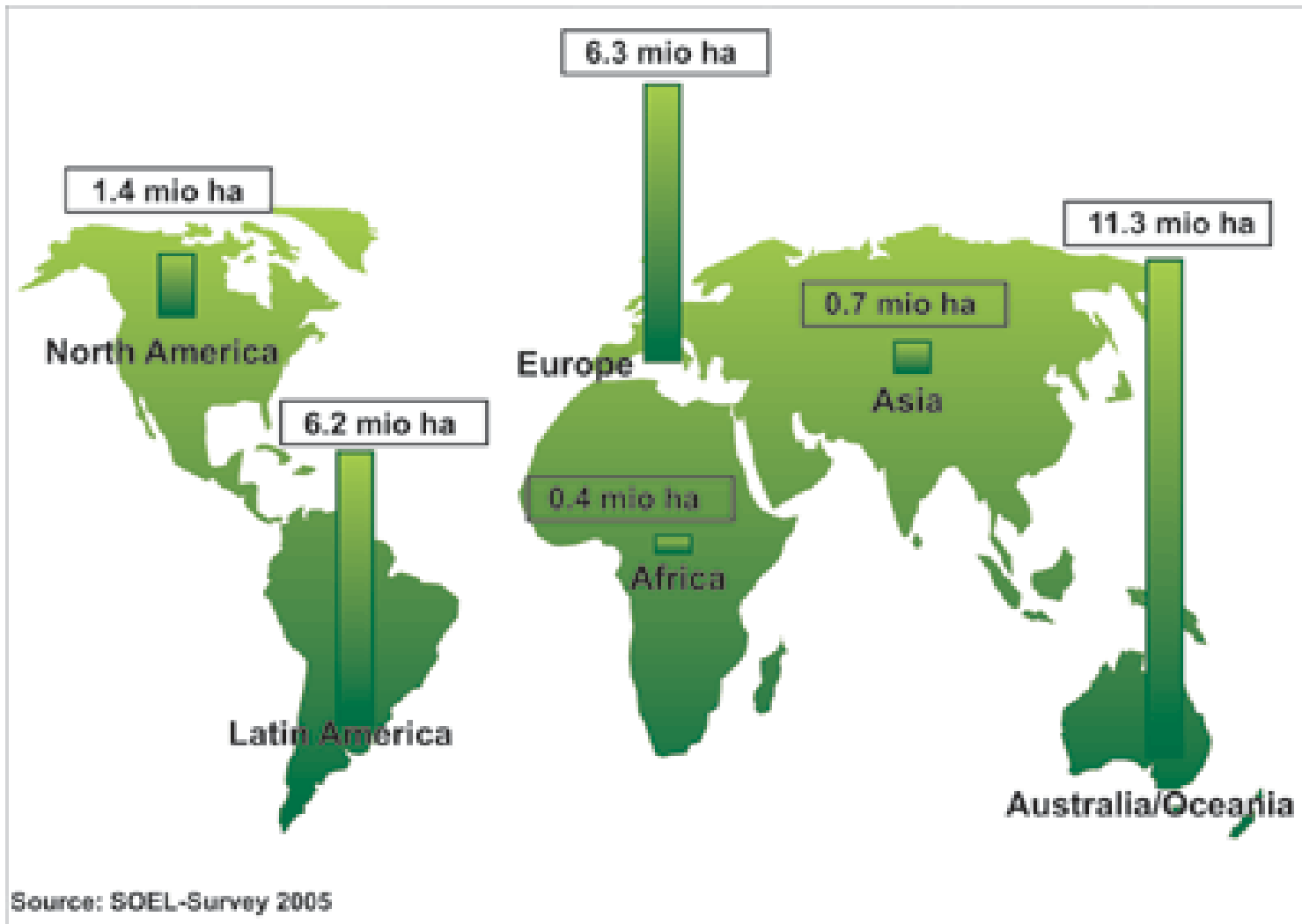


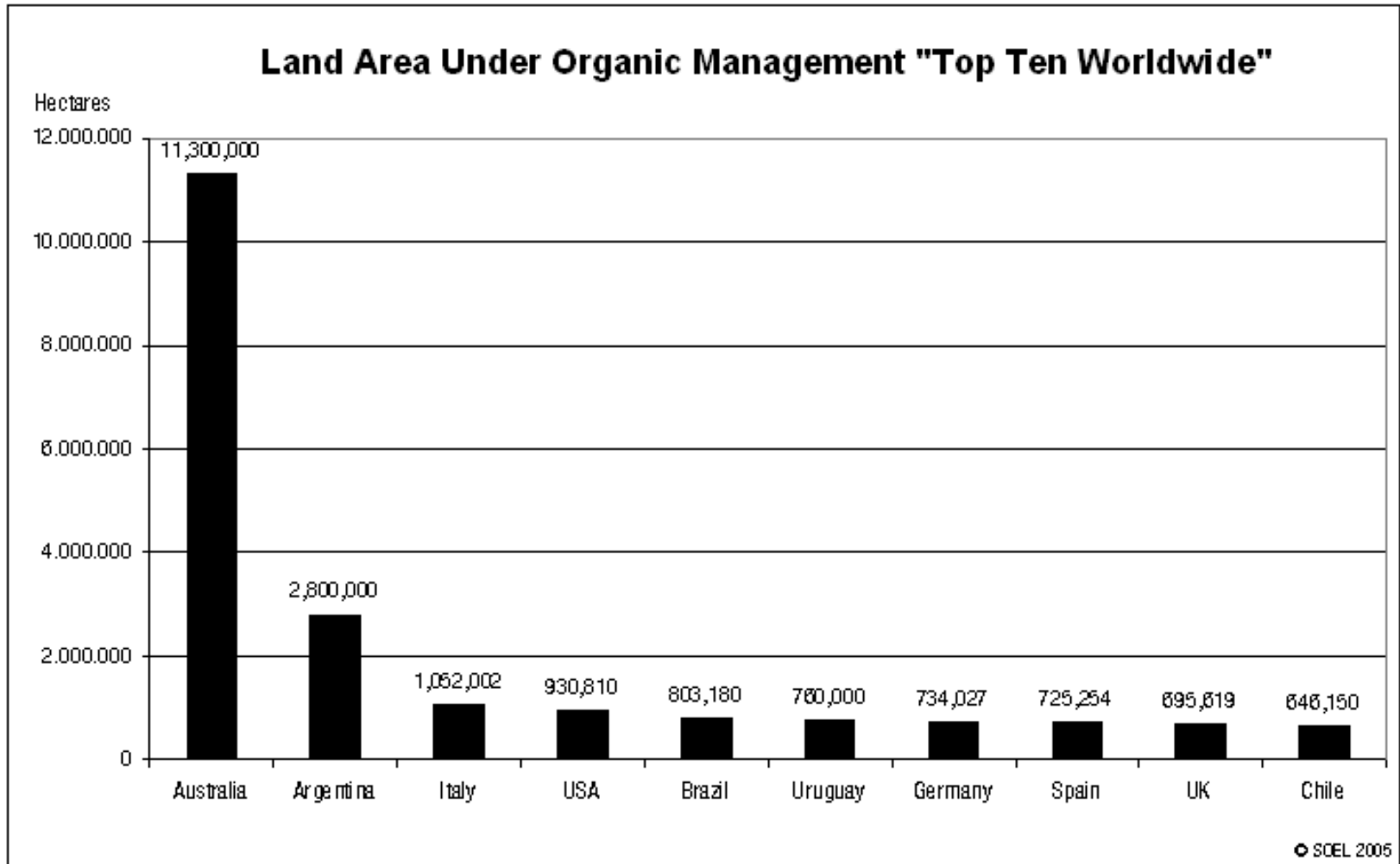
Continued growth in Europe: Current trends in organic production

- Helga Willer, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)
- Presentation prepared for the BioFach Congress, 24.2.2005
<http://www.orgprints.org/2781>

