

# Development of the hazelnut sector in Bas-Saint-Laurent and overview of the research project

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The hazelnut sector in the Bas-Saint-Laurent was established out of a local desire to bring communities together and empower them and to promote the development of the agri-food industry by putting vacant land to good use. In 2018, through a joint effort between the Comité PFNL du Bas-Saint-Laurent, the RCMs (regional county municipalities), the SADC (Sociétés d'aide au développement des collectivités), the MAPAQ, Les Saveurs du Bas-Saint-Laurent and the UPA (Union des producteurs agricoles), the 22 producers and Biopterre, twenty or so hazelnut groves were established for research purposes. Scattered throughout the region, they represent an important step toward making hazelnut production a local reality. Maxim Tardif will take us through the history of this emerging sector. Béatrice Perron will present observations and results from research carried out in recent years. She will discuss the impact of geographic and climatic conditions on hazelnut performance and future research topics.

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