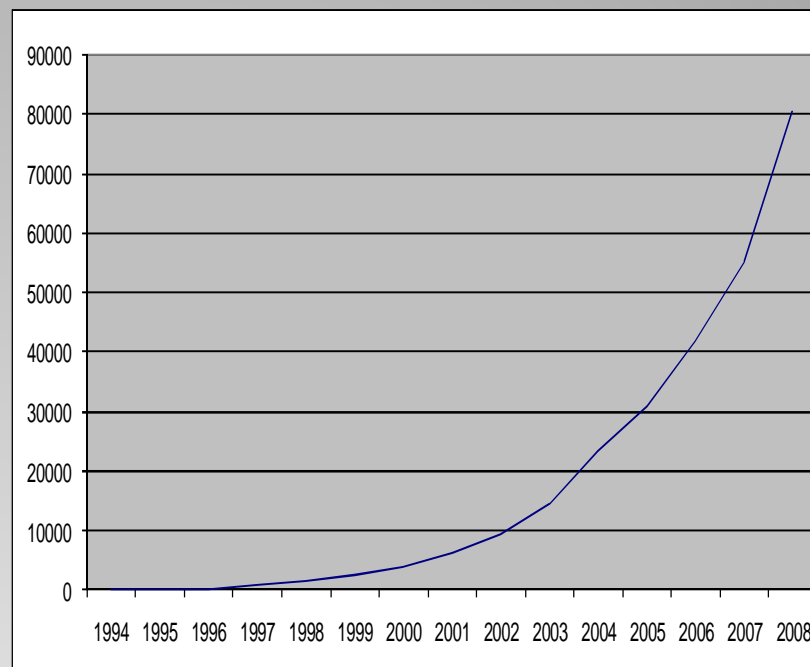
**TOSCA**



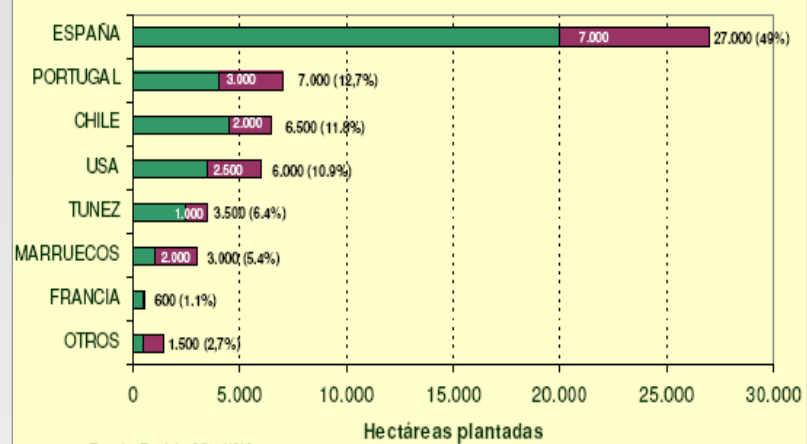
**SIKITITA**



YEAR	Ha
1994	6
1995	50
1996	200
1997	400
1998	700
1999	1000
2000	1500
2001	2500
2002	3000
2003	5000
2004	9000
2007	18600
2008	25000
2009	20000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100300</b>



Incremento previsto de la superficie plantada en el año 2007: **18.600 Ha.**



Fuente: Revista Olint N°12



# GENETIC MATERIALS: VARIETIES

## ARBEQUINA

- ❑ Medium-low vigour variety, enters quickly into production and reaches full production more rapidly than most olive varieties.
- ❑ It has high productivity and does not show alternance.
- ❑ High resistant to cold conditions.
- ❑ Mid-early season maturation. Around second week in April.

**CLONS AVAILABLE: AS-1, IRTA i-18 ®**





# GENETIC MATERIALS: VARIETIES

## ARBOSANA

- Variety very productive with constant productivity.
- Enters very quickly into production.
- Low vigour.
- Late ripening, three weeks later than Arbequina.
- Less resistant to cool conditions than Arbequina, but more than Koroneiki.

