



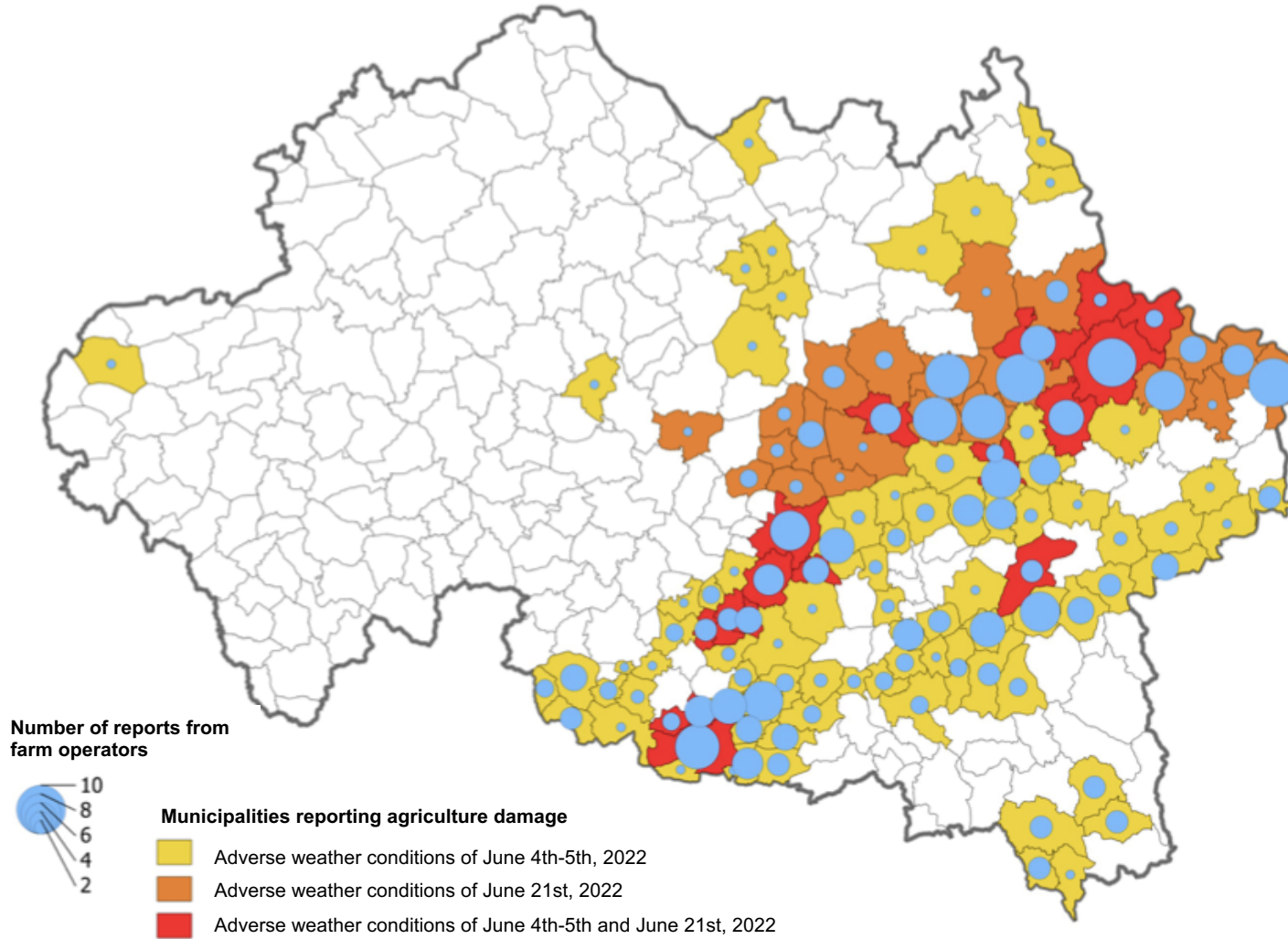
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Hailstorm in Vichy, a World Heritage town : environmental and economic consequences.

May 1st, 2024

Municipalities reporting agriculture damage following the adverse weather conditions of June 4th-5th and June 21st, 2022



Key figures

123 municipalities affected and over **280** farms impacted ;

64 farms with meadow losses (**3, 000 ha**) ;

174 farms with crop losses (**over 14, 000 ha**) ;

218 farms with damage to at least one building ;

445, 435 m² of buildings impacted (about **900** roofs) ;

Over **20, 000** victims ;

10, 000 birds killed.

