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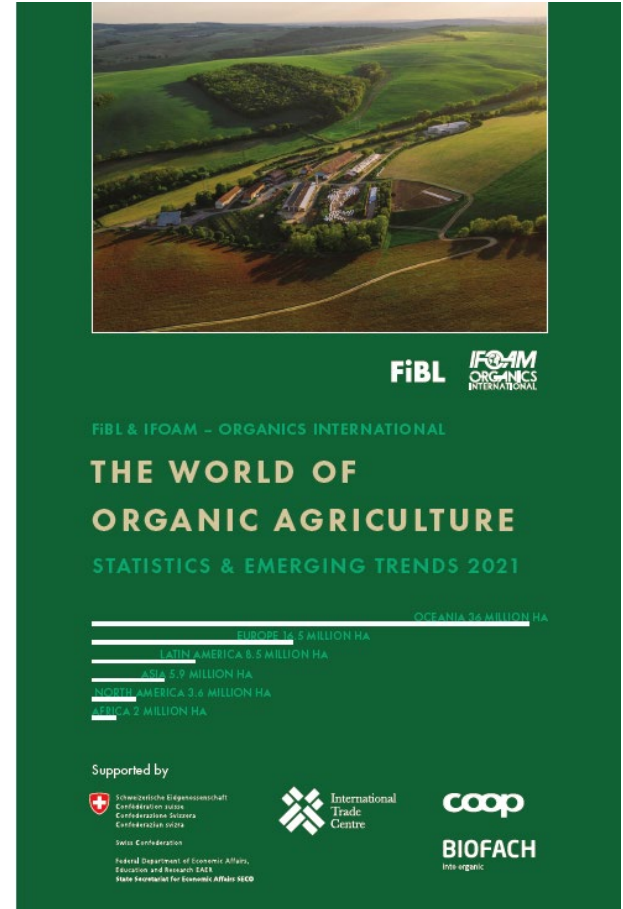
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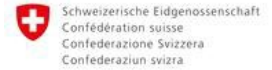
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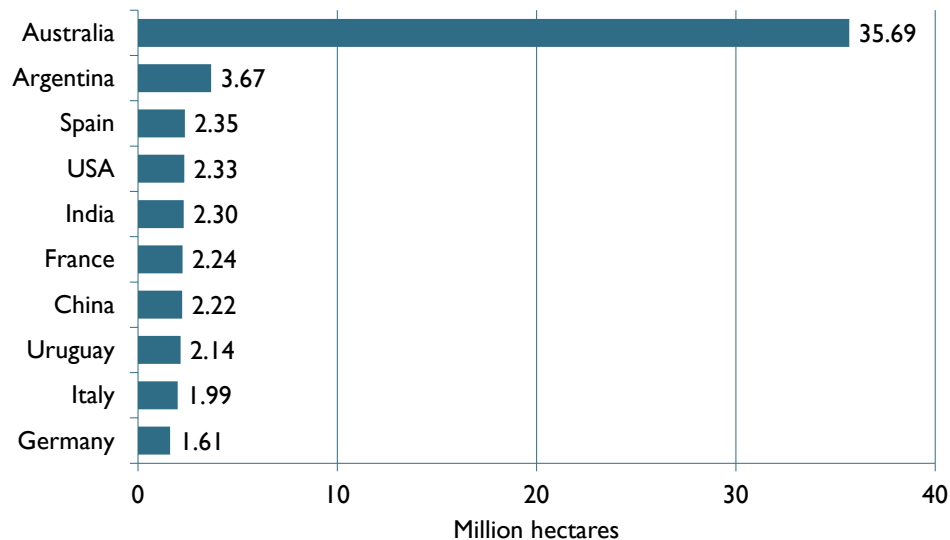
Key data 2019

- Organic agricultural land reached **72.3 million** hectares
- Area growth: **1.1 million hectares more** than in 2018, **1.6 percent increase**
- Area increase mainly due to **additional 0.9 million hectares in Europe**
- **1.5 percent** of the agricultural land is **organic**
- In 16 countries 10 percent or more of the farmland is organic
- **3.1 million producers** were reported
- 187 countries with organic activities
- Almost 35 million hectares of non-agricultural areas

