Organic Agriculture in Europe: Current Statistics

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The European Market for Organic Food

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Another record year for organic in Europe and worldwide - highlights

Organic agricultural land reached an all time high with 16.5 million hectares (EU: 14.5 million hectares)
3.3 percent of the agricultural land is organic (EU: 8.1 percent)
In 12 countries 10 percent or more of the farmland is organic (EU: 10 countries)
0.43 million producers were reported – another all time high (EU: 0.34 million)
The market exceeded 45 billion euros (EU: 41.4 billion)
Half of Europe’s organic farmland is in 4 countries.

The country with the largest area of organic farmland is in Spain, followed by France and Italy.

Twelve countries have 10% or more of their agricultural land under organic management.

In 2019 over 0.9 million hectares more were reported compared with 2018.

Organic Agricultural Land Distribution

Distribution of organic agricultural land by region 2019
Source: FiBL survey 2021

- Oceania: 50%
- Europe: 23%
- Latin America: 11%
- Asia: 8%
- North America: 5%
- Africa: 3%
- Europe: 23%

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European Union: Growth of the organic farmland

European Union: growth of organic area and organic share
1985-2019

Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2021, based on national data sources and Eurostat

Organic Area
Organic share

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EUROPE: ORGANIC RETAIL SALES 2019

The European Union (41.4 billion €) is the second largest single market after the US (44.7 billion €) and China (8.5 billion €). By region, North America has the lead (48.2 billion €), followed by Europe and Asia (10.9 billion €).

The countries with the largest markets for organic food are Germany, France (11.3 billion €), Italy (3.6 billion €), and Switzerland (2.9 billion €).

Denmark and Switzerland have the highest per capita consumption worldwide, followed by Luxembourg, Austria, and Sweden.

The country with the highest organic market share is Denmark, followed by Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, and Luxembourg.

The countries with the highest per capita consumption of organic food 2019 in Europe (and world)

Figure: Distribution of retail sales in Europe and worldwide

Global market: Distribution of retail sales value by country 2019
Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2021, based on retail sales with organic food

- USA: 42%
- Germany: 11%
- France: 11%
- China: 8%
- Italy: 3%
- Canada: 3%
- Switzerland: 3%
- Other: 16%

World: distribution of retail sales by single market 2019
Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2021

- USA: 42%
- Switzerland: 3%
- Canada: 3%
- China: 8%
- EU-28: 39%
- Other: 5%
Europe and European Union: Development of retail sales 2000-2019

Organic market shares of eggs

Organic market shares of eggs
Source: FiBL survey 2021

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Organic share of the value of eggs sold
Organic catering sales/food service: Growth

European Union: Development of organic catering 2010-2019 (14 countries)
Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2021, based on national data sources and Eurostat
Organic imports to the European Union

Importing countries (imports in metric tons)

Exporting countries (exports in metric tons)

The development of total organic imports to the European Union 2019 in metric tons

FiBL survey based on national data sources and Eurostat: https://statistics.fibl.org
Conclusions

• In 2019 organic farming continued to grow both in Europe and world wide; and again all time highs were reached for the organic farmland, producers and market.
• Imports to the European Union remained stable, showing the the EU is increasing local production.
• Public food procurement is on the rise, but data are missing in order to have a clear picture about it actual importance.
• For better monitoring of the development of the sector and to increase transparency, data collection and processing need to be improved in many countries, in particular for market and international trade data.
Thank you very much for your attention!

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