**CLONS AVAILABLE: i-43**



# COMPARISON

ARBEQUINA

ARBOSANA  
25 % less vigour





# GENETIC MATERIALS: VARIETIES

## KORONEIKI

- Origin from Greece.
- It represents 50 % of the area in this country.
- Variety with medium-high vigour.
- Resistant to peacock.
- Late ripening, two weeks later than Arbequina.

**CLONS AVAILABLE: i-38**





## NEW VARIETIES IN 2009

### SIKITITA – UCO-IFAPA

- Picual x Arbequina.
- Less vigour than Arbequina (- 40%).
- Productivity higher than Arbequina.
- Oil % higher than Picual.
- Early ripening, one week before Arbequina.

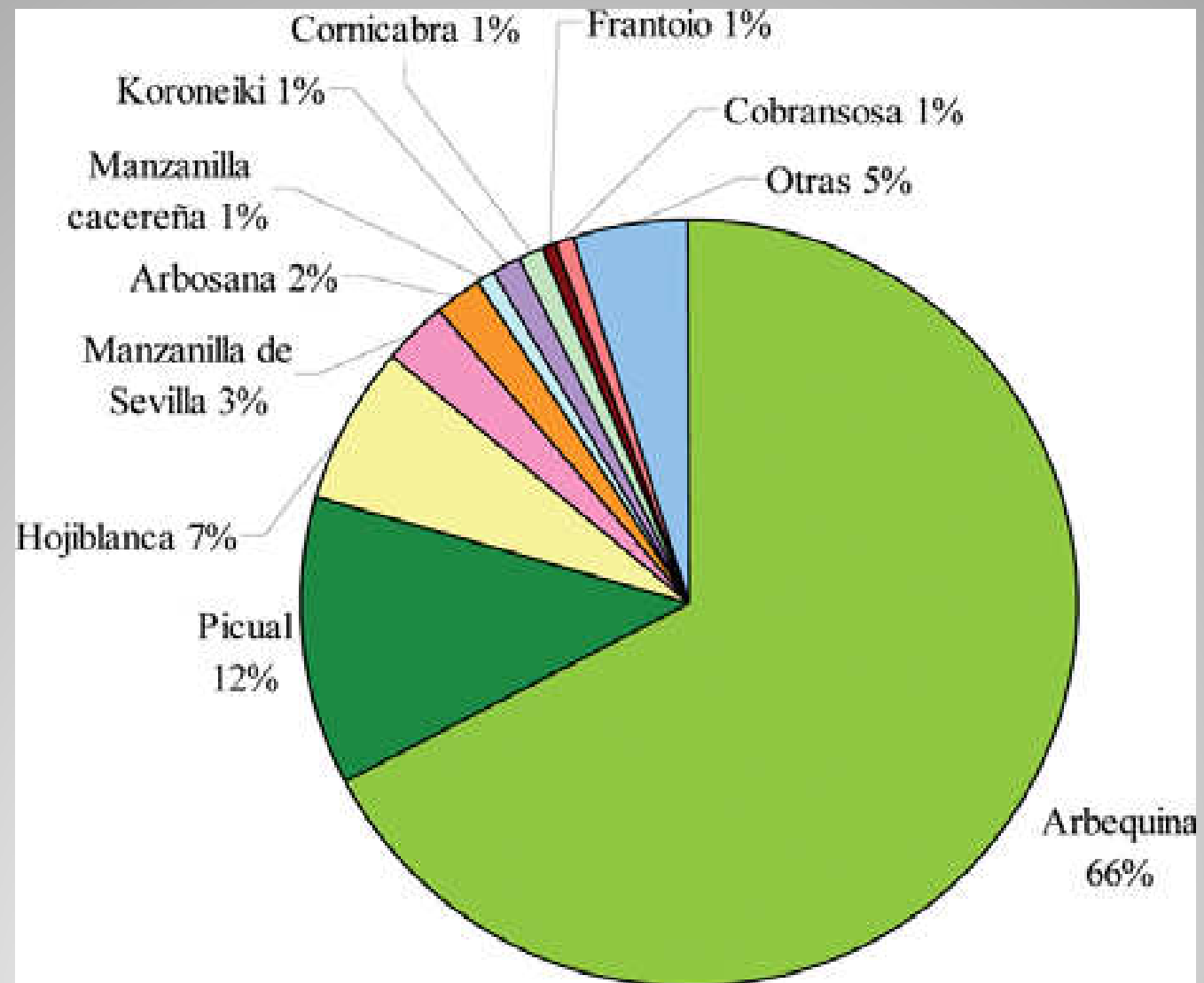


## NEW VARIETIES IN 2009

### TOSCA – SONNOLI (Italy)

- ❑ Very low vigour. Compact tree.
- ❑ Enters early into production (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> year).
- ❑ Resistant to cold and peacock.
- ❑ Oil with high organoleptic and chemical characteristics: % oleic > 80; 'medium fruity'.





Total de planta 89.857.995; Certificada = 4.251.681. Fuente: GÓMEZ DEL CAMPO, M.; BARRANCO, D., 2009.

# STRUCTURE

- ❑ Stake: 2,40 m high.
- ❑ Structure: posts 1,8 m buried 30 cm; separation between posts 20-30 m.
- ❑ Wire at 1,5 m.
- ❑ Protector for rabbits, herbicides, etc.





# PRUNNING FORMATION

- ❑ Tying at the stake every 15-20 cm.
- ❑ Treatment for lightbrown apple moth.
- ❑ Prunning the lower 1/3 until 60 cm.
- ❑ 1 person / 20 Ha.



# PRUNNING

- ❑ **Mechanized topping** for height control at 2,5 m in summer.
- ❑ **Hand pruning** with pneumatic shears (15-20 hours / Ha).