The ten countries with the largest organic farmland areas 2019

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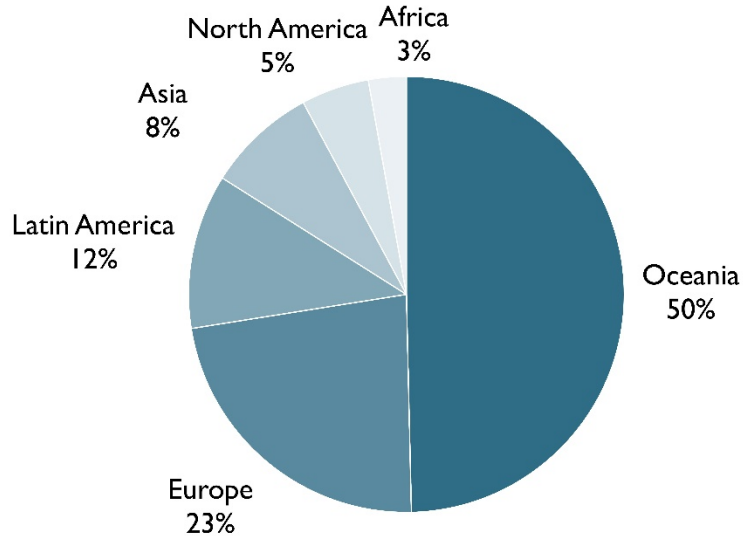
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Distribution of organic agricultural land by region 2019

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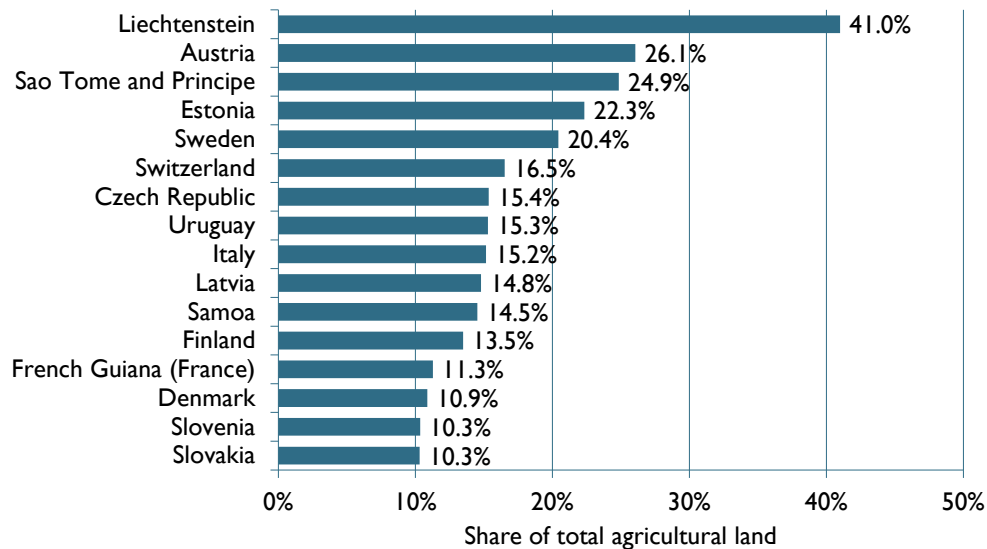
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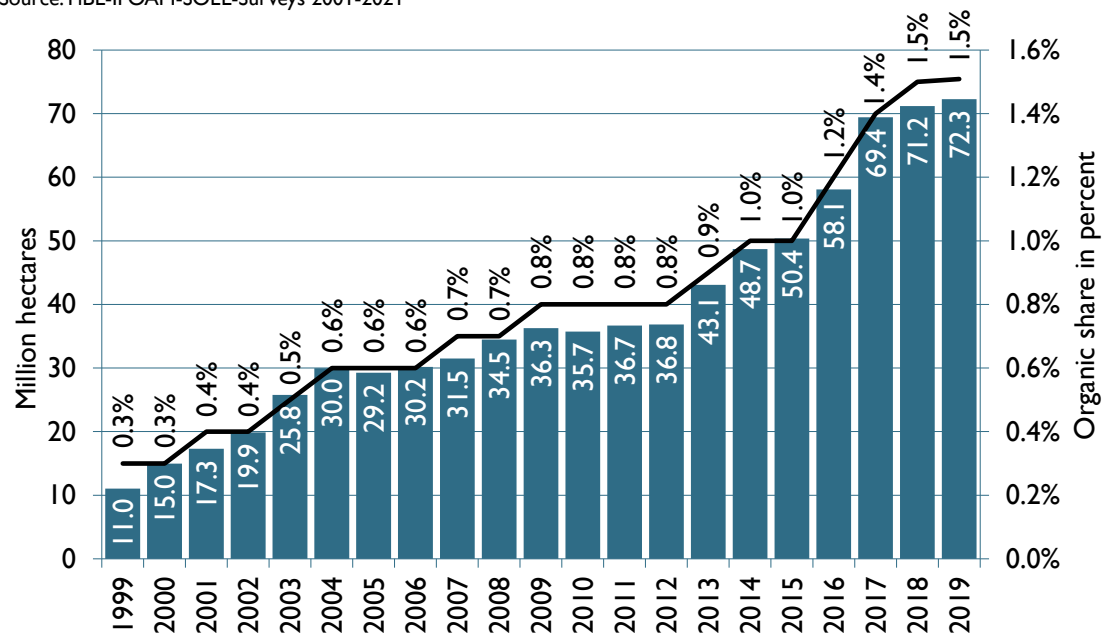
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Growth of the organic agricultural land and organic share 1999-2019

