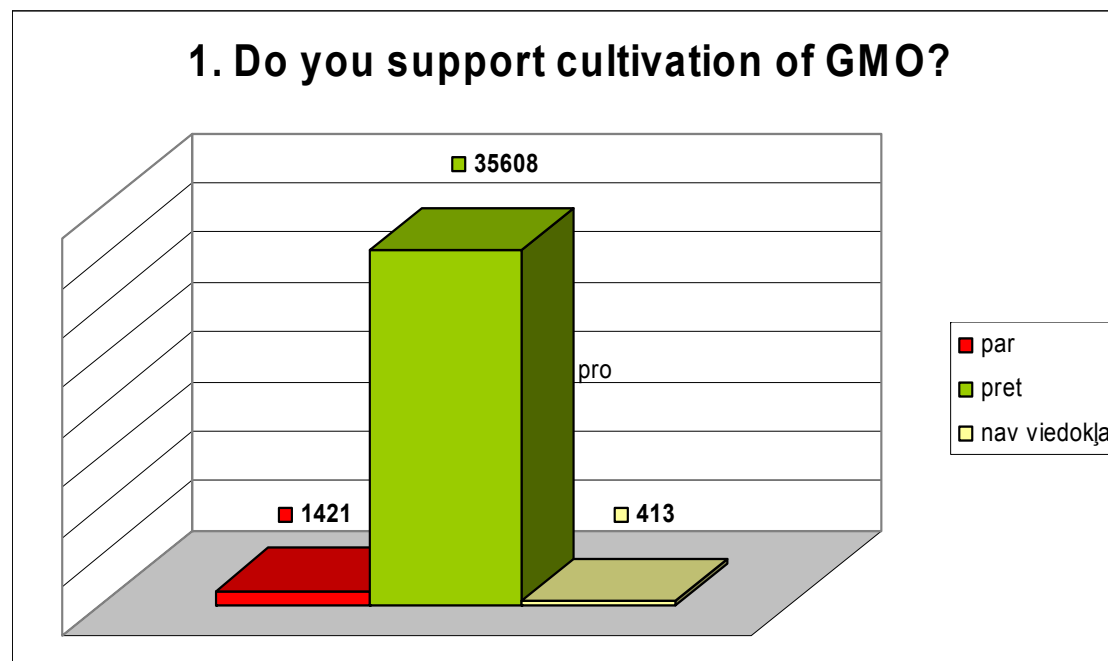


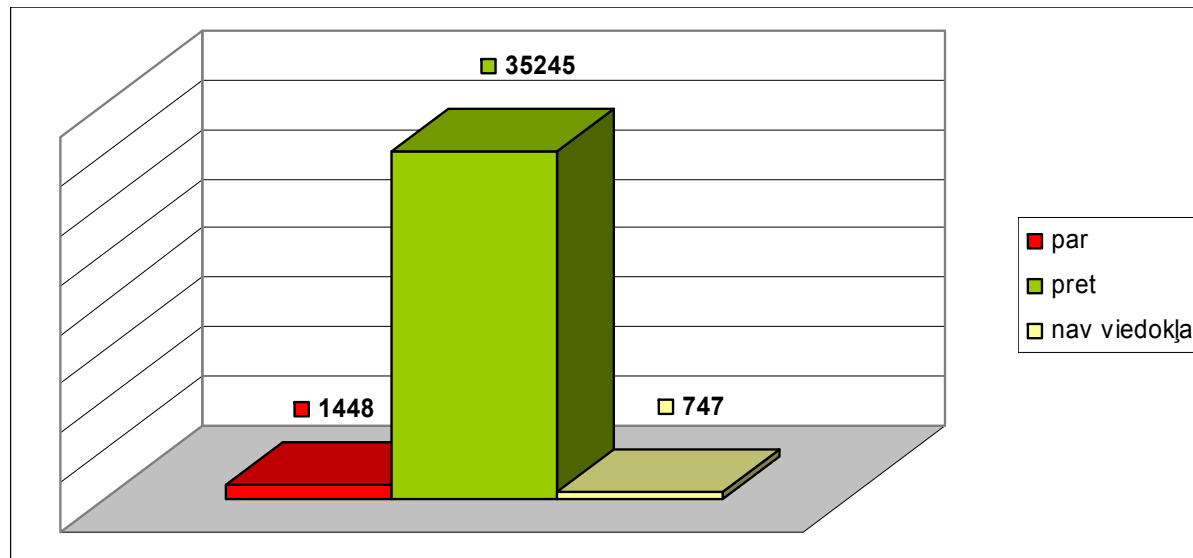
GMO-free zones in Latvia