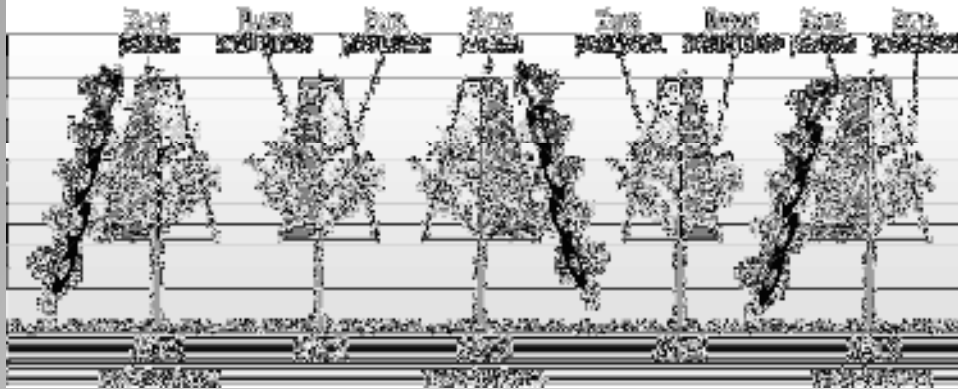




# LATERAL MECHANICAL PRUNNING

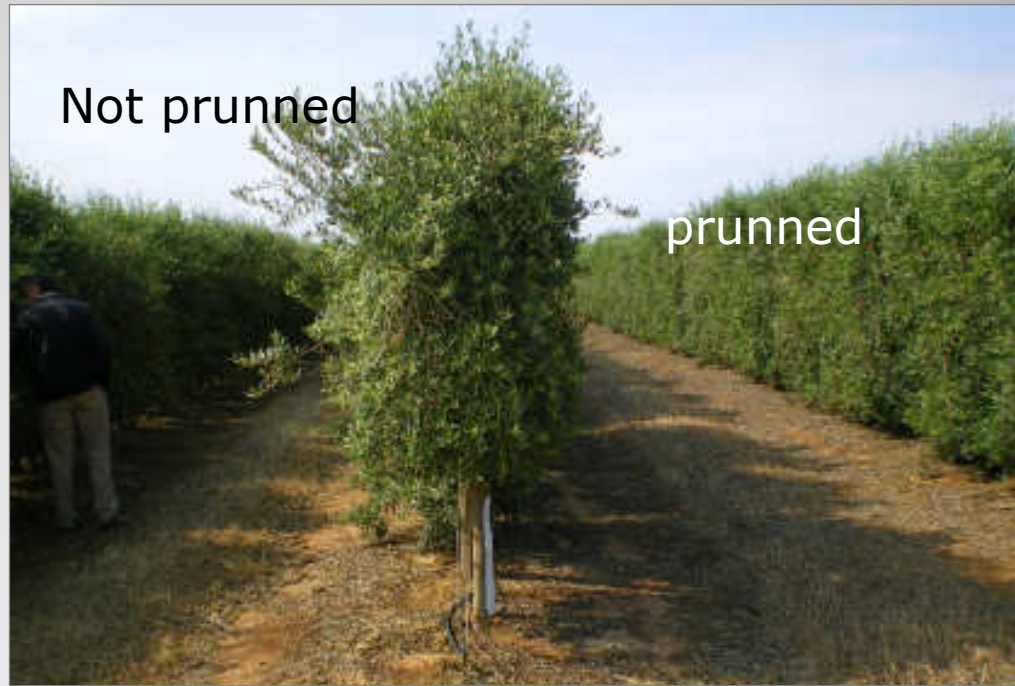


Esquema de poda mecánica lateral



Not pruned

pruned





# MECHANIZED PLANTING

**Double-row planting machine** with laser leveling  
(8.000-10.000 plants / day)







# MANUAL PLANTING

- ❑ 800 plants/person/day.
- ❑ If irrigation and structure are in place, less missing plants and longer plantation period.





# IRRIGATION AND FERTILIZERS

- ❑ Carry out soil maps before planting and design irrigation according to soils.
  - ❑ Irrigation according to areas from 500 to 4000 m<sup>3</sup> /Ha.
  - ❑ Irrigation schedule according to soil moisture monitoring and vegetative state.
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- ❑ Fertilizing according to production and foliar analyses.
  - ❑ Orchard management according to time of the year. First: N; K to the end.



# SOIL MANAGEMENT

- ❑ Cover crop or soil cultivation.
- ❑ Use of herbicides:
  - Preemergency:
  - Postemergency:



# FROST



- North Orientation of the block.
- Orientation N-S of the rows.
- Winter, spring, autumn frost.
- Varieties.
- Reasonable use of water and fertilizer.
- Treatments with copper.





## **COST ESTABLISHMENT PER HA**

	<b>AU \$</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Soil preparation</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>Plants</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1660</b>	<b>5810</b>
<b>Planting</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>1660</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>Trellis system</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3000</b>
<b>Tutor</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1660</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>Protector</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1660</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Irrigation</b>	<b>4500</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4500</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT</b>			<b>15.555 \$AU</b>

### **COST PER HA YEAR 1 & 2**

	<b>Nº hours</b>	<b>Cost Ud</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Prunning</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>Tying</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>Tractor</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>585</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1.260</b>

	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Cost Ud</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Chemicals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Fertilizer</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Herbicide</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>660</b>

**TOTAL 1.920 AU\$**

### **COST PER HA from YEAR 3**

	<b>Nº hours</b>	<b>Cost Ud</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Prunning</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>Topping</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Low branches</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Tractor</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>585</b>
<b>Harvesting</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>760</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1.750</b>

	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Cost Ud</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Chemicals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Fertilizer</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Herbicide</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1.100</b>

**TOTAL 2.850 AU\$**



# CONCLUSIONS



EVOO has a good future



Traditional areas will be reduced



SHD gives the opportunity to new companies, regions, countries, to become a big player in the EVOO industry in the future



## ***Spain: First country in planting SHD.***

Big number of plantations less than 10 Ha

*nº Ha 40.000*



250 ha in Badajoz

**SPAIN**



**Valonga, 50 Ha.  
Binefar- HUESCA**



**Nekeas, 200 Ha.  
Navarra**





# SPAIN

Hacienda Iber, 300 Ha.