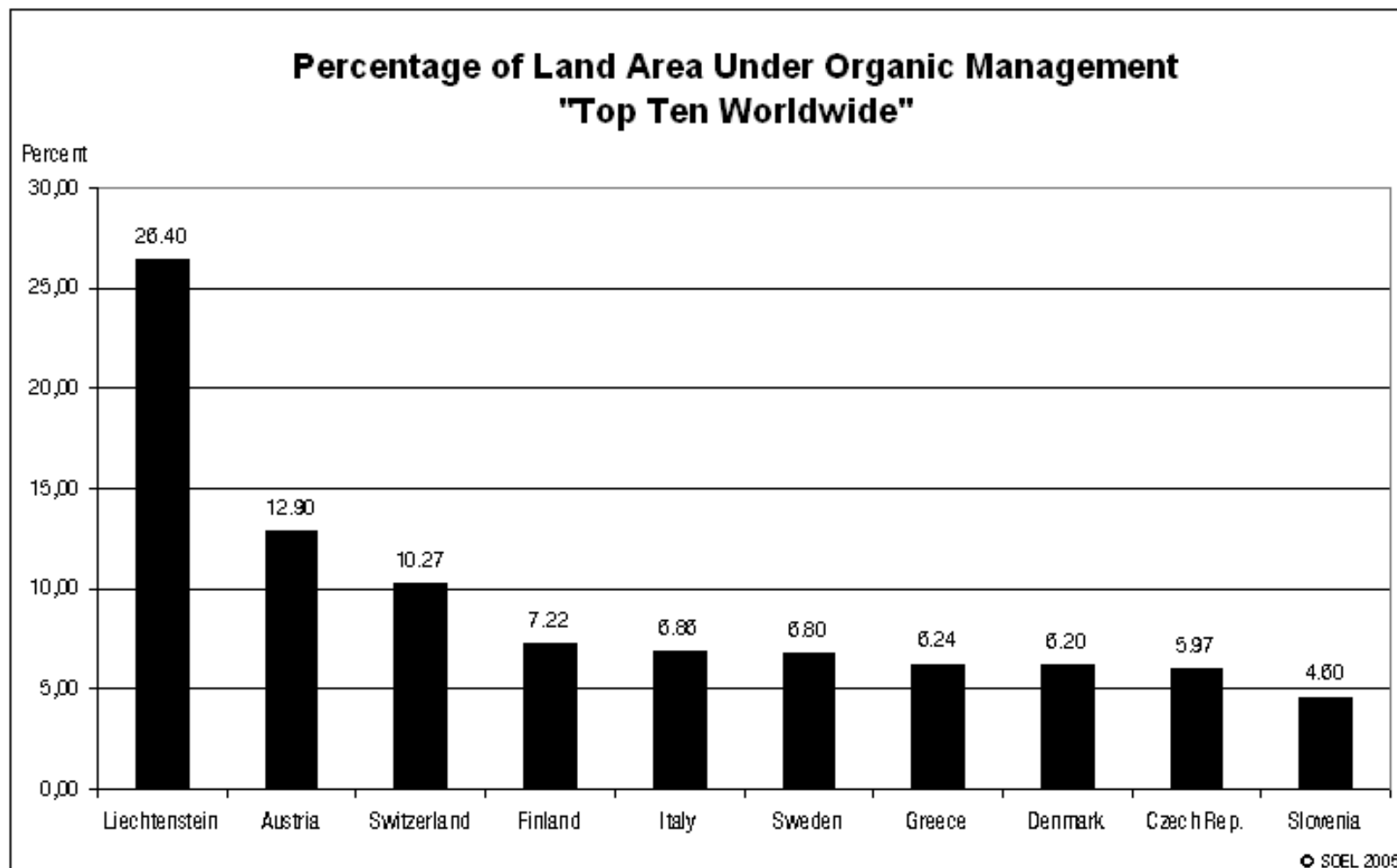
Global Organic Agriculture: More than 26 million hectares



