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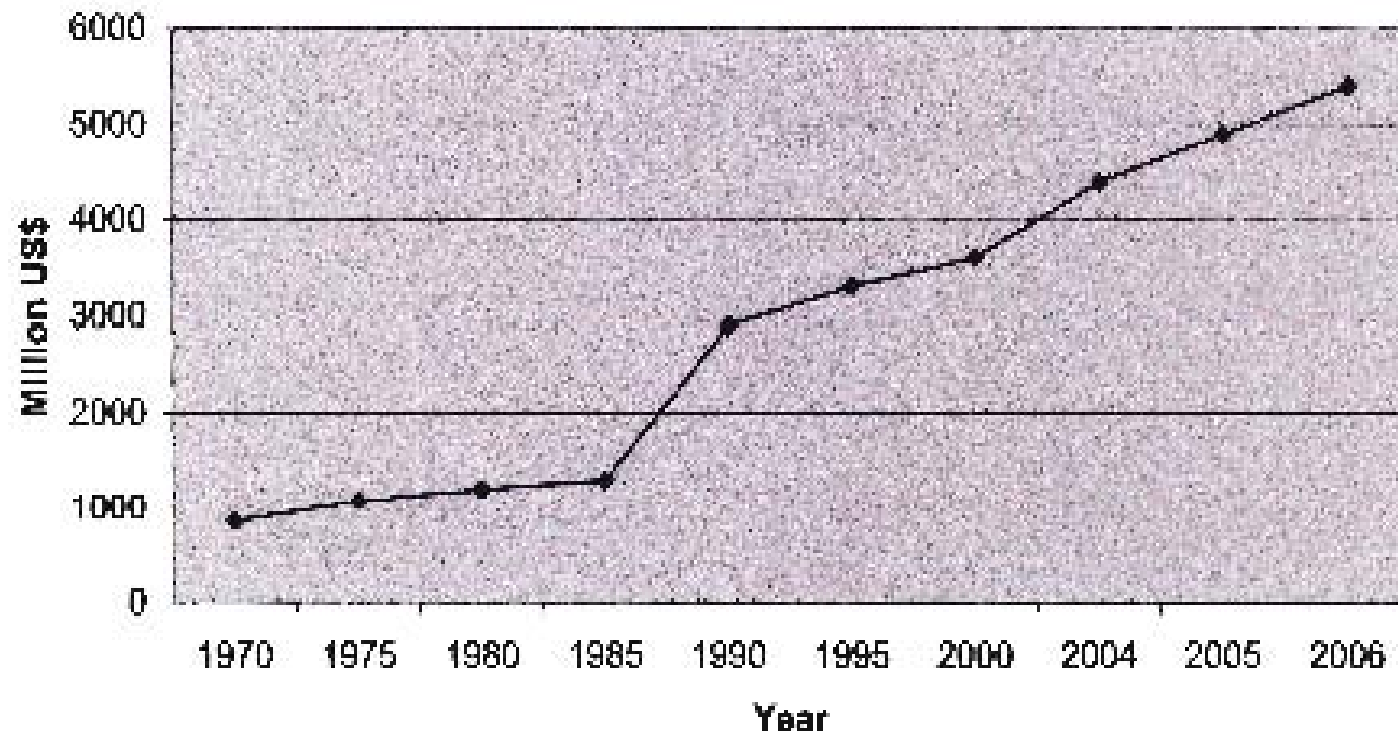
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Outline

- Introduction
- Challenges for the agricultural sector
- Regulatory environment
 - Plant variety protection
 - Seed legislation
- Seed market – seed trade
- Seed quality and seed testing
- Outlook

Growth in the International Seed Trade

Source: ISF



Seed Import of Selected Countries (USD Million), 2008

(Source: ISF compilation based on official statistics and international seed trade reports)

	Country	Field Crops	Vegetable Crops	Total
1	USA	492	280	772
2	France	353	129	482
3	Mexico	268	164	432
4	Netherlands	201	200	401
5	Italy	229	165	394
6	Germany	310	72	382
7	Spain	155	177	332
8	Canada	190	77	267
9	Ukraine	207	38	245
10	Russian Federation	198	41	239
11	Belgium	172	28	200
12	United Kingdom	150	43	196
13	Japan	89	63	152
14	Poland	98	43	141
15	China	72	64	136
16	Hungary	93	18	111
17	Austria	81	19	100
	Other			
	Total	4.500	2.190	6.680

Seed Export of Selected Countries (USD Million), 2008

(Source: ISF compilation based on official statistics and international seed trade reports)

	Country	Field Crops	Vegetable Crops	Total
1	USA	718	458	1.176
2	Netherlands	196	876	1.072
3	France	767	248	1.015
4	Germany	446	47	493
5	Canada	286	92	378
6	Denmark	301	54	355
7	Chile	199	82	281
8	Hungary	216	38	254
9	Italy	153	100	253
10	Mexico	169	12	181
11	Belgium	146	8	154
12	Argentina	98	22	120
13	Austria	112	4	116
14	China	68	45	113
15	Japan	34	70	104
	Other			
	Total	4.591	2.473	7.064