



Enriching Urban Lifestyles & Rural Economy

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Acronyms

- AMAP = Une association pour le maintien de l'agriculture paysanne (A group to support family-run farming)
- CSA = Community Supported Agriculture
- LSPPC = Local Solidarity-based Partnerships between Producers and Consumers
- OGS = Organic Guarantee System
- PGS = Participatory Guarantee System

What is Teikei / CSA?

Competitive Market Paradigm	Community Agriculture Paradigm (CSA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="342 579 1010 715">■ Acts as independent entrepreneur<li data-bbox="342 770 887 906">■ Treats food as a commodity<li data-bbox="342 962 1016 1098">■ Participates in global competition<li data-bbox="342 1153 1106 1217">■ Operates for production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1153 579 1861 715">■ Seeks interdependent relationships<li data-bbox="1153 770 1917 906">■ Considers food as a gift that nourishes<li data-bbox="1153 962 1682 1098">■ Strives for local cooperation<li data-bbox="1153 1153 1877 1289">■ Becomes a nucleus for community

Different Market Systems

Type	Guarantee Method		Proximity		Initiative			Community Building
	Standard	Certification	Market	Human Relation	Producer	Consumer	Intermediary	
OGS			Open					
PGS			Inbtwn					
Teikei/CSA			Closed				X	
Farmers' Market			Inbtwn				X	

=weak
 =inbetween
 =strong

10 Principles of Organic Agriculture

1. Principle of production of safe, high-quality food
2. Principle of preserving the environment
3. Principle of living with nature
4. Principle of regional self-sufficiency and systems
5. Principle of preserving and nurturing soil fertility

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10 Principles of Organic Agriculture

6. Principle of protecting the diversity of life
7. Principle of ensuring a humane environment
8. Principle of protection of fair and just working conditions
9. Principle of producer and consumer alliance
10. Principle of spreading the value of agriculture and building up society's respect for life

URGENCI's Functions

- Facilitate exchange between members & with other solidarity economy and civil society partners;
- Carry action projects forward through producer-consumer tandem;
- Develop tools to reinforce viability of the network;
- Coordinate actions at international level and facilitate harmonization;
- Dialogue with public institutions;
- Encourage mobilization of local networks.

URGENCI – LSPPC Global Network

LSPPCs = Local Solidarity-based Partnerships
between Producers and Consumers

Some Examples:

- > AMAPs in France
- > Teikeis in Japan
- > CSAs
- > ASC in Quebec
- > Reciproco in Portugal etc.

URGENCI's Objectives

- ◆ Maintain & develop family-based farming;
- ◆ Food sovereignty for all regions and communities;
- ◆ Health through food and the fight against hunger and malnutrition;
- ◆ Develop civic responsibility in economic relations and a social network of solidarity between producers and consumers and the inhabitants of towns and rural areas;
- ◆ Education on environment & civic responsibility;
- ◆ Fight exclusion and poverty by developing solidarity in both rural and urban contexts.

URGENCI's Values

- ◆ Fairness, Solidarity, Reciprocity in economic relations, particularly in terms of the commitment to solidarity, fairness, stable prices, and risk-sharing;
- ◆ Each producer-consumer partnership is independent;
- ◆ Develop overall coherence at and between different levels (local, regional, national and global)

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