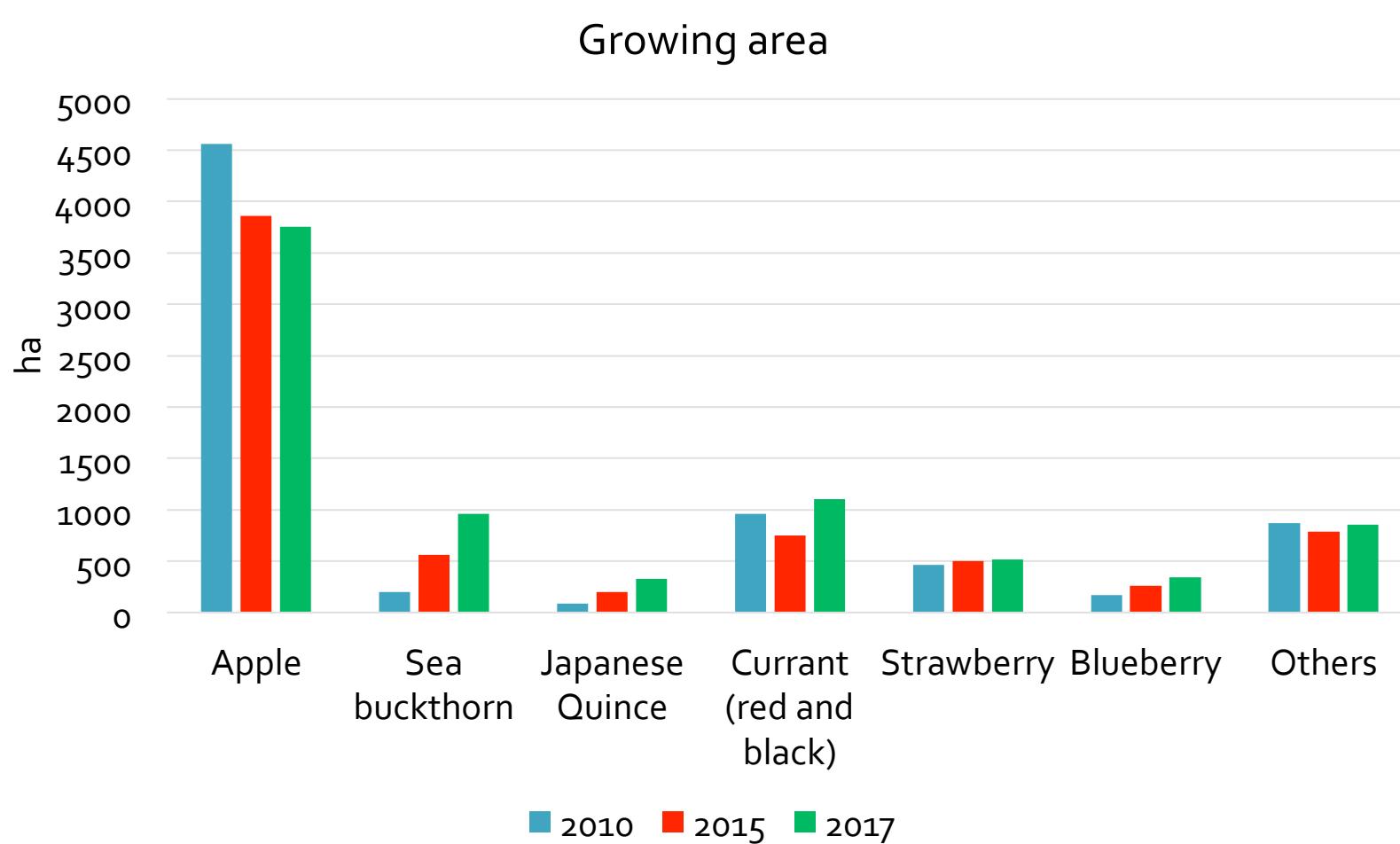


Apple and berry farming in Latvia (current status, latest news and challenges)

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Current status



Total area:
2010 – 7323 ha
2015 – 6927 ha
2017 – 7858 ha

Knowledge support



Institute of Horticulture
www.darzkopibasinstituts.lv



Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies
www.llu.lv



Latvian Plant Protection Research Centre
www.laapc.lv

Cooperation in Latvia

- about 50-60 activ cooperativs
 - **19 cereals**
 - **22 animal**
 - **8 horticulture**
 - **3 forestry**



Producer organizations

- Baltijas Dārzeņi
- Mūsmāju dārzeņi
- Baltijas ogu kompānija
- Zelta ābele
- Augļu nams





