

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF PLANT VARIETIES IN ARGENTINA

## WHO HOLDS PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA?

The RNPC\* at INASE\*\* has granted ownership titles to national and multinational companies, as well as public institutions such as the Argentinian National Agricultural Technology Institute (INTA in Spanish) and universities.

INTA is the main plant breeder and has registered more than 300 species in the RNC\*\*\*, many of them of great importance for regional economies, such as yerba mate, tea, or rice. It currently has 117 valid ownership titles registered in the RNPC, corresponding to 40 species.

**67% OF THE VARIETIES REGISTERED IN THE RNPC CORRESPOND TO DEVELOPMENTS MADE IN ARGENTINA, WHILE 33% ARE LINKED TO FOREIGN DEVELOPMENTS.**



## DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

An effective and equitable intellectual property system helps to establish a balance between the interests of both innovators and the public, providing a framework in which creativity and invention can flourish for the benefit of all.

## PATENTS

**Some innovations in plant breeding can be protected by patents.** The HB4 technology for drought tolerance developed by the Rosario Institute of Agrobiotechnology (INDEAR in Spanish) has been patented by the Argentinian National University of the Coast (CONICET in Spanish), and the private company Bioceres.



\* RNPC - Registro Nacional de Propiedad de Cultivares (Argentinian National Registry of Cultivar Ownership)

\*\* INASE - Instituto Nacional de Semillas (Argentinian National Institute of Seeds)

\*\*\* RNC - Registro Nacional de Cultivares (Argentinian National Registry of Cultivars)