The ten countries with the highest area under organic management

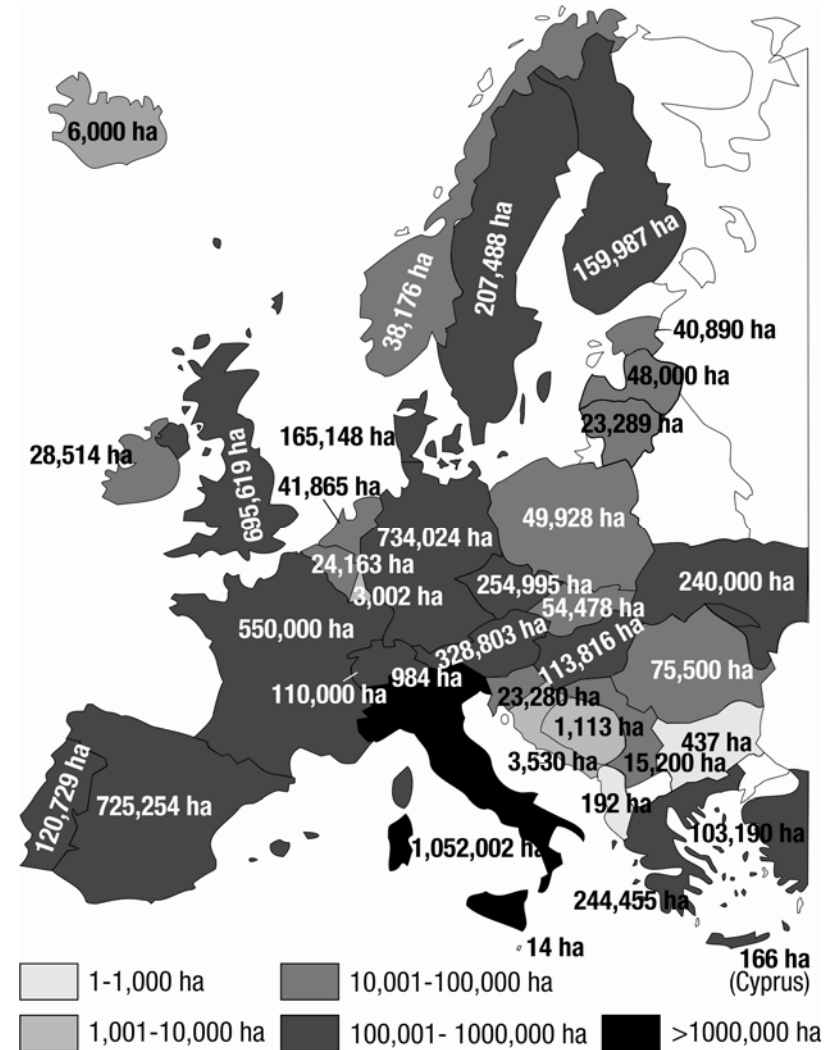


The ten countries with the highest share of land under organic management

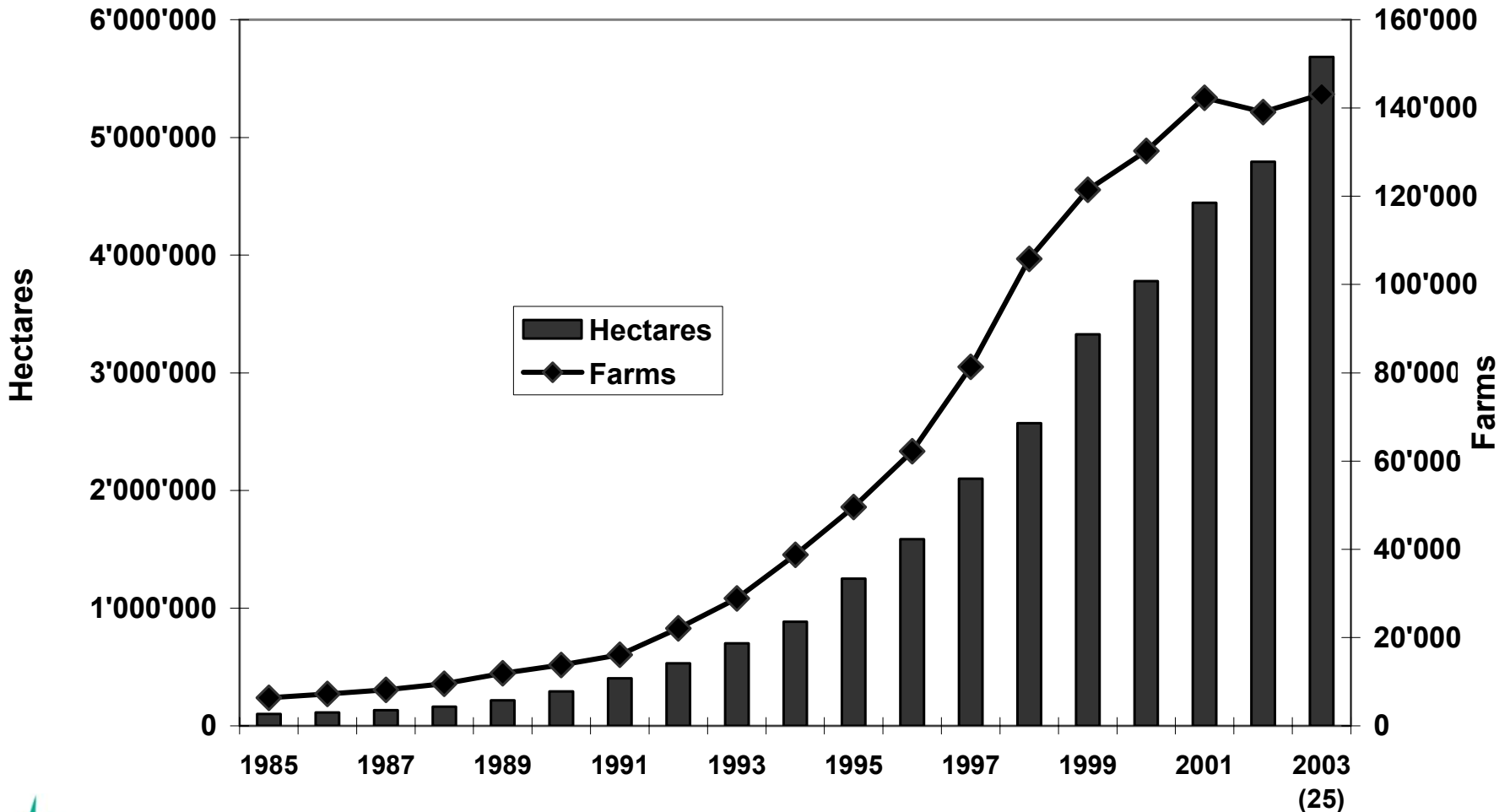