# SPAIN

La Boella, 85 Ha.  
Reus- TARRAGONA



## ***Italy: A big need***

- First importer of Arbequina and Koroneiki olive oli.
- Difficulty to obtain adequate areas for the machine.
- Varieties used treath for the style of the italian olive oil.
- Oportunity to aces an oliviculture of low cost and quality.
- CNR (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche) de Peruggia; Fs-17, Don Carlo o la Giulia







Moreno Bernardini (Roma, Italia),



Farm Castello di Torrimpietra (Roma, Italia),

## ***GREECE; Koroneiki a local variety***

- Very small plantations 1-3 ha.
- 300 Ha, spread out in the areas of Patras, Lakonia y Agrinios
- Quick adaptation of the system



## ***Portugal: líder with Spain***

- Less cost of the land, water available, fertile soils
- Spanish and Portuguese investors
- Need to have oil availability (internal market + export Brazil) increasing the plantings. Now 10.000 Ha



Beja (Portugal).





# PORTUGAL



Ferreira do Alentejo



## ***Tunisia: an example of modernization***

- Difficulty to obtain a quality olive oil with hand harvesting.
- Delay into production with traditional plantings.
- Government wants to renovate the traditional plantings.
- Promotion of tunisian olve oil in international markets.
- Year 2000, North of Tunisia (Mornang y CapBon) 5.000 Ha





# TUNISIA

## SADIRA – First plantation 2000





## ***Morocco: A reality that advance very rapidly***

- Traditional growers with 1-2Ha. Big projects with local investors and overseas companies (Spanish, French).
- Morocco government consider olives as priority for its economy.
- Government farms given to private companies with condition to develop agricultural projects.
- First plantings in 2003. Now 4.000 Ha and projections of 3.000 Ha/year.



