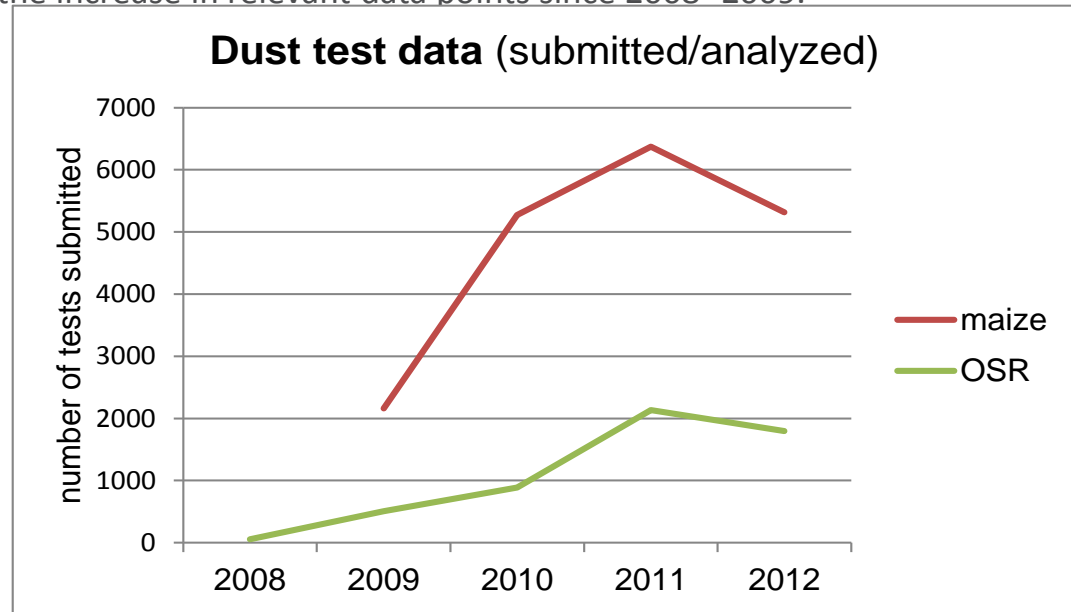




**Dust quality of Treated
Seeds – Industry facts**

Size and relevance of the data collection effort

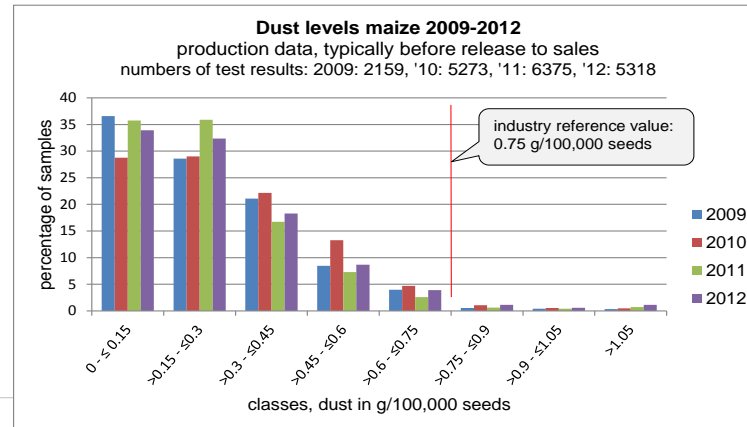
By now, maize companies that provided data, represent 90% of the European maize seed market; for oil seed rape the companies represent nearly the entire European market. The graph shows the increase in relevant data points since 2008- 2009.



Maize

The seed companies that provided data represent approximately 90% of the European maize seed market.

- Average dust levels of treated maize seed lots are below 0.3 g/100,000 seeds (40 % of the industry reference value of 0.75 g)
- 95% of the treated seed lots have dust levels below 0.7 g/100,000 seeds, with no significant difference between the EU Member States.
- Seed lots exceeding the industry reference value of 0.75 g/100,000 seeds are not to be placed on the market.



Oil seed rape

Data collection covered nearly the entire European market, with companies in France and Germany as the main seed suppliers.

- Average dust levels of treated oil seed rape lots have stabilized at levels around 0.06 g/700,000 seeds (less than 15 % of the industry reference value of 0.5 g)
- 95% of the treated seed lots have dust levels below 0.25 g/700,000 seeds.
- Seed lots exceeding the industry reference value of 0.5 g/700,000 seeds are not to be placed on the market.