Europe

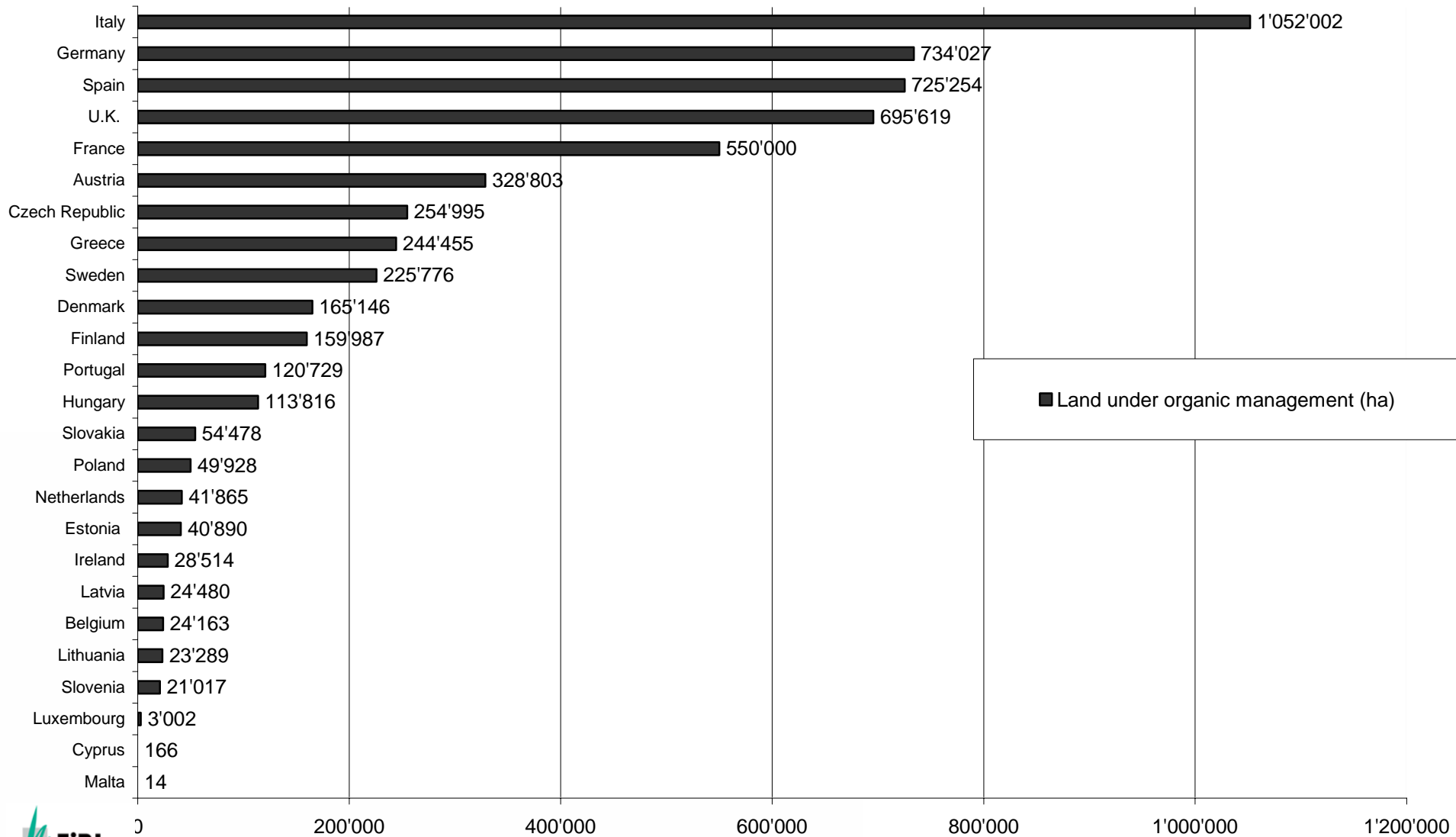
- Europe
6.3 million hectares, 170'000 farms
- EU (25) and EFTA; 31.12.2003
5.8 million hectares, 151'000 farms
- European Union (25); 31.12.2003
5.6 Million Hectares (=3.4 % of the UAA)
Some 142 000 Farms (1.5 % of all farms)
- Reasons for Growth
 - EU-Enlargement
 - Market Growth
 - Commitment of the private organic sector
 - Increased research activities
 - Action Plans & and other policy support