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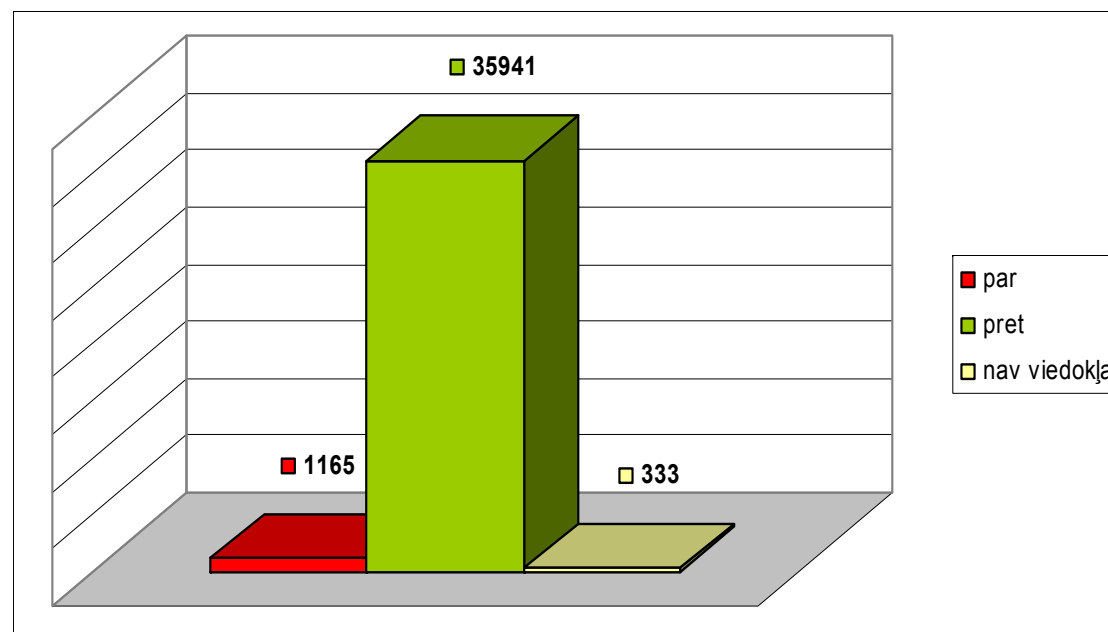
Internet survey (MoE) Dec.2008- March 2009 (37 440 votes)



