



PRESIDENT REPORT

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BELGIUM - FEDAGRIM

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MARKET IS INFLUENCED BY

- **Economic conditions (Brexit, steel prices,..)**
- **Weather (heat wave, storm, impacting harvest)**
- **Society (laws, social pressure,..)**



ECONOMIC



BE GROWTH RATE IS SLOWING DOWN

Projections for Belgium: Overview of the main results

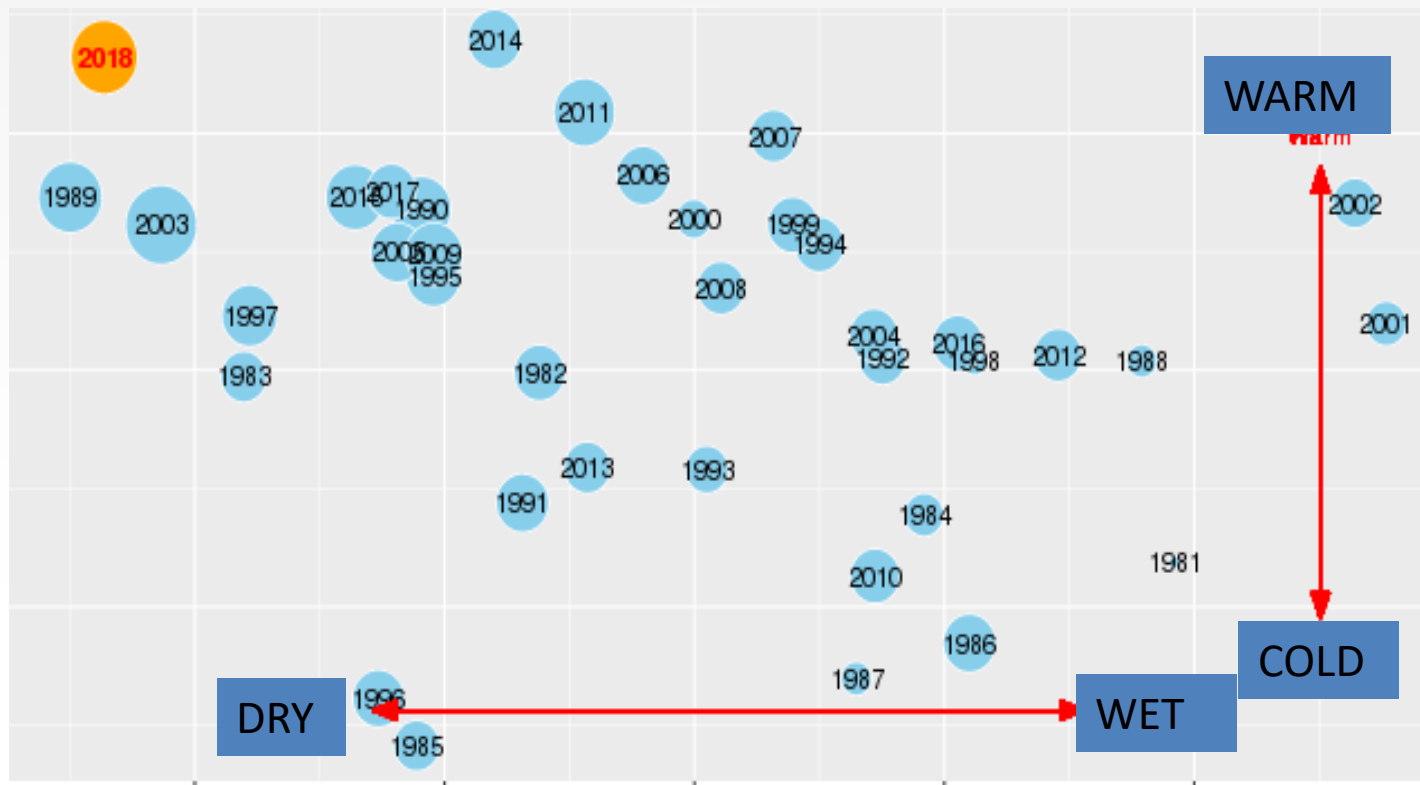
	2017	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e
Real GDP (percentage changes)	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.2
Domestic employment (average annual change, in persons)	64 500	61 700	60 800	33 700	26 900
Unemployment rate (in % of the labour force) ¹	7.1	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.7
Inflation (HICP – percentage changes)	2.2	2.3	1.5	1.6	1.5
Overall balance of general government (in % of GDP)	-0.8	-0.7	-1.3	-1.7	-2.1
Public debt (in % of GDP)	103.4	102.0	101.4	101.3	101.2



