



Réseau Messicoles

# The **segetal plants\*** network enables farmers, natural environment managers, teachers and researchers to meet and exchange data and practices in order to protect **biodiversity**.

## WHAT IS THE SEGETAL PLANTS NETWORK?

The segetal plants network has been set up in 2006. It aims at making the segetal issues known beyond specialists.

It has an important role in creating and gathering **educational resources and tools** in order to train and raise actors' awareness in the field of agriculture and education.



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each year people implied in such actions meet in order to exchange on what they do in the field of segetal plants and create technical and educational resources.

The **wiki collaborative website** — [www.cdrflorac.fr/Messicoles](http://www.cdrflorac.fr/Messicoles) — has been set up and managed by Supagro Florac. Thus it ensures data exchange and dialogues as well as a watch on the issue.

## WHAT ARE ITS MAIN ROLES?

**Raise** actors' awareness in the field of agriculture

**Share** our knowledge and assessment on segetal plants / **Exchange** and **gather** our experiences

**Promote** agricultural practises and techniques using segetal plants

**Take part** in setting up a national action plan to justify segetal plants are useful

## WHAT ARE THE RESOURCES CREATED?

An open-to-all and developing tool-box has been created in which can be found:

Data files



Technical files



Educational files



A wiki collaborative website



A self-diagnosis manual



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\* Segetal (in French *messicoles*) has a Latin root *seges* or *messis*, meaning 'crop' and *colere* 'live'. So Segetal or *messicoles* means a particular category of weeds which have an annual life cycle and are found in winter cereal crops' fields.