# MOROCCO

Atlas Farming  
MARRAKESH



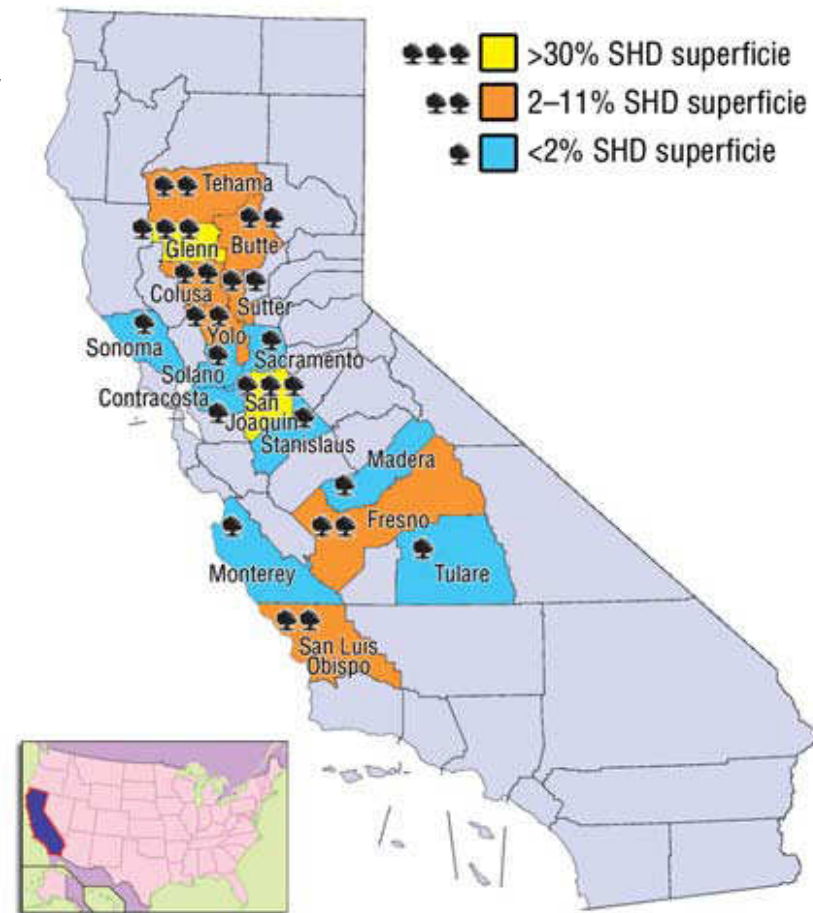






## ***USA: the opportunity of the internal market***

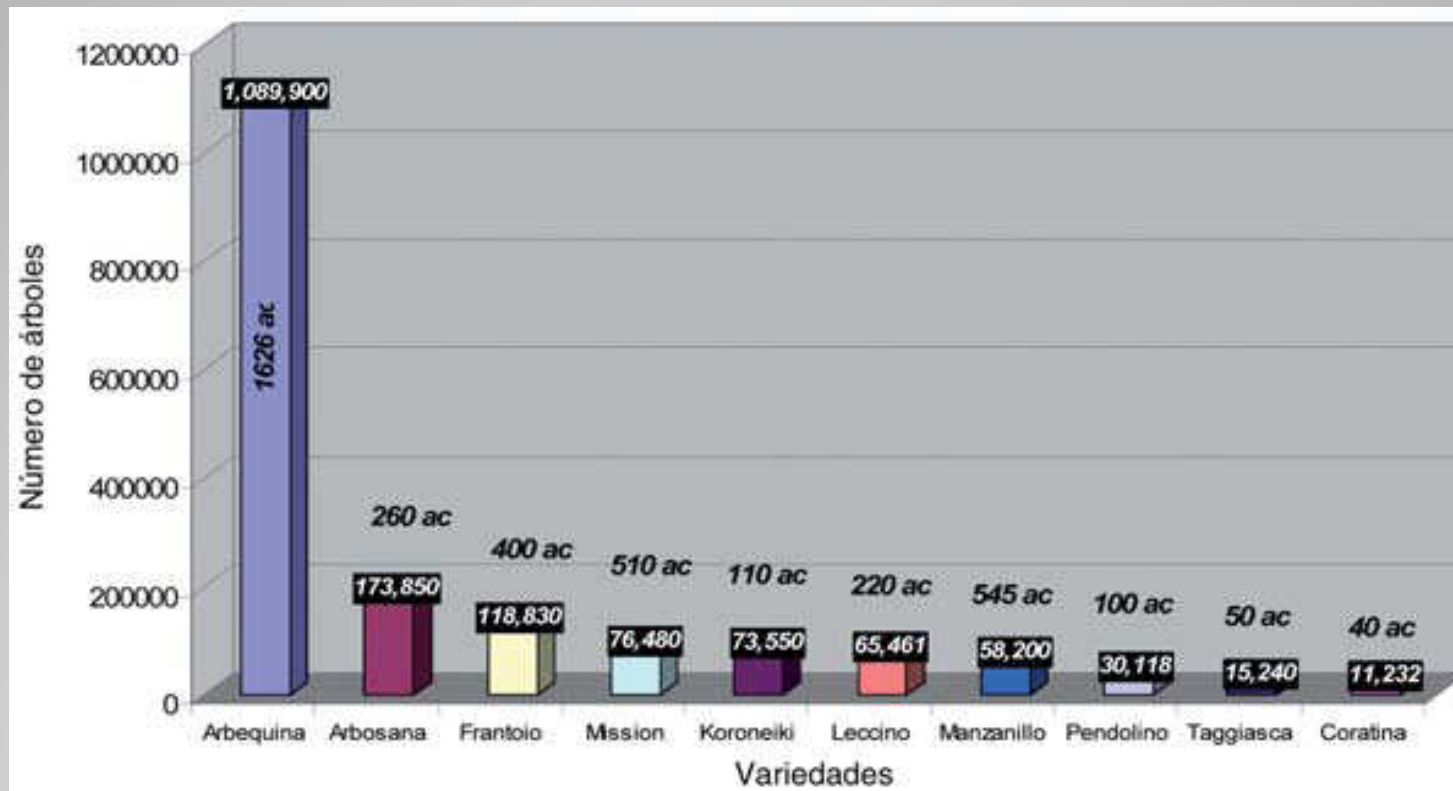
- A system and crop suitable for their mentality, mechanised crops and possibility to be competitive at global level.
- California; good climate conditions, Fertile land at good price and water
- Big size properties. Average per grower 84 Ha
- Glenn and San Joaquin valley 66% planted area.