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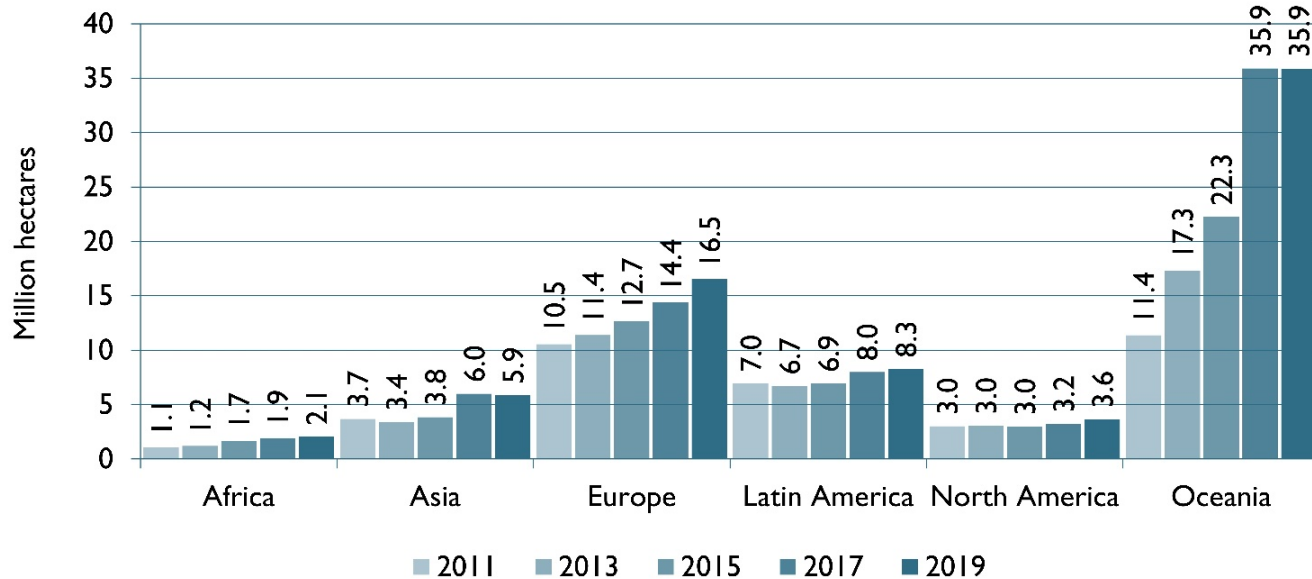
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Growth of the organic agricultural land by continent 2011-2019

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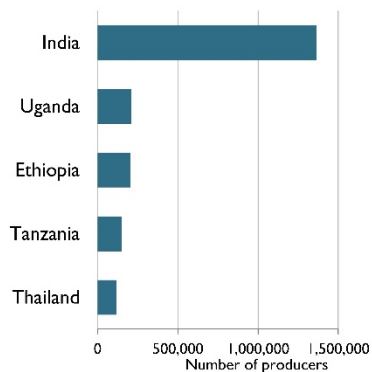
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ORGANIC PRODUCERS 2019



