

## **CEMA Business Barometer**

Executive summary report November 2015



# What is the CEMA Business Barometer?

- A monthly survey within for the European agricultural machinery industry (started in 2008)
- Coverage of all major sectors from tractors to municipal equipment
- ► Target group: 140 senior managers from 9 (CEMA) countries
- Implementation: online survey
- Questionnaire available in five languages
- Executed by VDMA for CEMA
- Subjects of the survey:
  - current and future business situation
  - situation of order intake
  - development of turnover
  - turnover expectation per country
  - production plans
  - employment plans
  - special topics, e.g. delivery times
- Deadlines: starting ca. 5th each month, closure: ca. 13th





### Recovery in Europe based on future expectations Executive summary of the survey in November

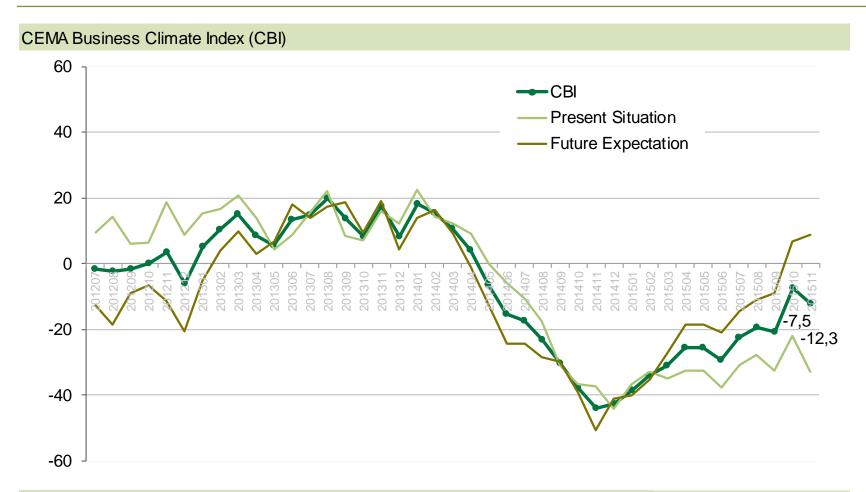
The CEMA business climate index declined slightly, however entirely due to an negative evaluation of the present situation. The future expectations kept increasing, after a significant improvement in the past month, which led that they turned into positive for the first time since early 2014.

On the one hand, the European average of the volume of orders is historically low, currently corresponding to a production period of 1.9 months. On the other hand, overall order intake expectations have been steadily rising in the last months.

The expectations for both, order intakes and volume of turnover, are the highest in the segment of components, followed by equipment for lawn, garden and municipalities, whereas livestock equipment ranks considerably below total industry average.

France has maintained its dynamic upward path. The turnover expectations in the Eastern European countries remain stable - with exception of Poland for which they strongly slipped down. The expectations in the CIS countries increased sharply for the third time in a row and are by now better than in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands, where the representatives remain very pessimistic. These markets are slowed down by high dealer stock levels, as well as by the general reduced farm profitability due to low agricultural commodity prices, especially for milk and pigs.

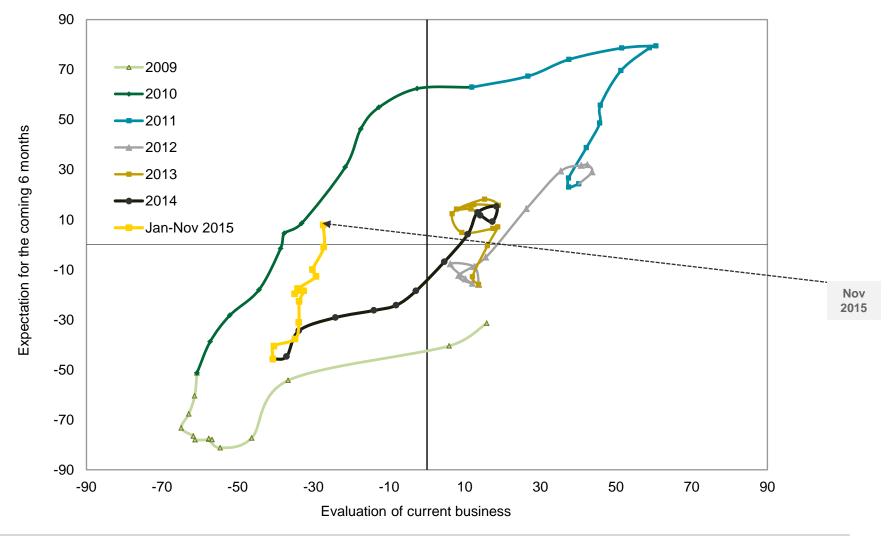
#### Business Climate Index Development



Source: CEMA Business Barometer Index = sum of 1) evaluation of the current business situation and 2) turnover expectation, scale from -100 to +100



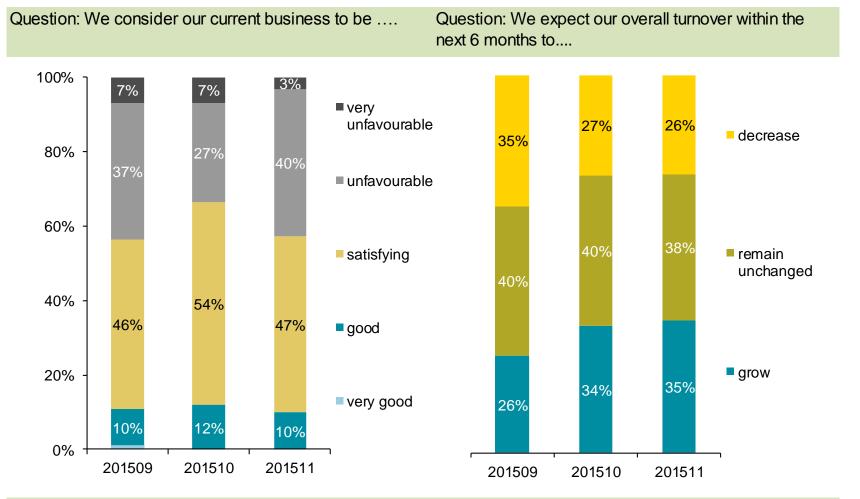
#### Business Climate Illustration of Business Cycle







#### **Business Climate** Current Evaluation and Expectations

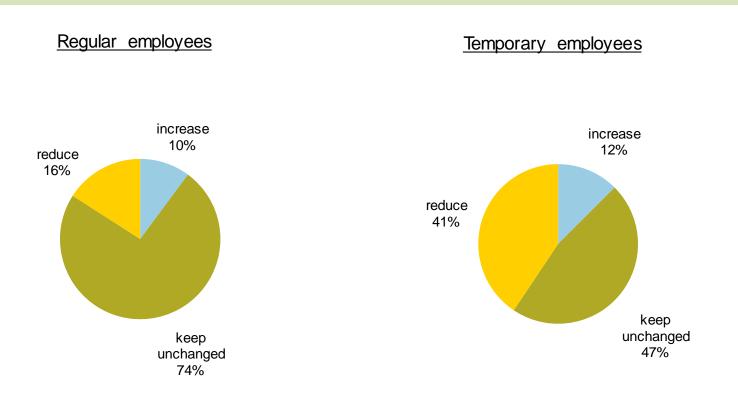


Source: CEMA Business Barometer



## Employment

Question: Our plans regarding the workforce



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