Augļu nams

- 11 enterprise (farms)
- ≈ 100 ha orchards (apple and other)
- Production 150 000- 160 000 EUR



Reason of cooperation

- Investments
- Joint selling
- Price
- Exchange of experience

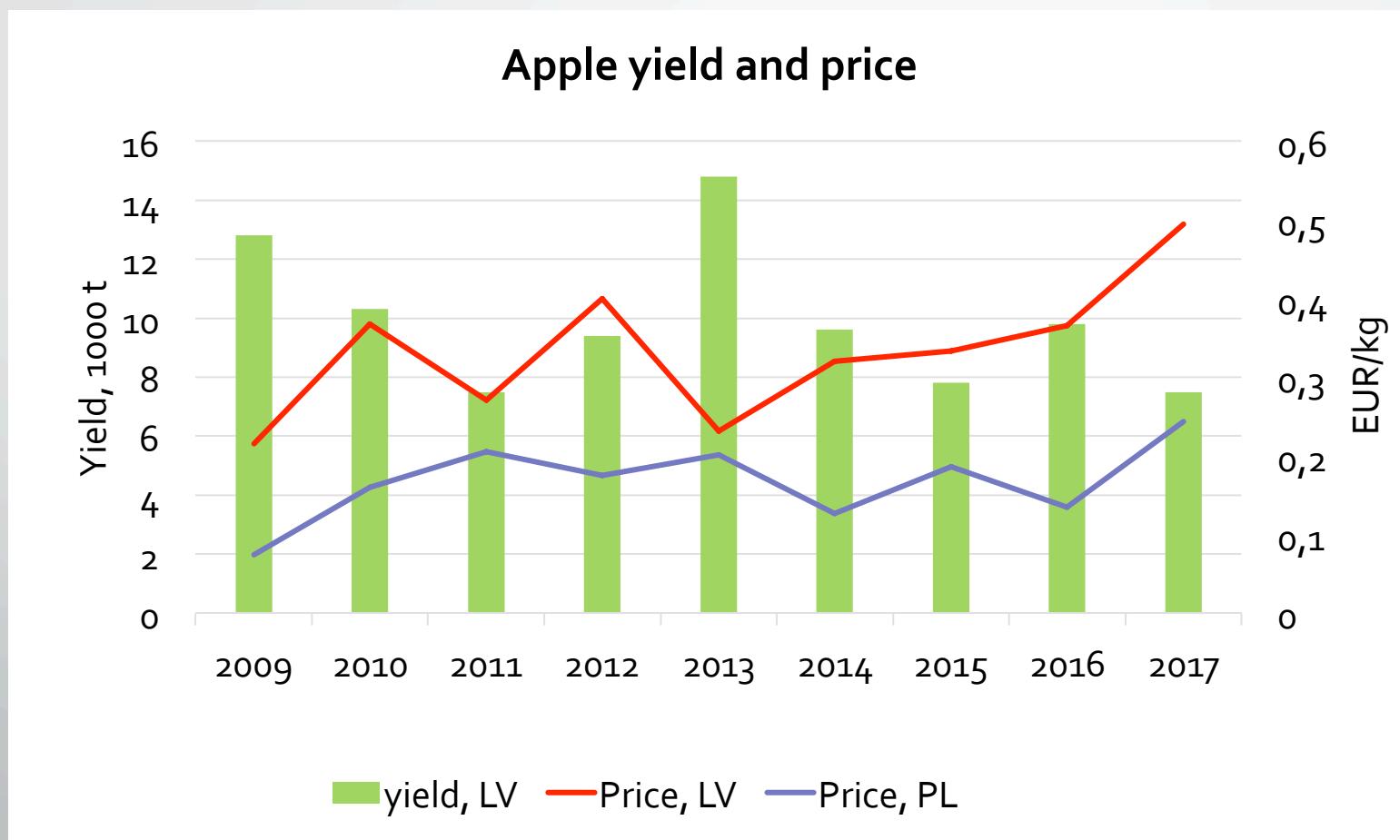


Cooperation's problems

- Trust between members
- Slower cash flow
- Concept «sufficient quality»
- How to divide good and not so good orders
- Nothing is running in itself



Competition and price



Association

- Fruit grower association
 - Vegetable grower association
 - Association of agricultural cooperative
- ✓ Programme "SCHOOL MILK AND FRUIT"
 - ✓ Rules for small vinery
 - ✓ 5% VAT for Latvia typical fruits and vegetable

Challenges

- Quality
 - Yield quantity and stability
 - Influence of climate changes
 - Labour
 - Import
- Cultivars
 - Plant protection
 - Fertilization
 - Harvest time
 - Storage
 - Irrigation
 - Mechanisation
 - New orchards