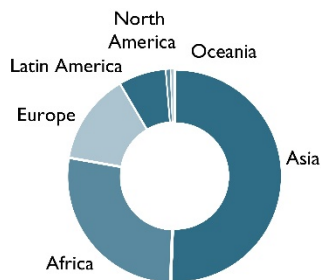
The country with the most organic producers is India, followed by Uganda and Ethiopia.



The five countries with the most organic producers 2019



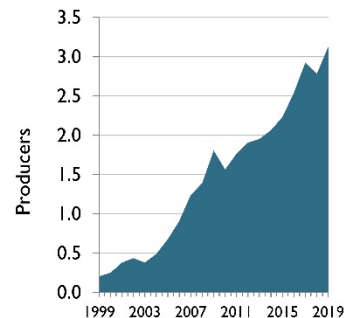
More than 91% of the producers are in Asia, Africa, and Europe.



Distribution of organic producers by region 2019



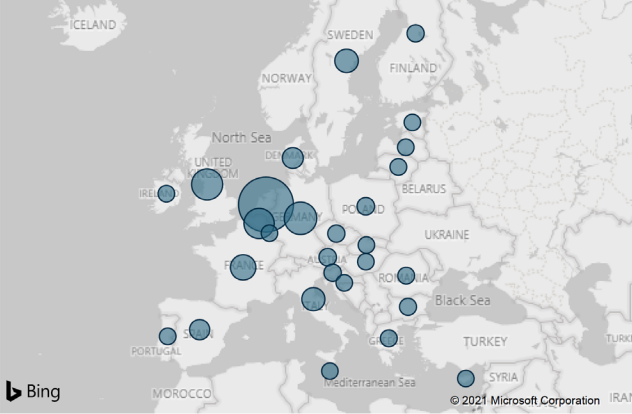
There has been an increase in the number of producers by 1'564,524 or over 100% over the past decade.



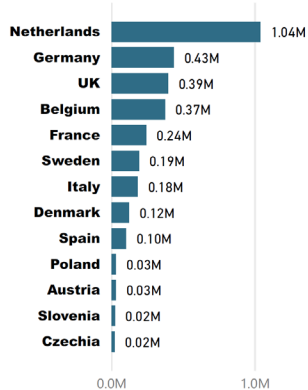
Development of the number of organic producers 1999-2019

Organic Imports to the European Union 2019

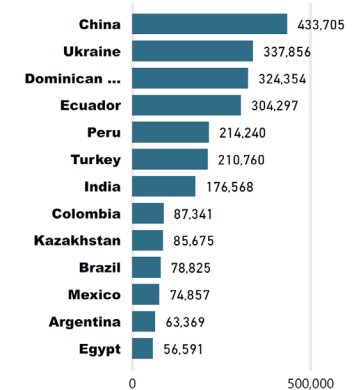
Importing countries (imports in metric tons)



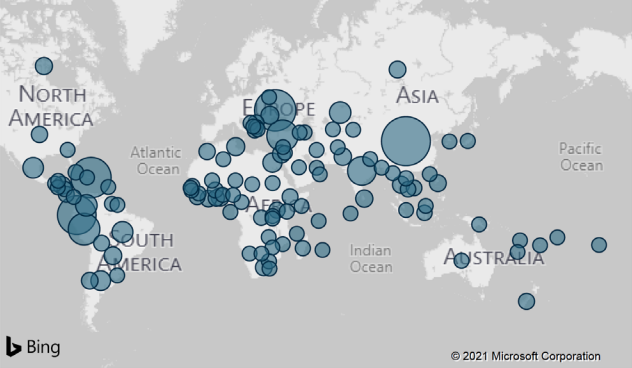
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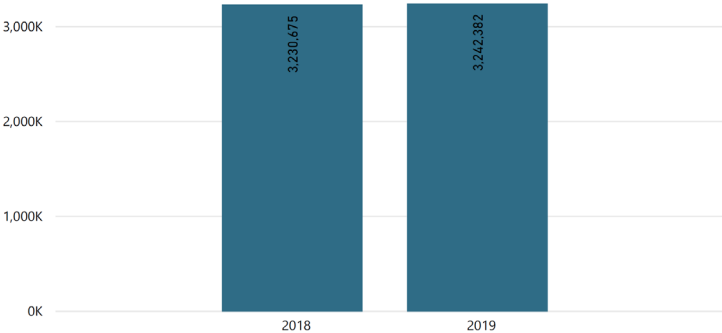
Exporting countries (exports in metric tons)



