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## SUPPLY OF CERTIFICATES POSITIVE FOR ACTIVE GROWERS

*Potato breeder HZPC publishes certificate price after half-yearly trading day*

The supply of certificates from HZPC has reduced slightly but is still significant. This was demonstrated today during the potato breeder HZPC Holding B.V.'s half-yearly trading day. The share certificate price has been set at € 106.35. This means a reduction in the value of the HZPC certificate by the maximum of 10% in accordance with the stock exchange model that HZPC uses.

After many years with a limited supply, it is now mostly inactive growers who wish to sell their certificates. This is good news for active growers as it makes it easier and more appealing for them to buy certificates.

Gerard Backx, CEO HZPC Holding explains: 'We aim to ensure that the majority of certificates are held by growers who are still active. This makes them co-owners of HZPC'.

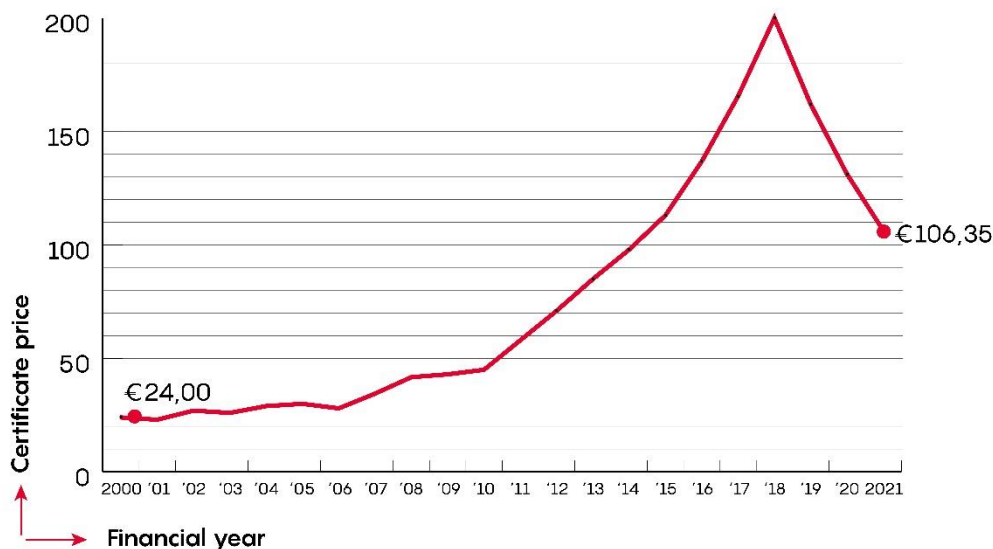
### Without growers, no HZPC

This year, to encourage the transfer of certificates from inactive to active growers, HZPC started the Connecting Growers program. In this context, HZPC buys certificates and then offers them to its active growers. Growers can apply for the program in order to become eligible; they can also buy certificates themselves.

According to Gerard Backx, many growers are pleased with the program: 'Many of our growers are participating. This means that many HZPC growers in the European Union will be certificate holders this year.' HZPC divides the certificates on the basis of the number of hectares of seed potatoes that a grower cultivates. Before next trading day, HZPC donates the certificates to its active growers.

### Share certificate

Certificate price HZPC Holding B.V.



*HZPC share certificate price at 783,725 certificates.*

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**About HZPC**

Founded in 1898 and rooted in The Netherlands, HZPC has grown to become global market leader in innovative breeding, seed potato trading and concept development. We aim for durable growth. We offer innovative potato varieties that are optimised for local growing conditions. We share knowledge and provide solutions that dynamically anticipate the climatological, cultural and commercial challenges faced by the entire food sector. With 400 employees across 16 countries, and exports to over 90 countries, we contribute to the availability of responsible food for the well-being of millions of people worldwide.

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