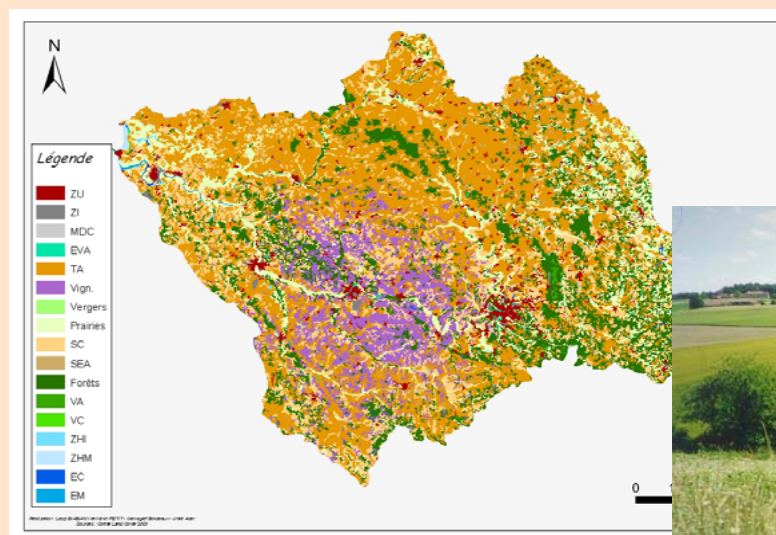




# SSA 10 (Pertuis sea and Charente river basin)

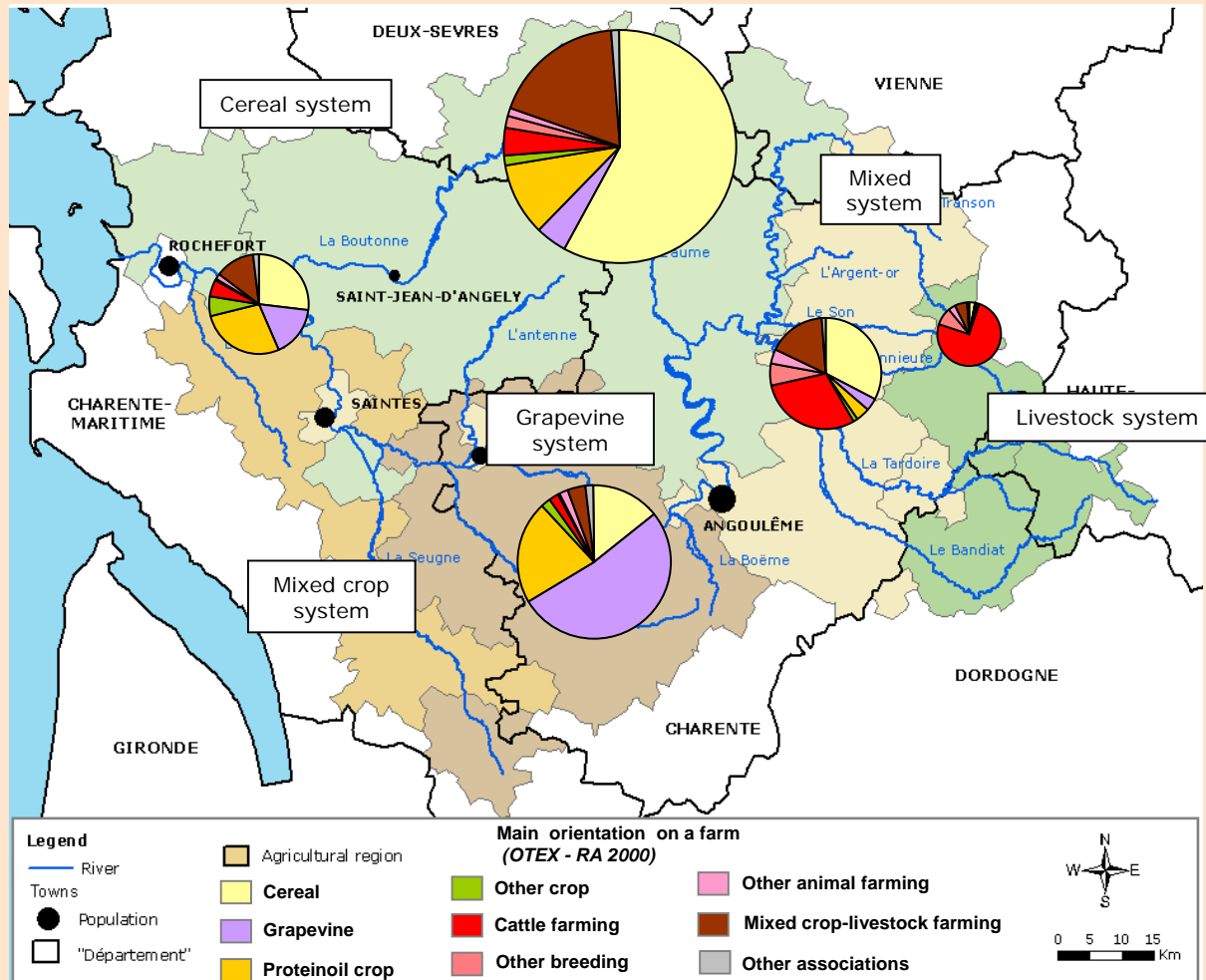
## Agriculture-Irrigation



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- How to describe the agriculture on the Charente watershed in a simple way ?
- Contribution to the definition of scenarios