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



Factors influencing future growth

Climate change

- Pacific Islands: "For some growers of permanent crops, such as coconuts, tropical cyclones' devastation makes maintaining certification through the recovery period uneconomical. These issues are likely to be exacerbated under climate change scenarios with more frequent and stronger climate events."
- Australia: Bush fires: "Australian communities are still reeling over this disaster, with many operators still living in difficult conditions. For some of the hardest-hit regions, re-establishing their farming operations will take much time; regions such as the South West Slopes and Northern Rivers regions of New South Wales have lost entire orchards and native tea tree plantations. Many of these operators will be without production for years"

COVID-19

- Increase of demand for organic in many countries in 2020 (US, Europe), production needs to keep pace.
- Asia: Local governments have started responding to demands to support organic agriculture and sustainable

food systems, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- In South Korea, the closure of schools meant the cessation of school meals, which was a significant source of income for many organic farmers.
- PGS: «During 2020 many PGS initiatives were affected by the measures restricting contact and physical interaction, which were adopted worldwide due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Regular meetings and peer reviews could not be carried out as planned or not including all their members.»
- Revised EU regulation on organic farming: "Due to many reasons, including the COVID-19 pandemic, its application was postponed by one year to 01 January 2022."

Support measures

- European Union: Green Deal/Farm-to-Fork: 25% Organic by 2025
- Asian countries: Local and national support measures

Organic food procurement/food service

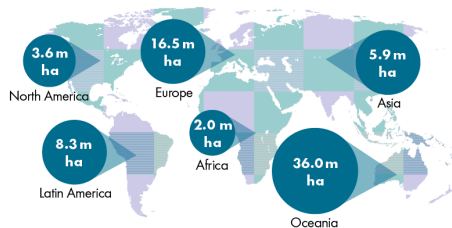
- Increase of organic food procurement in all continents

Conclusions

- The **organic area grew at a slower** pace than in the years before 2019, while **the market faster**.
- In Europe, **area grew the most in absolute terms** (almost **1 million** hectare more), thus **increasing the domestic supply**, while **import to the European Union remained stable**.
- Future growth is expected to be influenced by the effects of **climate change**, the **COVID-19** pandemic, **support measures** and increased interest in **organic food procurement**.
- Data collection has become more challenging as FiBL is collecting data for more and more countries directly from the certifiers which adds to the complexity of the process.
- We need locally established, good data collection systems for better data, better data access, access to visual data and linking data is needed for policy makers, market actors and researchers.

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Organic Farmland 2019



72.3 m ha

Organic farmland in million hectares

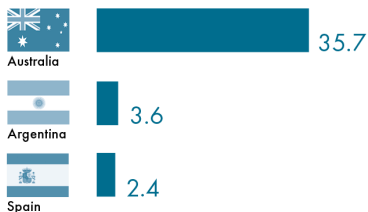
+1.6%

From 2018

187

Countries with organic farming

Top 3 countries (land in million of hectares)



Organic Producers 2019

The number of organic producers is increasing

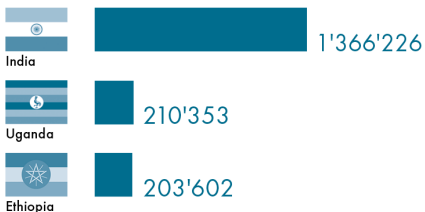
3.1 million

Organic farmers

+13%

From 2018

Number of producers: Top 3 countries



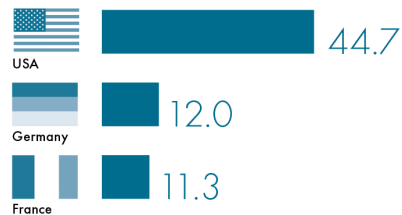
Organic Market 2019

The global market is growing and consumer demand is increasing

Over 106

Global organic food market in billion euros

Top 3 countries (market in billion euros)



