

BCPC Pests & Beneficials Review 2026

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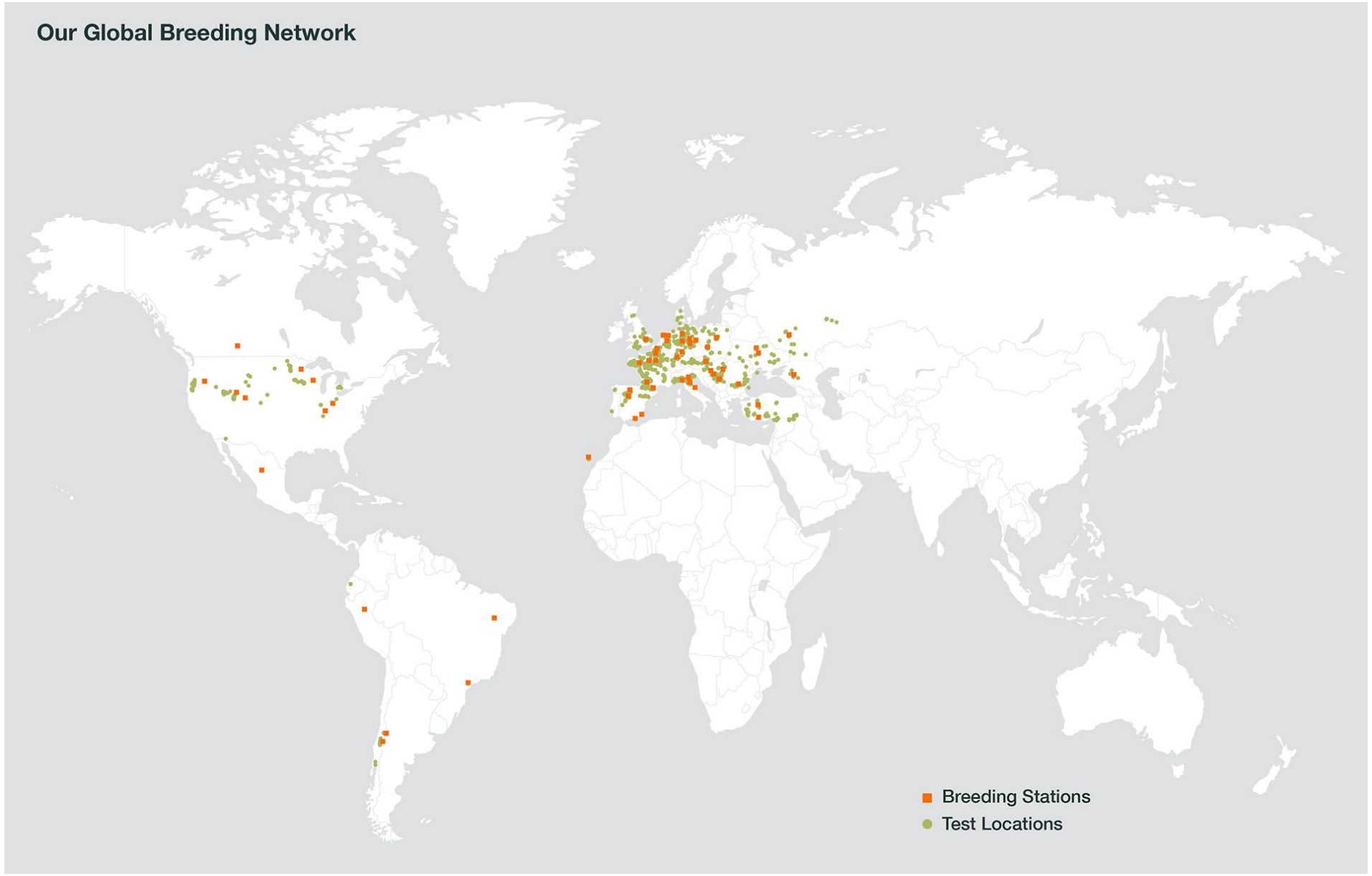
KWS globally at a glance – FY 24/25