- Contribution to the extend model (from the specific agro-hydrological model SWAT)



**Data used : OTEX database, agricultural statistics, at the commune level**

## 5 main types

**livestock system** : permanent grass and animal fodder.

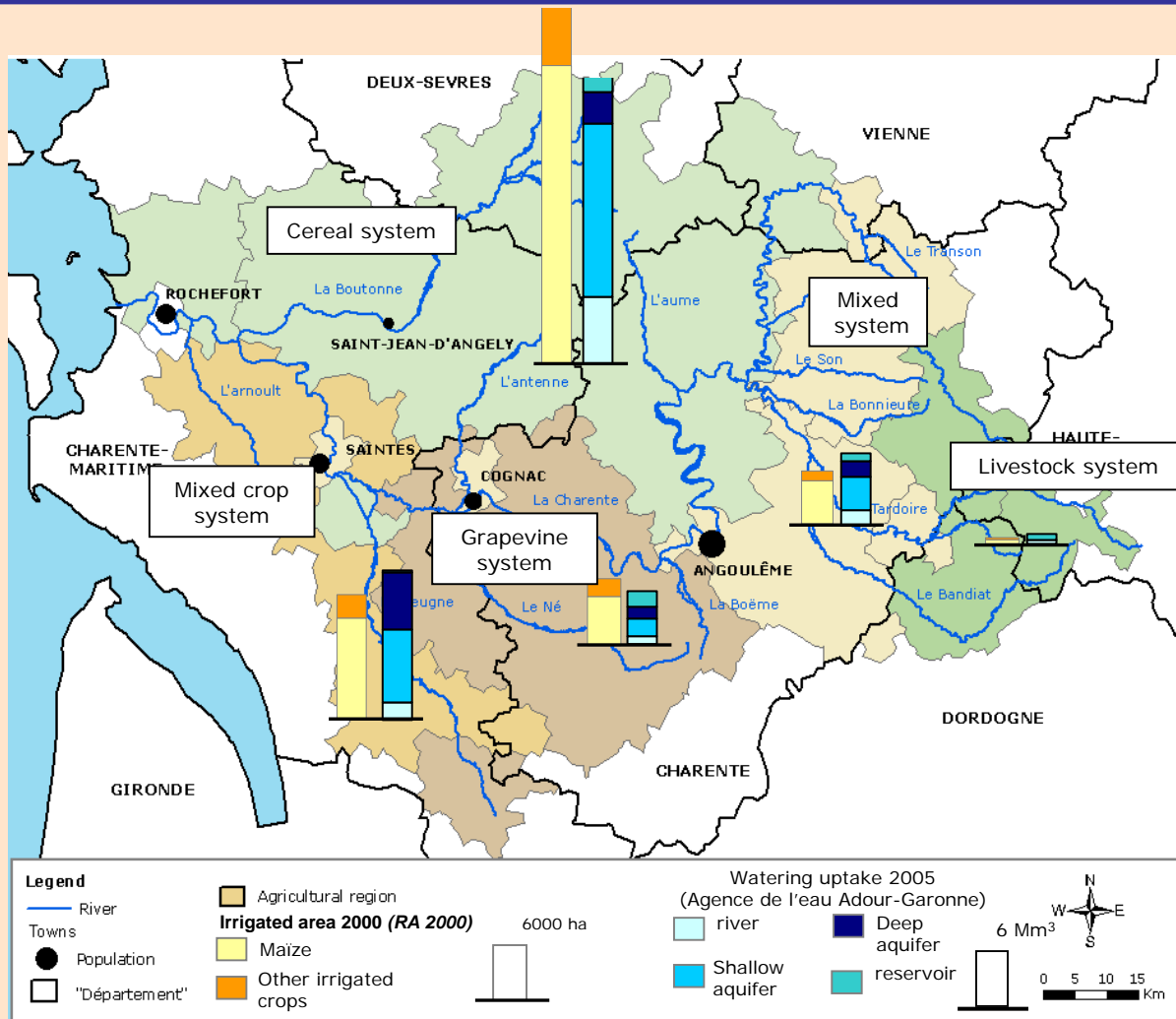
**mixed system** : cattle farming, cereal farming and vineyard.