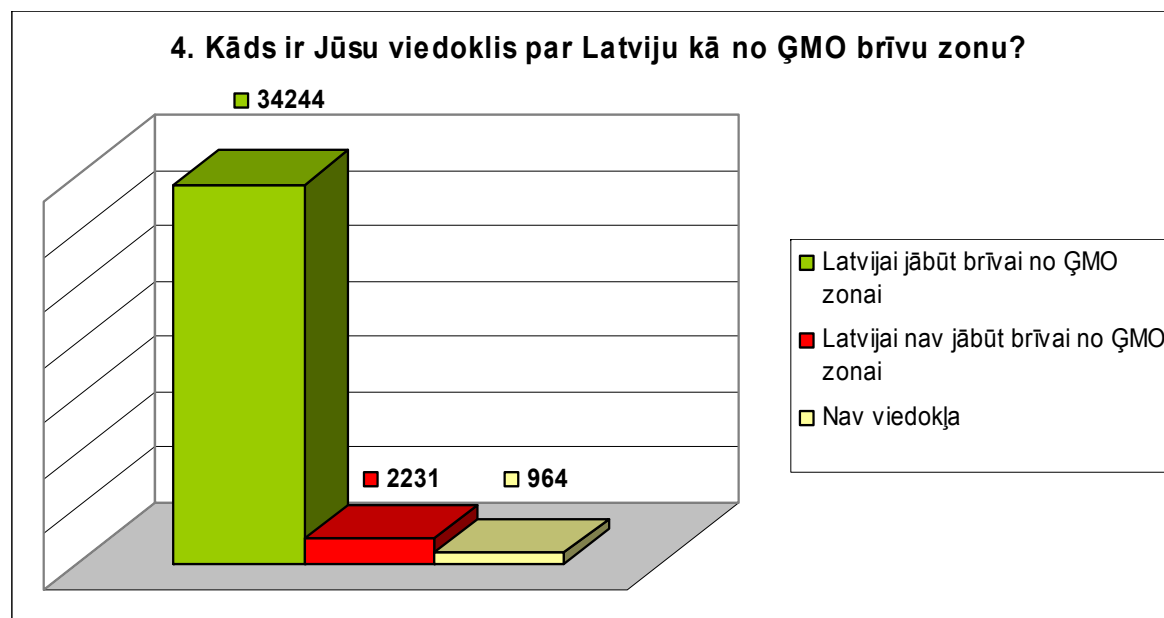
Do you support using GMO in feed?



'Pro' or 'against' GMO food?



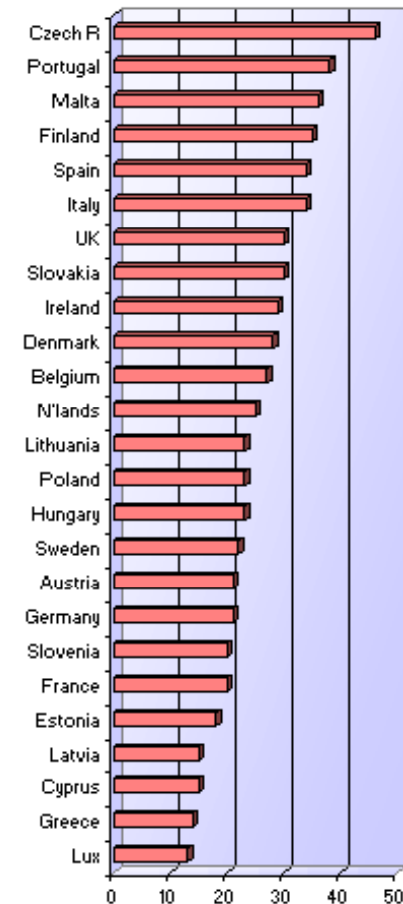
What are your opinion about Latvia as GMO-free zone?



Support for GM foods in EU Member States

Eurobarometer survey (2006)

- The EU-wide average is 27 percent.
- LV ~ 12-14%



EU Env.ministers agreed

Council Conclusions (05.12.2008., 16882/08)

Para 18:

NOTES that GMO-free zones **can be created on the basis of voluntary agreement** which, in line with relevant national law, could be tacit between the economic operators concerned in the area in question and that in order to ensure freedom of choice all concerned operators **must be properly informed** about an intention to create the GMO-free zone.

