

**PERFORMANCES OF THE MOST DIFFUSED HYBRIDS CULTIVATED IN ITALY
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INTRODUCTION:

We considered data of trials of Italian Universities taking part of Ministry of Agriculture "Oil Plants Proget".

We examined the yields per hectar of varieties tested during the period 1985-1987.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS: The period considered and the dislocation of trial centers give enough a reliable view of the performances of the most diffused varieties in Italy.

CONCLUSIONS: The average yealds in Italy are generally satisfactory and particularly there are some varieties that garantee good results in different years and areas.

The only variables that can still condition the diffusion of the sunflower coltivation are the price decided by the E.E.C. and the intervention policy that is stopping the diffusion of sunflower crop.

An eventual third variable could be the diffusion of phomopsis in Italy. By the moment this is not a problem in Italy, anyway we are already prepared with some resistant varieties.