**cereal system** : cropping plan is essentially cereals (50%) and protein oil crops (25%). 60% of irrigated area and nearly 50% of water uptake.

**grapevine system** : More than 50 % of the cropping plan is grapevine. It is the Cognac vineyard.

**mixed crop system** : cereal, protein oil, grapevine. (19% of the irrigated area and 25% of the water uptake).





85 000 ha of irrigated area and 3000 irrigated farms,

- Maize is the main irrigated crop and represents 80 % of the irrigated area.
- 60% of the maize area is irrigated.
- Irrigated farms usually have a bigger usable farm area and a higher yield.
- Watering uptake is variable (climate - average close to 90 Mm<sup>3</sup> -
- An average 156 mm is brought to the maize

Surveys → experts : agricultural advisers, chambers of agriculture

All the river basin area is concerned (samples)

Data collected :

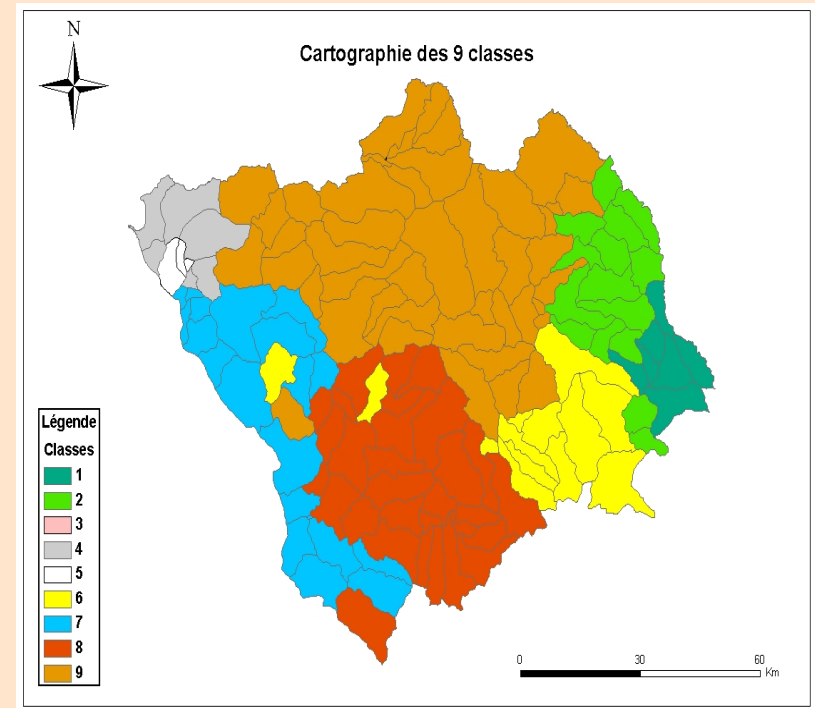
- detailed agricultural practices (N, P ,K , pesticides, irrigation)

- crop management sequence :

- Dates of sowing, harvest, beginning and end of irrigation, date of treatments or runs on the plot,... → one CMS/crop/system/area

- crops rotations → main rotations

- Perception about scenarios of evolution of agriculture (2020)



*Classification of the hydrological units using 43 variables (soil occupation, types of crops, types of soil, drainage, slopes) = 8 types*

## Some predictable scenarios for agriculture :

-Irrigation measures (Irrig01/Irrig02) applied to a percentage of farmers

- Substitution of main irrigated crop (corn) by other crops requiring less water (corn → sorghum or winter crops)
- change in farming system irrigated → non irrigated system

-New reservoirs/hydrographic units → increase in available resources for irrigation → less uptake in the river

-Decrease in irrigated area (more constraints from local policies, limitation of irrigating period)

-New crop rotations on the area

-Increase in the usable farm area (more production)

One global scenario (example decreasing irrigated corn on the Charente river basin) = different local scenarios for each of the sub-basins in the hydrological model (in this case depending on the irrigated corn area and the agricultural system)



