

# **Trends in Insuring Agricultural Risks**

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### 1. Agricultural Roots of R+V

R+V grew from the co-operative movement of farmers and craftsmen leading to the foundation of "Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken".

Guiding Idea : Principle of " Help yourself "

Founders : Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen for the farmers

Herrmann Schulze-Delitzsch for the small enterprises

Goal : Financial security for family, house and farm

Start : 1875 Predecessor of Vereinigte Tierversicherung

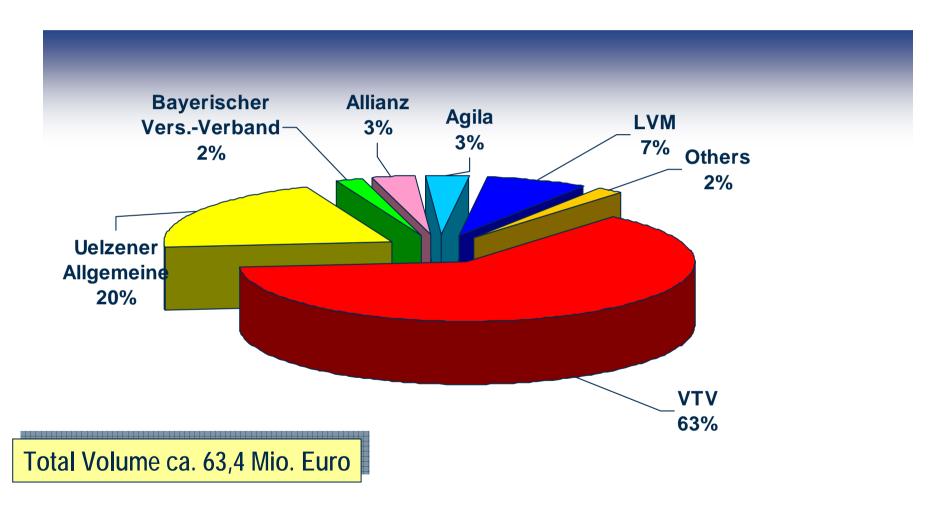
1898 origin of R+V Pensionsversicherung

Foundation of R + V: 1922 Raiffeisen Allgemeine Versicherungsgesellschaft a.G. and Raiffeisen Lebensversicherungsbank a.G. in Berlin



#### 2. German Market for Livestock Insurance in 2004

#### Market shares in %





#### 3. Insurance of Conventional Risks

Insured Object	Risk	Insurance Solution
Buildings	Fire, Storm	Fire, Storm Insurance
Contents	Fire (Storm)	Fire Insurance
Machinery	MAR	Technical Branches Insurance
Livestock	Epidemics, Communicable Disease	Loss of Earnings / single animal insurance
Motor Vehicles	TPL	Liability Insurance
	Own Damage	Partial / Full Own Damage Insurance
Liability	Business Risks	
	Environmental Risks	Commercial Liability Insurance
	Product Risks	



### 4. New Challenges

## 4.1 ...due to Changes within the Farming Industry

RISKS	Insurance Possibilities/Necessities
→ Specialising in one dominating business	→ Loss of Profits Insurance, Trade Credit Insurance
→ Entry into Energy Production (Biogas, Photovoltaic)	→ Property , Liability, Technical Insurance, Loss of Profits Insurance for Biogas- / Photovoltaic Installations
→ Entry into the Production of genetically modified Organisms (GMO)	→ Liability Insurance for GMO (to be developed)





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#### 4.2 ...due to External Factors

RISKS	Insurance Possibilities / Necessities
→ Climate (Drought, Frost, Flooding)	Crop Insurance ( different models in various European states )
→ Political and Legal Basic Parameters	
- Tightening of product liability (EC)	<ul> <li>→ Extended product liability insurance</li> <li>( financial loss )</li> </ul>
- Law on genetic engineering (GER)	→ Not insurable (due to joint and several liability and no-fault insurance)
- Policy on epidemics / non-vaccination (EC)	→ Loss of earnings insurance



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RISKS	Insurance Possibilities/Necessities
→ Change of Agro-Market	
- Deregulation leads to stronger price fluctuation	<ul> <li>→ No insurance solution in Europe</li> <li>→ Hedging by commodity futures, supply contracts</li> </ul>
- Concentration in processing and trading is increasing the trade risk ( regional and on farm level )	→ Trade risk insurance



## 5. Summary

- Increasing size and specialisation of farms is increasing their economical risk and thereby the need to insure.
- O Changed political, legal and economical parameters increase the product-, production and market risk of farms. This is inspiring a new demand for insurance strategies and -products.