WEATHER

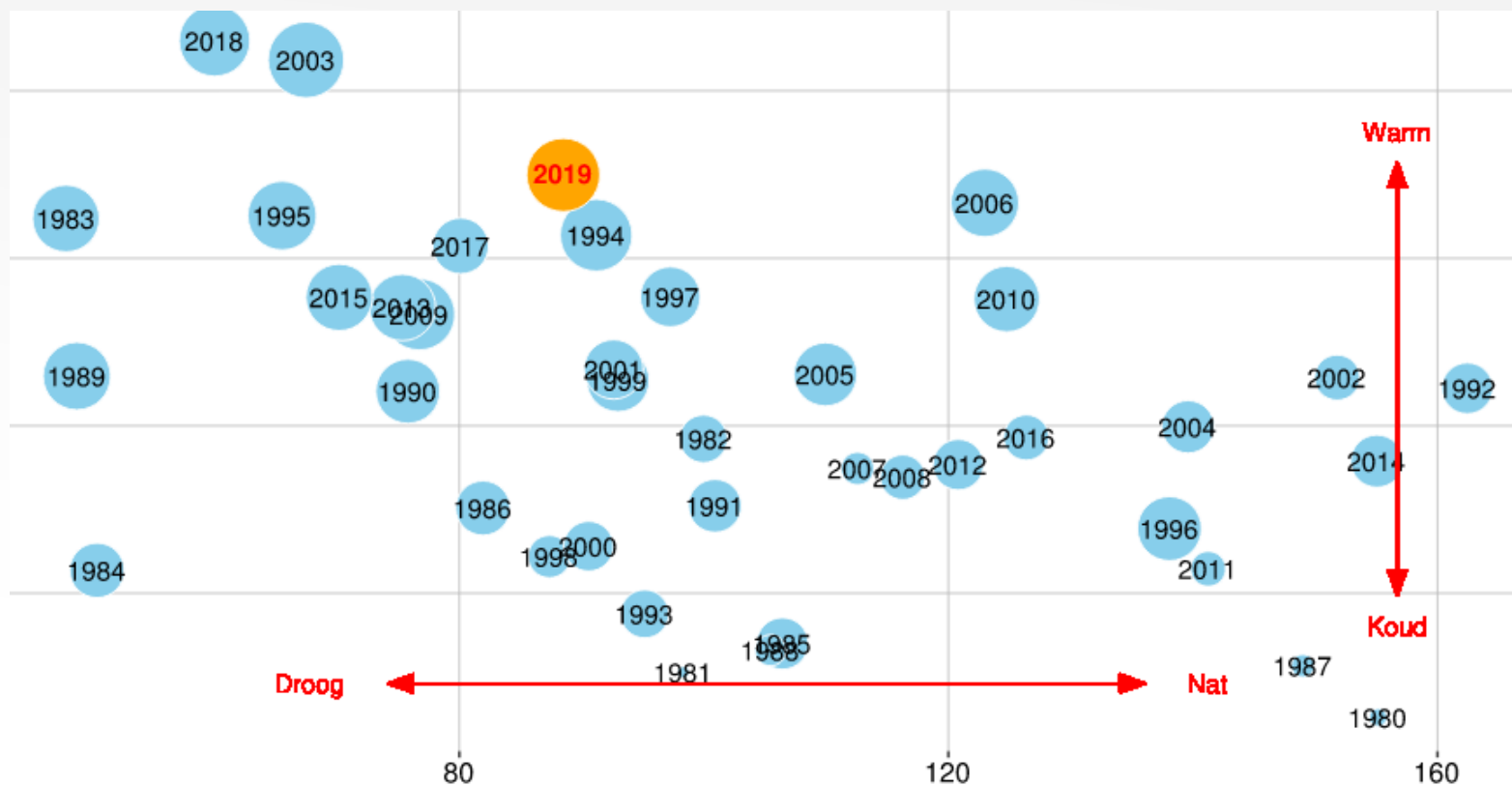


2018 EXCEPTIONAL DRY AND WARM





SUMMER 2019...AGAIN DRY AND WARM

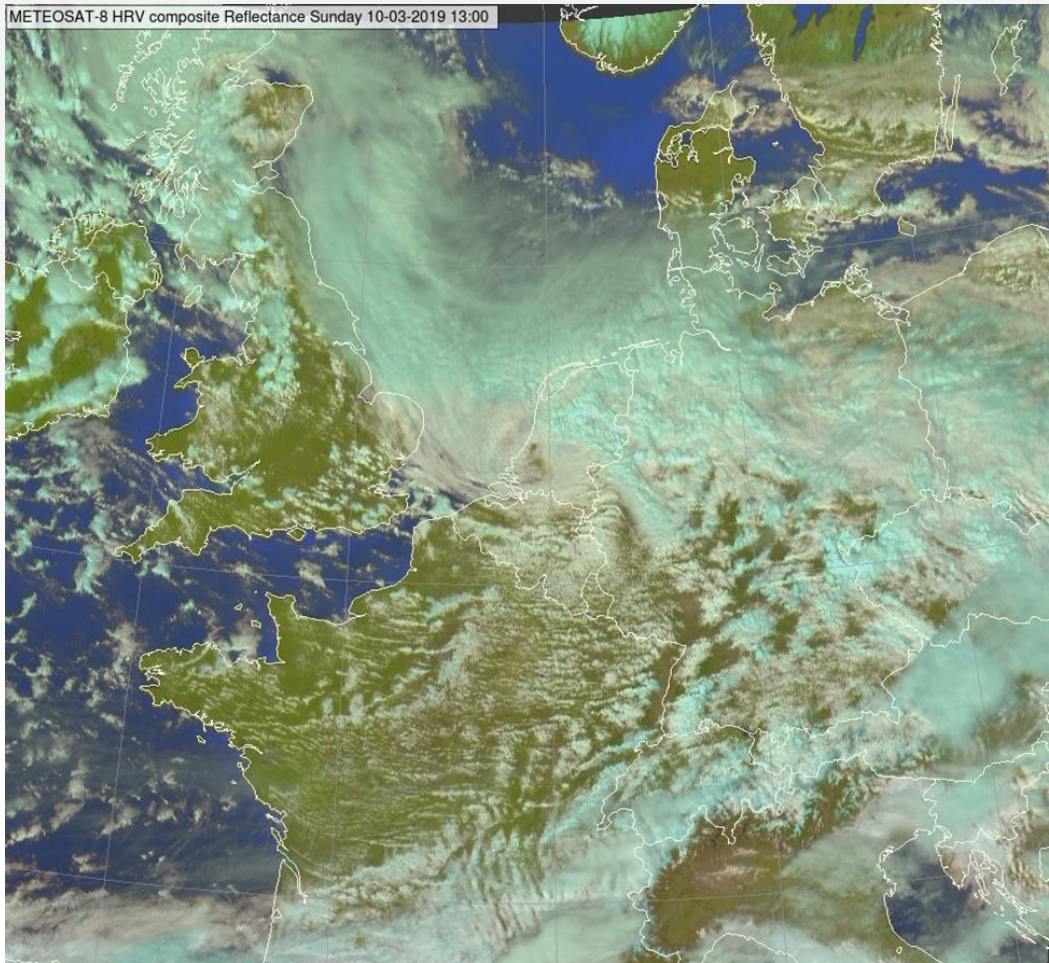






MARCH 10 STORM

METEOSAT-8 HRV composite Reflectance Sunday 10-03-2019 13:00









SOCIETY



HOME > NIEUWS > BINNENLAND

Vogelcursussen zitten eivol: ‘Alles wat met vogels te maken heeft, is razend populair’

SOCIAL PRESSURE



MILK IS DEADLY

FOR **150.000** BELGIAN CALVES PER YEAR

BE Vegan

DAIRY = ANIMAL SUFFERING



SOCIAL PRESSURE

- **Ban on two-stroke engines**
 - **For municipalities/public green**
 - **Waterfall: some municipalities are also banning private use**
 - **We're gonna react, but the damage is done...**
- **Climate change laws**
 - **Hard times expected for dairy farmers**



RESULTING IN