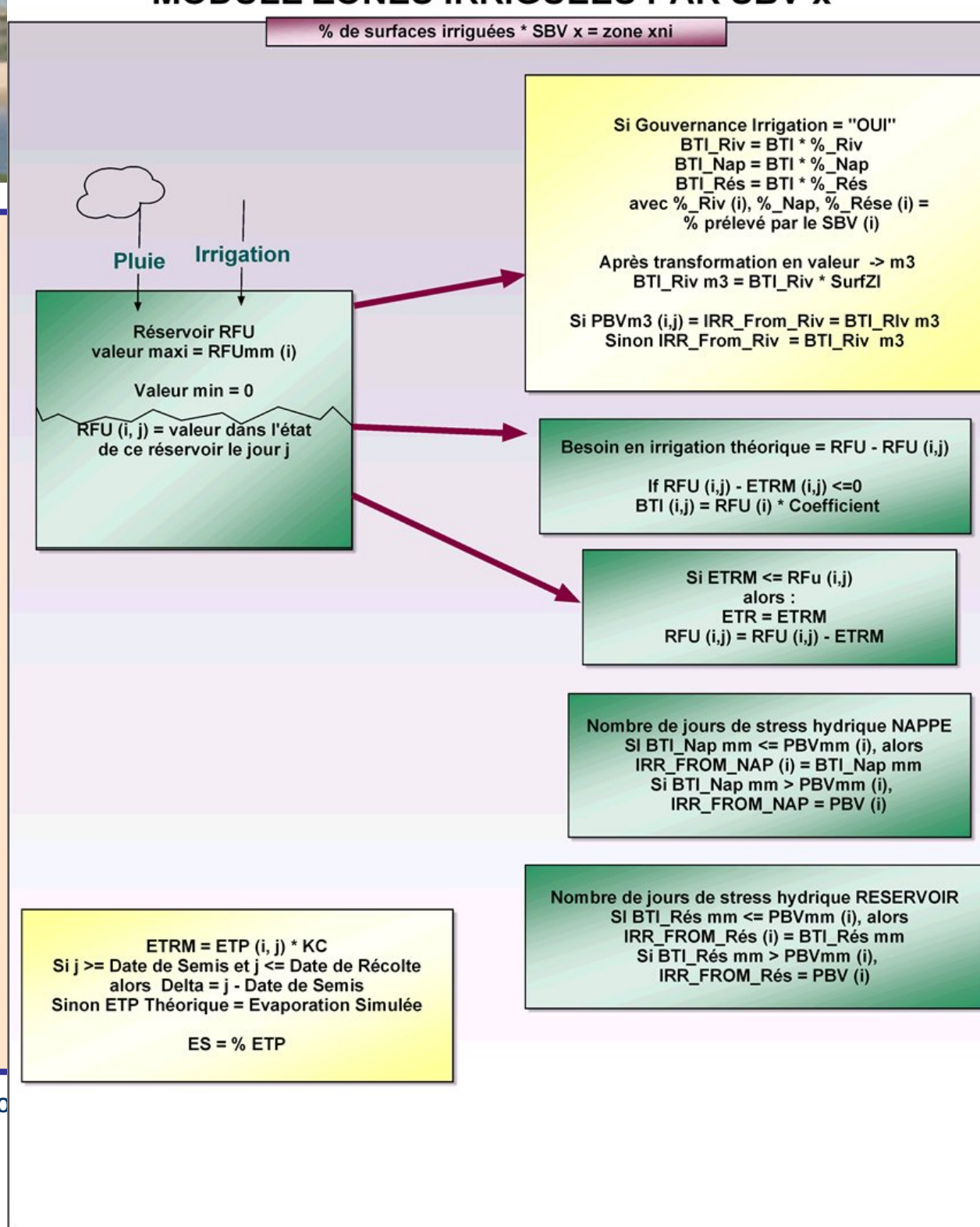
Propositions to include in the extend model some main functions :

- calculation of the need in irrigation /crop

- function of production and decrease of production if the need of the crop is not satisfied

- taking in account the different types of uptakes (river, reservoirs, groundwater) for irrigation

- Policy constraints (values of thresholds) limitation of irrigation



- We provide aggregated data about agriculture on the watershed  
Level : Commune/HU → sub-basin of the hydrological module
- We provide simplified functions to be include in the extend model
- SWAT model is a specific agro-hydrological tool able to run combined agricultural scenarios (substitution of crops, rotation) → we can provide expertise to improve the extend model