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COCERAL publishes the report on Applied methods for insect management in stored grain and oilseeds

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COCERAL publishes its report on “Applied methods for insect management in stored grain and oilseeds”, showing that grain collectors and traders prefer mechanical methods over chemical treatment for managing insect during the storage phases.

Four European associations – COCERAL, EUROMAISIER, EUROMALT and UNISTOCK – have participated in the inquiry. The report presents the evolution of insect management practices following the legislative developments that have occurred in the last few years.

The report shows that air circulation is preferred by 67% of the respondents to manage insect infestation in silos. The use of storage insecticides is considered the best alternative option by 49% of the respondents. However, the availability of storage insecticides is limited by the current risk assessment methodologies on one side and by the lack of new compounds on the other.

Jean Michel Aspar, Chair of the Food, Feed and Environment Section at COCERAL, said: *“This report shows that European operators face difficulties to combine the available management techniques to fight against storage insect infestation. Therefore we stress the need for legislative development as well as an increase in research and development of new active substances”* he concluded.

The report is available on the COCERAL website at the following [link](#).

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COCERAL is the European association of cereals, rice, feedstuffs oilseeds, olive oil, oils and fats and agrosupply trade. It represents the interest of the European collectors, traders, importers, exporters and port silo storekeepers of the above mentioned agricultural products. COCERAL's full members are **30 national associations in 19 countries** [Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxemburg, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands and the UK] and **1 European association** [Unistock] With about **2700 companies** as part of COCERAL national members, the sector trades agricultural raw materials destined to the supply of the food and feed chains, as well as for technical and energy uses. COCERAL has an associated member in Switzerland.