# AAPRESID

Argentine No-till Farmers Association

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## **GCAN – Key Messages**

Conservation Agriculture combines profitable agriculture with environmental concerns and sustainability, by implementing:

- **1)** No soil disturbance
- 2) Use of cover crops
- 3) Crop rotation







Central role of FARMERS in developing and disseminating sustainable production systems

Importance of interinstitutional and interdisciplinary NETWORKS

**Need for adequate PUBLIC POLICIES** 



## WHAT IS AAPRESID?

It's a **nongovernmental and non-profit organization** founded in 1989, in response to the high rate of soil erosion caused by conventional tillage. It is comprised of **1700 members** - farmers and agronomists - who produce and/or consult for over **11 million hectares** in Argentina, using the best technology.

## **OUR MISSION**

To promote **sustainable food, fibers, and energy production systems** through innovation, science, and knowledge networks.





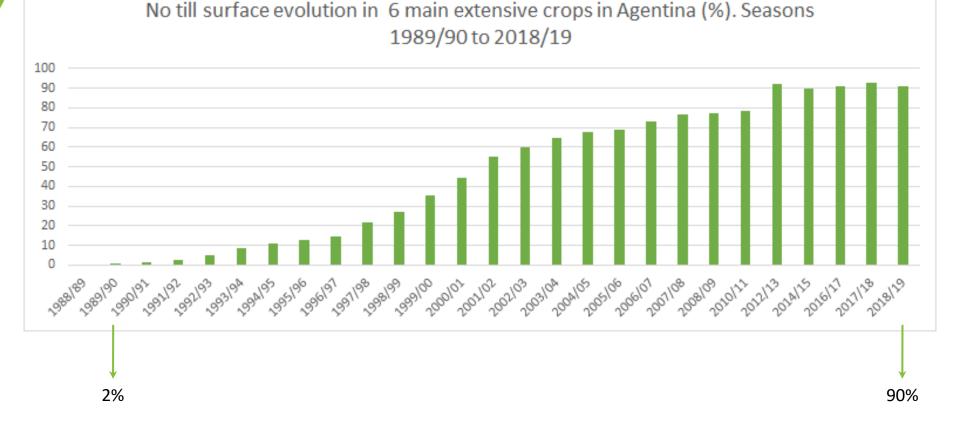
## **30 years promoting** sustainable agriculture paradigms







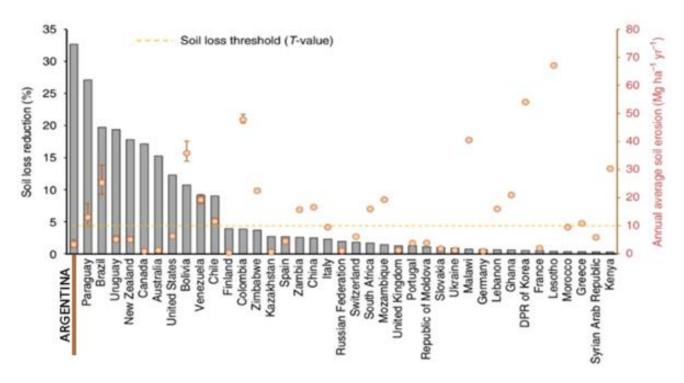
## **No-till adoption evolution in Argentina**



#### \*soy, corn, wheat, sunflower, sorghum and barley



# No-till farming: Argentina's differential in agricultural production



Nature Magazine: Argentina world leader in soil loss reduction

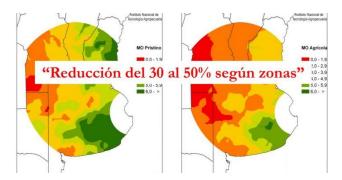


In 2017 Aapresid received the GLINKA World Soil Prize which honors the guardians of the world's soils.



### Challenges that led to "always green agriculture"

### Low intensification and diversification of crop rotations that led to:



SOM and nutrient loss

Source: Hernan Sainz Rozas, INTA

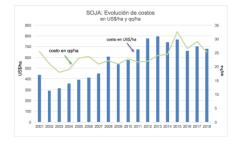
## Herbicide tolerant and resistant weeds



More frequent floods and droughts



#### **Decreasing profits for farmers**



#### Negative social perception





### **Always Green Agriculture (AGA)**

- What? A production model that promotes soil biological activity
- Why? Soil biological activity is behind key natural processes and cycles
- How? Introducing live and diverse roots for as long as possible during the year, including cover crops, grain crops and pastures





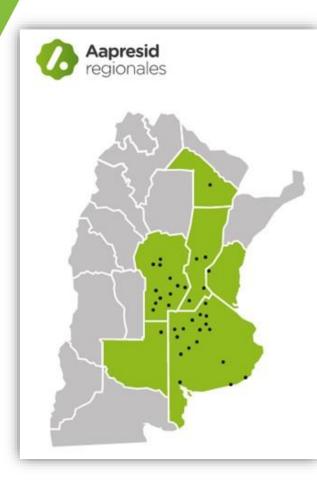
# **AGA Benefits**

- Increases C sequestration (equivalent to taking 1.5 million cars off the road) and contributes to mitigating climate change
- Reduces herbicide applications by 50%
- Reduces the environmental impact of herbicide use by 60%
- Reduces the use of chemical fertilizers by 20%
- Makes the most of every mm of water and reduces the risk of flooding by 40%

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Field days



### Weekly streaming channel



Aumesis Activa Ciclo de charlas Lechería: desafíos y oportunidades





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# School extension program & Aapresid youth



# Knowledge and technology transfer



# Participation in international events

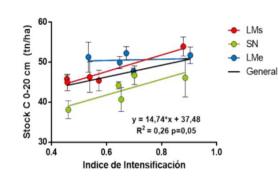


# Developing sustainable production certifications



### **Digital monthly magazine**

### Scientific information and training of HHRR







#### Leader in pest resistance knowledge





## **OUR PROGRAMS**















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