13.4% Organic market growth

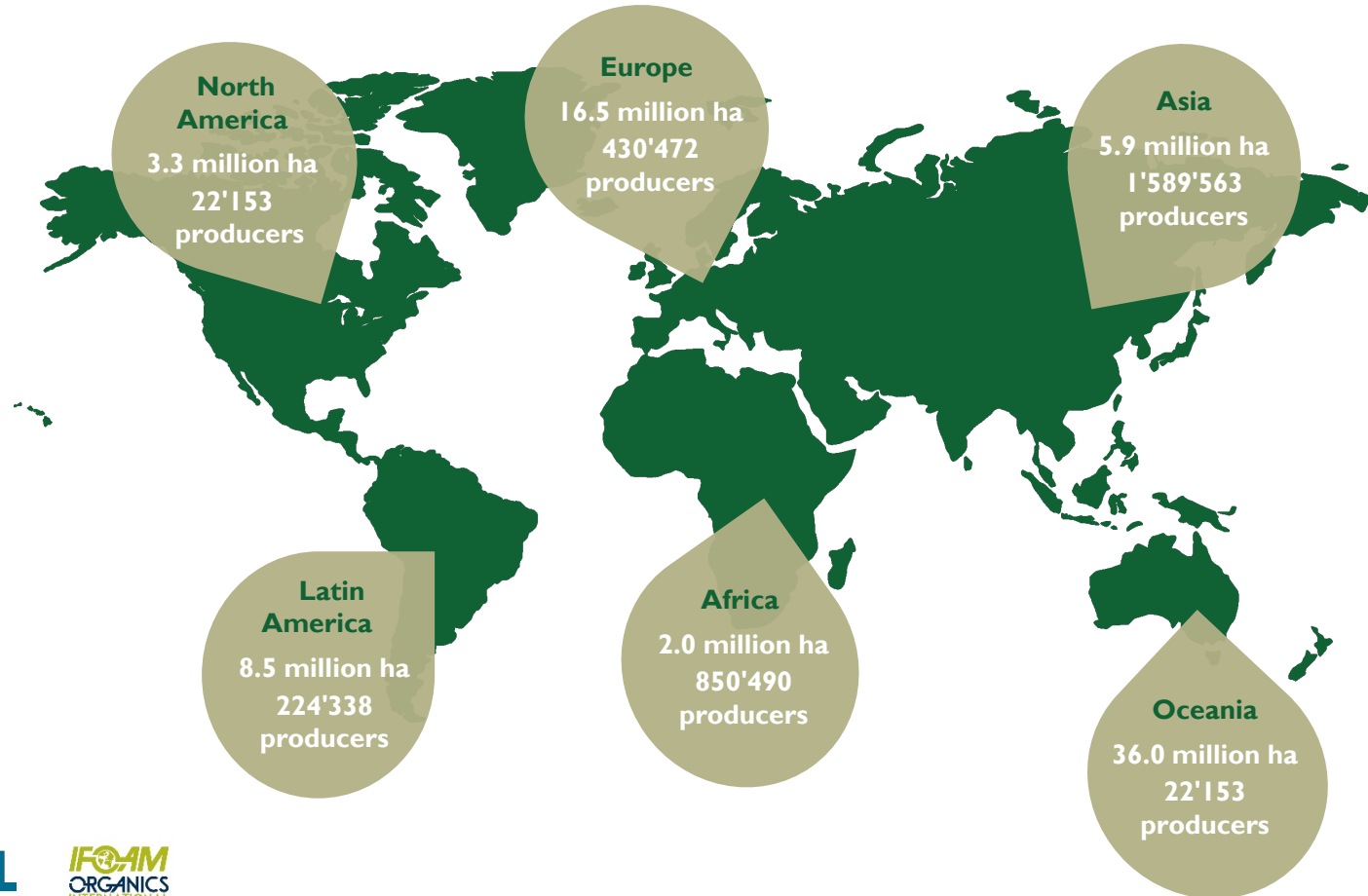
12.1% Market share

344 € Highest per capita spending is in Denmark

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