California (Estados Unidos). *Cortesía Lodi Farm.*

- Texas, Oregón, Georgia, other areas
- Arbequina 78%, Arbosana 16% and Koroneiki 6%.



University of California Survey 2005, PAUL VOSSEN



**USA**



**COR 1**



**Borges- CALIFORNIA**





**USA**

California Olive Ranch



## ***Xile: exporting to international markets***

- Year 2001, several wineries started with olives.
- Xile a country with low pressure of pest and diseases.
- Many different climates from the desert in the North (La Serena) to wet and humid in the south (Curicó)
- Now 13.000 Ha, idea to arrive to 50.000 Ha in a short period.
- Private projects 500-1000 Ha integrated with olive production, mill and bottling facilities.
- Comercial agreements with USA, Brazil, India, Corea.





**CHILI**

Agrícola Las Pircas, 250 Ha.  
V REGION



**AGROMILLORA**



**CHILI**

Costanera, 1000 Ha.  
VII REGION



## ***Australia; A big opportunity***

In total around 300 ha, spread out in all estates

Western Australia has more plantings

Big possibilities for being big in international market like did with grapes

Water availability a problem for expansion in some regions





# AUSTRALIA

Gorman Ranch  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Waterville Estate  
Western Australia



## ***SHD in the rest of the world***

France, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Algeria, Irán, Uruguay, Perú,  
Mexico, Brazil, Argentina



Algeria



Sao Paolo (Brazil).



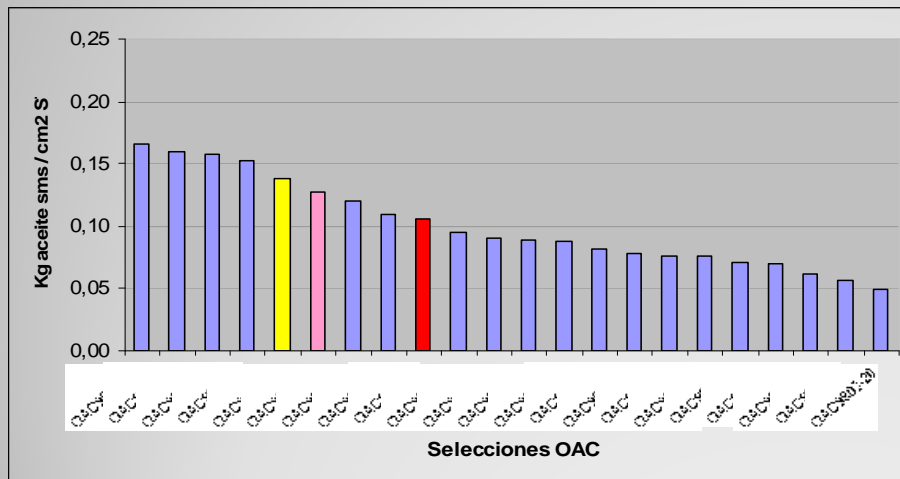
# SAUDI ARABIA





- The changes in training the trees and pruning systems even towards a more simple and mechanised methods.
- The research and development to obtain new varieties adapted to the SHD system.

Will originate a bigger push to the SHD and in less than 5 years will achieve 200.000 hectáreas around the world.



**THANK YOU**  
**for your attention**

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