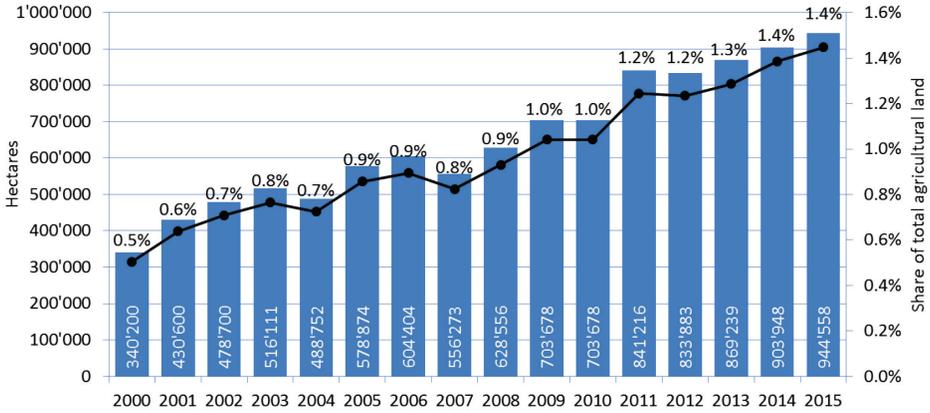


**Canada: Development of organic agricultural land and organic share 2000-2015**

Source: COG-COTA 2000-2017



**Figure 94: Growth of Canada’s organic agricultural land and organic share, 2000-2015**

Source: Canada Organic Trade Association, 2016

**Aquaculture**

In Canada, certification to the organic aquaculture standard will become mandatory in 2017 when the new *Safe Food for Canadians Act* comes into effect. There are currently 19 operations certified to these voluntary standards. The majority (11) produce and process organic mussels in the Atlantic region, with others working with seaweed, caviar, salmon and sablefish producers in British Columbia and Ontario.

**Livestock/Dairy**

According to 2015 estimates, there are 599 organic livestock operations across Canada. The majority of these operations are located in Ontario (209) and Quebec (171). More than a third of the Canadian livestock operations are dairy producers. Organic milk production increased by 6 percent in one year in Canada. A total of 218 certified operations produced 1'033'416 hl of organic milk in 2015/2016. With the new strategic plan of the union of organic milk producers in Quebec, the growth of production is expected to accelerate significantly in the next 6 years. The union announced in 2016 its intention to double the amount of organic milk produced in Quebec by 2023. This ambitious plan will bring more than 100 conventional dairy farmers under the organic system management.