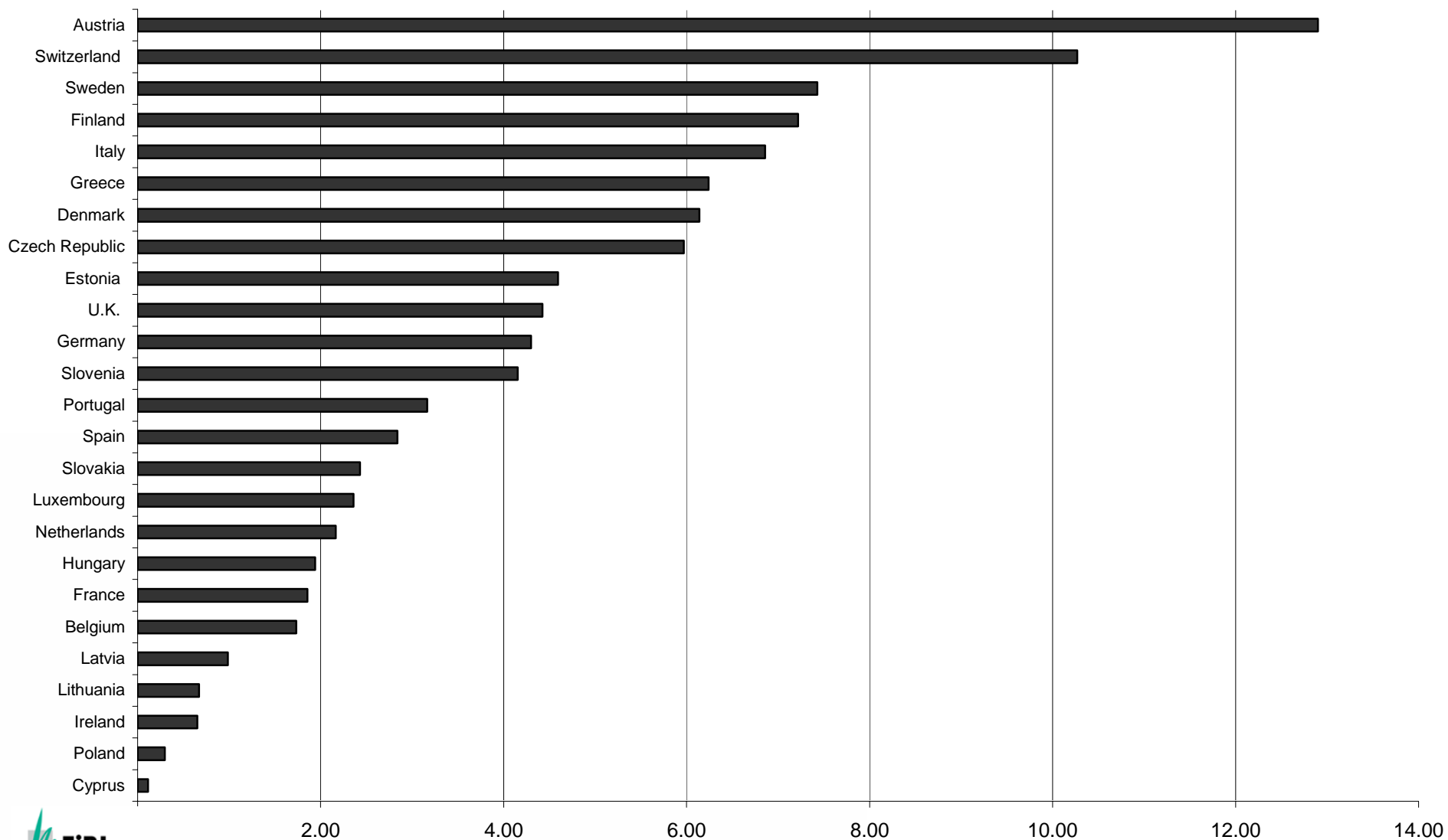
Development of organic farming in the EU (1985-2003)



Organically managed area in the EU and CH, 31.12.2003



Share of the Organic Area of the Agricultural Land (EU&CH; 31.12.2003)



Changes 31.12.2002 - 31.12.2003

	2002 (Mio. hectares)	2003 (Mio. hectares)	+/- (%)
European Union	Ca. 4.9 (EU 15)	Ca. 5.6 (EU 25) Ca. 5.1 (EU 15)	+14%(EU15→25) + 5 % (EU 15)
Italy	1.168	1.052	-9.9
Spain	0.665	0.725	9.0
Slovakia	0.049	0.054	10.2
Germany	0.696	0.734	5.5
Switzerland	0.107	0.110	2.8

