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Chain approach in controlling *Neonectria ditissima*

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In the case of the variety Kanzi, fruit tree canker (*Neonectria ditissima*) can costs annually 1.8 million euro due to the reduction of production by the death of trees and the loss of fruit root.

A low incidence of fruit tree canker makes it easier for fruit growers to control the disease. It is therefore important to produce as clean as possible plant material. Before a fruit tree is planted at the grower, the tree goes through a number of steps in the production chain. During these various steps, infections can occur. Fruit tree canker is therefore a problem of the whole chain from propagation to fruit grower and therefore a chain approach is needed. In 2017 a new project is started with all the partners in this production chain to solve this important disease problem. The project hopes to generate better insight in the behaviour of the fungus in the different parts of the production chain. Based on this knowledge, tools will be developed to innovate the prevention and control of fruit tree canker.