VICHY AGGLOMERATION

More than **60** buildings in the City of Vichy (**75 %** of the heritage) ;

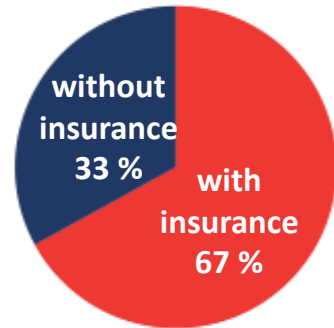
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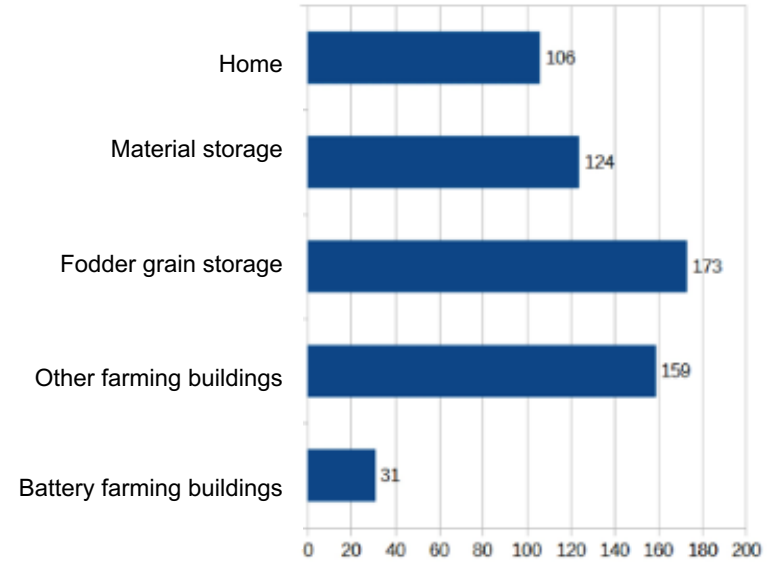
Farms insured against hail damage for crops



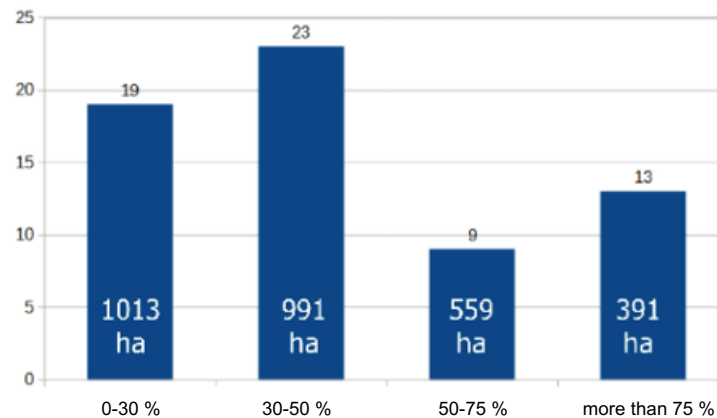
Type of roofing regarding asbestos



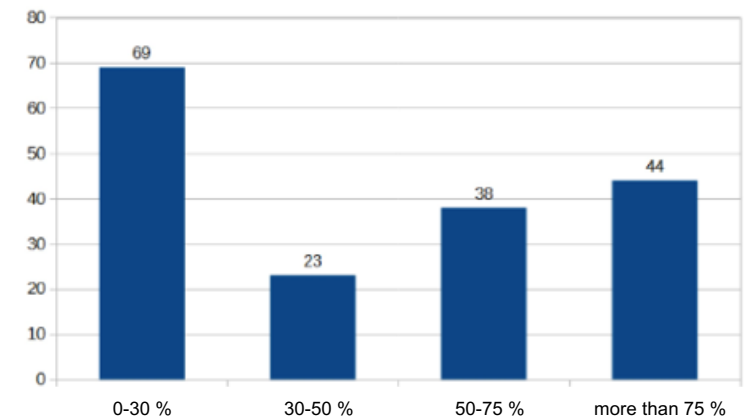
Number of farms by type of buildings



Rate of meadow losses (number of farms)



Rate of crop losses (number of farms)



Difficulties encountered

The **completion of insurance claims** and the **difficulty** for farmers in **meeting the remaining costs** ;

The **ability to mobilise materials and companies** to restore buildings within reasonable timescales ;

The **issue of asbestos**, very prevalent in the fibre cement roofs of buildings (**more than 50 %**) ;

The ability of some operators to **meet their production targets**.

Vichy, a UNESCO World Heritage town

One of the eleven *Great Spa Towns of Europe* on July 24th, 2021 ;

Confirmation of their **outstanding universal value** and **enhanced cooperation** in heritage conservation ;

Exceptional testimony to the **European spa phenomenon**, which reached its apogee between 1700 and the 1930s ;

Integrity, authenticity and **protection** of European spa towns.