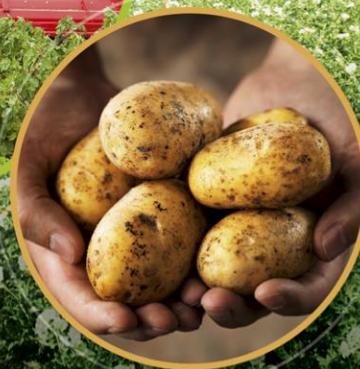
- **Tractors: -7% (but increase expected)**
- **Harvesting: -40% (compared to few years ago)**
- **Machines: Down in #, but turnover is = (bigger, full option machines)**
- **Repair turnover: Down (too dry)**
- **Chainsaws: + 10%**
- **Cordless and robotic: double digit growth**



EVENTS

POTATO EUROPE

BELGIUM 2019



4-5 September
Kain (Doornik / Tournai)



GREENDAY

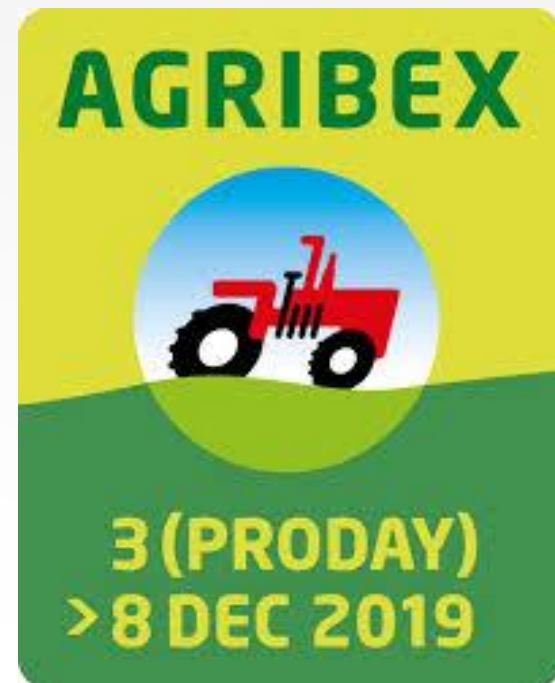
- Succession planning
- Shop design





AGRIBEX 3-8 DECEMBER

- “The Agricultural Parlement”
- Event is ideal way to reach out to politicians







FEDERATION



STRATEGIC VISION FEDAGRIM

- # Farmers going down
- Social pressure
- Impact of climate change on yield
- Impact of new 'climate change' laws

How will we (and CLIMMAR) cope