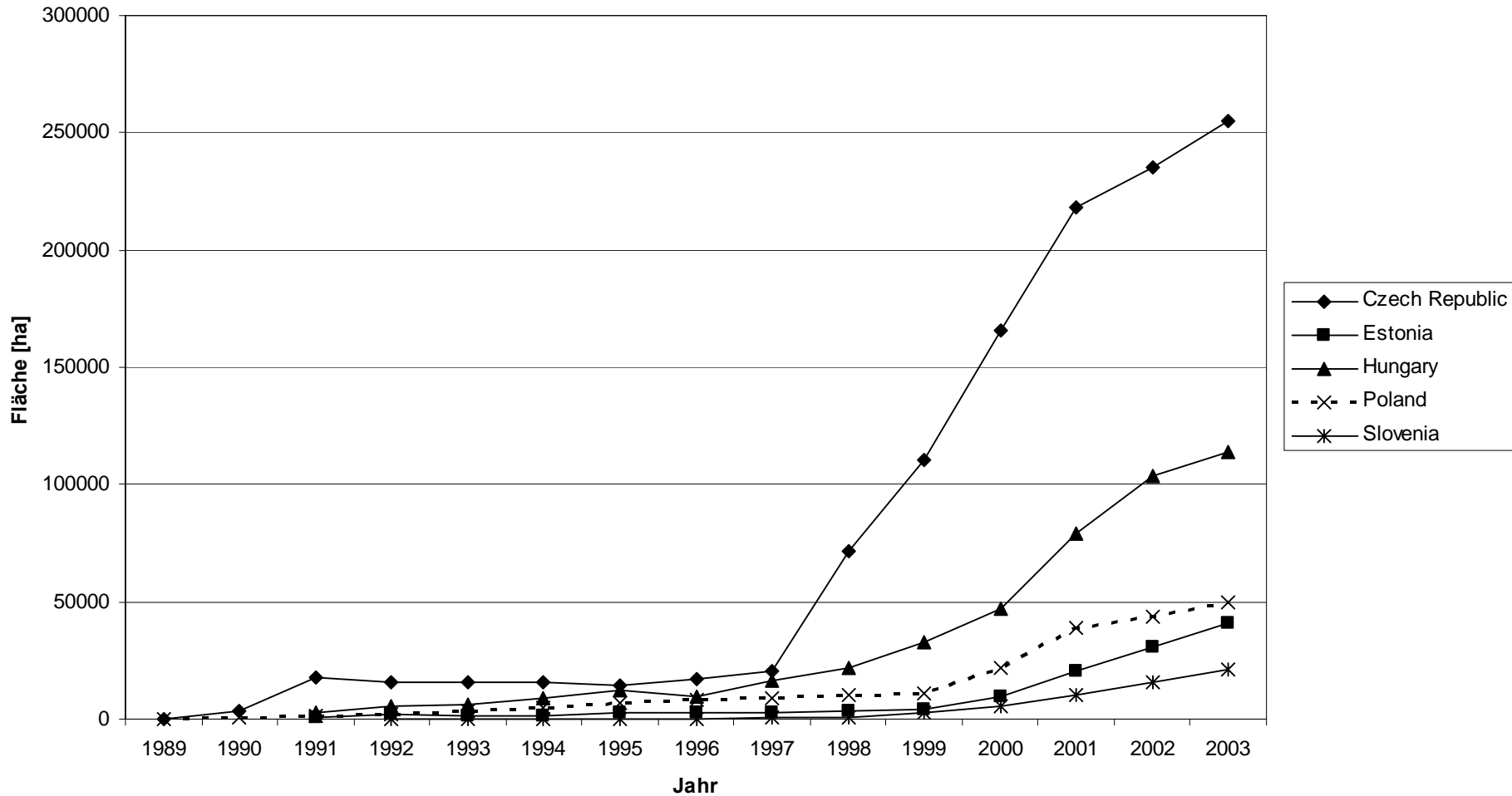
New member states

- EU Regulation 2092/91 fully implemented
- Imports & exports into / from other European countries now possible
- Better area based support for organic farming, doubling in the case of Poland
- Action Plans in the Czech Republic and in Estonia



Development of the Organic Area in selected CEE countries

Entwicklung der Biofläche in ausgewählten MOEL



Expected Growth Rates in some CEE countries 2003 -2004

	2003		2004 (prov.)		+/-
	<i>ha</i>	%	<i>ha</i>	%	
Poland	49'928	0.3	75'000	0.5	50 %
Lithuania	23'289	0.7	42'000	1.2	80 %
Latvia	24'480	1.0	48'000	2	96 %
Slovakia	54'478	2.4	60'000	3	10 %

Outlook

- **Organic farming is continuing to expand, particularly in the new member states, due to policy support and a growing market**
- **Experts do not think, however, that growth in the new member states will have an immediate impact on the organic sector in the „old“ EU**
- **Reduction of area based payments may slow down or invert growth in some parts of Europe, particularly in regions where farms are not producing for the market (Italy)**

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