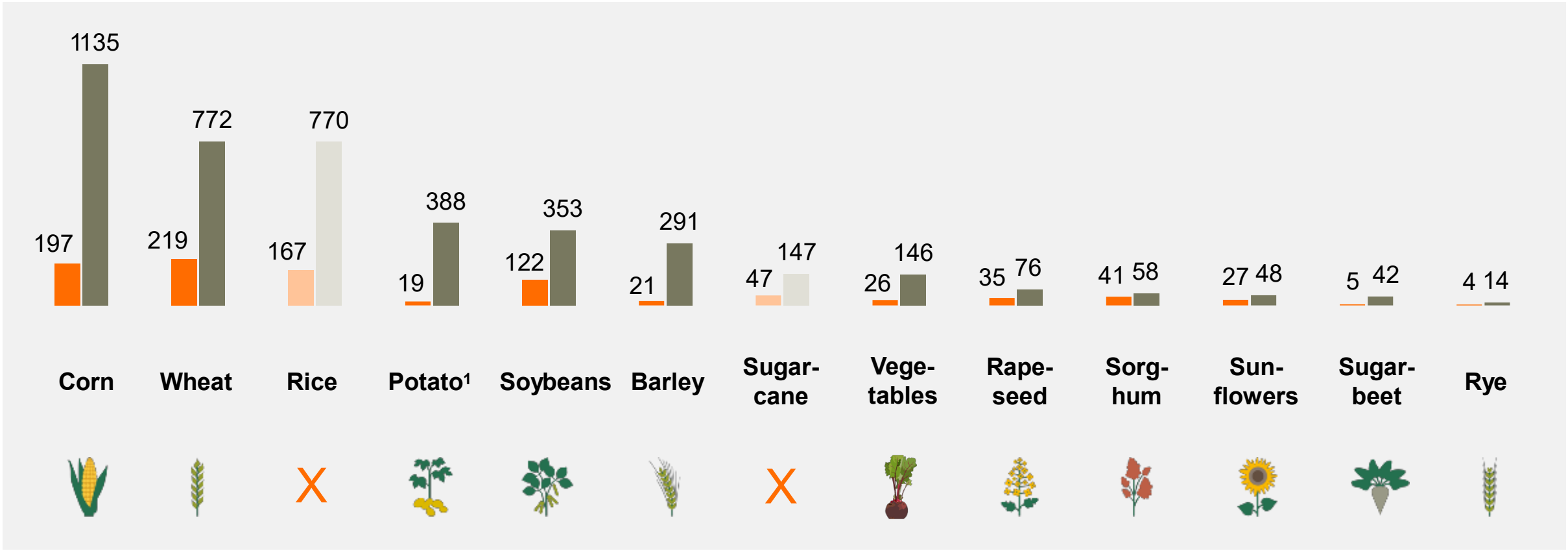
Employees
in FTE
4,837

€ **349** million
invested in research and development

Net sales
in € million
1,677

EBIT
in € million
247

Our portfolio includes seeds for 11 of the 13 most important crops/crop groups



Source: faostat.fao.org (Data for 2017), zuckerverbaende.de; ¹ No commercial business for KWS, but target of strategic research and development.

What do we breed in the UK?

Winter Crops	Spring Crops
✓	✓
✓	✓ *
✗ **	✗ **
✗ **	✗ **



* Joint breeding programme
** UK variety trials

SPS Alignment:
A breeders' perspective



Opportunities from SPS Alignment



Lower administrative burden

Improved access to genetics

Competitive agriculture in the UK

Food security and sustainability

Risks from SPS Alignment



Regulatory alignment without a vote

Potential constraints on future UK divergence

Implementation uncertainty

Complacency

How should a UK breeder react to SPS Alignment?

Continue investment in breeding innovation

Leverage precision breeding technologies

Strengthen UK-EU research collaboration

Deliver resilient genetics for growers




Thank you for your attention.
Any questions?