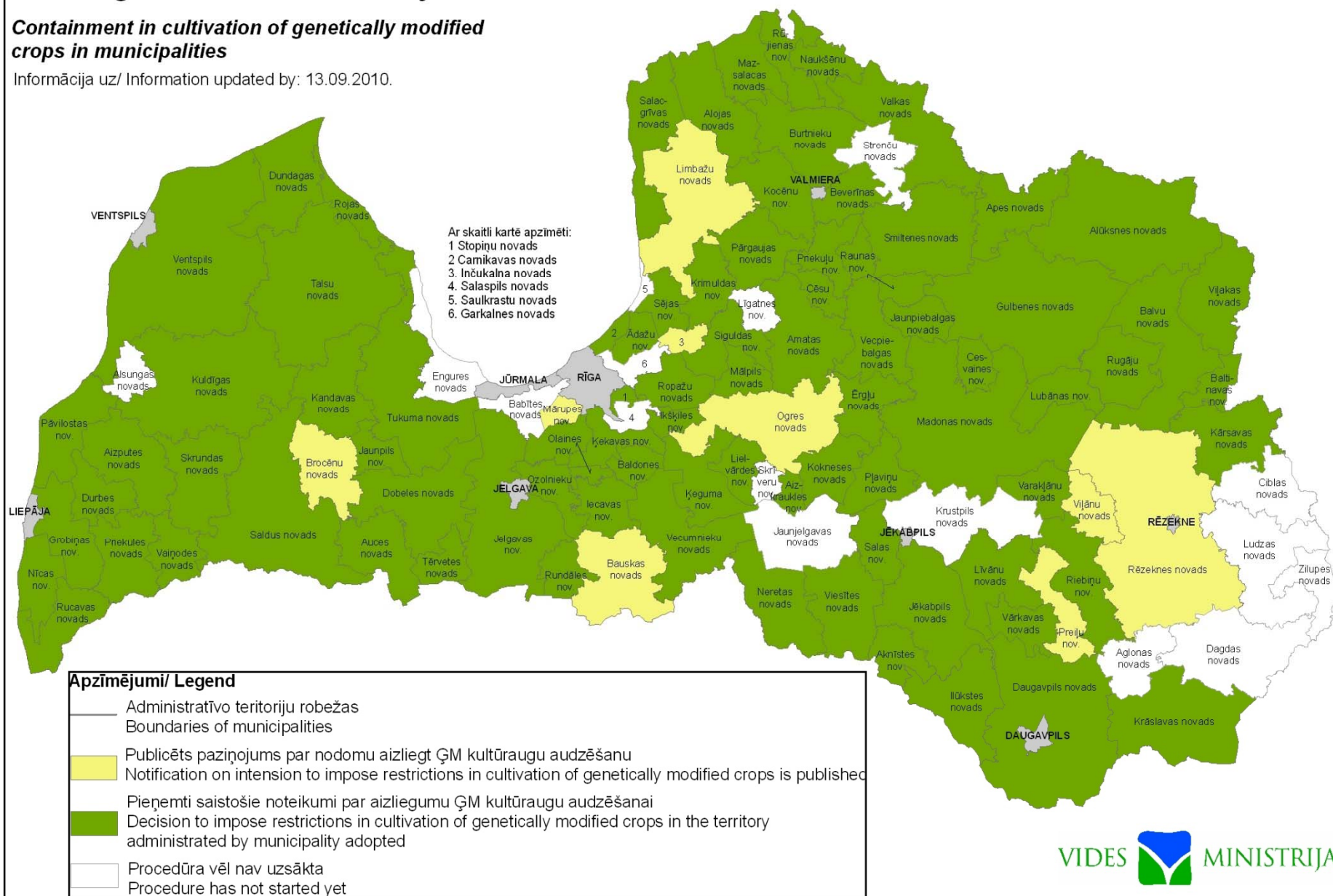
Amendments to the Law on GMO circulation in 2009

- Municipality competence
- In consultation with public
- Information published and put in Register

Pašvaldības, kuras noteikušas ģenētiski modificēto kultūraugu audzēšanas ierobežojumus

Containment in cultivation of genetically modified crops in municipalities

Informācija uz/ Information updated by: 13.09.2010.



Containment in cultivation of genetically modified crops in municipalities in Latvia

Total number of amalgamated rural municipalities in Latvia - **109**

- *Decision to impose restrictions in cultivation of genetically modified crops* in the territory administrated by municipality adopted by **84** municipalities – **77 %** of all munic.
- **8** municipalities – discussing
- **9** have not started discussions