

Family Farmers, Innovation and Markets

The Project analyzes family farmers’ commercial innovations in order to understand their logic and promote actions to develop and scale these experiences. Development initiatives, research and dissemination actions are part of the project’s results



Argentina /Bolivia /Spain



1832
Participants in seminars, workshops and webinar



7
Family farming and markets webinars



11
Realized Studies of commercial innovation and added value cases



56
Articles, presentations and book chapters



79
Postgraduate students associated with the project (Training and investigation)



50
Online shops under construction



24
Development and investigation projects directed by the project investigators



55 %
Methodological design to analyse the commercial innovation experience



Analysis of family farmers´ markets. Elements to improve and add value locally, fair prices, quality food, sustainability and socioenvironmental equity.

Initiative

The aim of project is to understand the commercial innovations generated by farmers and consumers. The project focuses on dimensions like organization, identifying elements to consider in the design of policies and public programs. The project aims to understand these innovations in depth, particularly the environmental, social and cultural effects. Also, these innovative

alternative networks contribute to adding value locally. The team for this Project, co-financed by FONTAGRO, includes from Argentina: researchers from INTA and different national universities (La Plata, Misiones and Mar del Plata); from Bolivia: FUNDESNAP, AOPEB and AGRUCO; from Spain: the IEGD and the Bask Country University.

Studies show the importance of horizontal and inclusive governance models, collective organization and coordination, the use of ICT, short channels and conscious consumers, appropriate and specific public policies.

Tech solution

Innovative marketing and value-added experiences implemented by family farmers were studied (14), and qualitative and participatory methodologies were applied. In total, 348 interviews were conducted with producers, consumers and technicians, 16 focus groups and workshops to analyze experiences, and there were 28 instances of observations at fairs and markets. The comparative analysis of the above will allow identification of

the common elements that make innovations sustainable. Studies show the importance of collective and professionalized practices, the use of ICTs, the efficiency of inclusive territorial governance models and the support of various state agencies, the role of collaborative social networks and the coordination with conscious consumers.

Pandemic and Family Farmers´Market: La Justa marketer



Impacts and Results

Case studies (11) have systematized commercial and value-added innovations. Scientific articles were written (six published, 2 in edition, 1 in evaluation), as well as non-scientific articles (2), conference papers (31), technical notes (12), posters (3) and book chapters (2). Participatory workshops to validate results with producers, consumers and technicians (12); participatory video workshops (4), project participatory video manual (1), videos made with family producers (4).

Events: 3 seminars, 2 technical workshops, 7 webinars (1,260 participants registered, 60% women, 23,000 views), 19 videos, 14 talks, 2 conferences. FF and Markets Postgraduate seminar with 72 students (63% women). Workshop Course on inclusion in the digital market (50 digital stores under construction). Projects and initiatives developed by the project researchers: 10 research projects, 6 extension, 2 for development. In evaluation there are 6 projects.

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