

# European Organic Production Statistics: Data Collection and Dissemination

*Data collection, processing and dissemination in Europe still suffers from a lack of standardization, but the situation is getting increasingly better. Joint efforts are now undertaken by the Central Market and Price Report Office ZMP (Germany), the Institute of Rural Sciences IRS (UK) and the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL (Switzerland) to harmonize their data collection and to enhance data availability.*

- The **Institute of Rural Sciences IRS** of the University of Wales has been collecting European organic farming statistics since the 1980s. Some of these activities were funded under various European projects (OFCAP, OMIaRD, EUCEEOPF). From the IRS the best historical overview of the statistical development of organic agriculture in Europe is available. IRS has also provided detailed statistical analyses for several years. IRS coordinates the EU funded project **European Information System for Organic Markets EISfOM** which unites European experts in the field of data collection. EISfOM aims at building a framework for reporting valid and reliable data for relevant production and market data.
- Funded under the German Federal Organic Farming Scheme BOEL the **Central Market and Price Report Office ZMP**, which has been collecting highly detailed production and price data for Germany for several years, is currently building a European database with organic farming data.
- The **Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL** regularly collects the most recent data about organic farming in Europe, and makes these available at its Organic Europe homepage. Together with the German Foundation Ecology & Agriculture SOEL, the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements IFOAM, FiBL annually carries out a survey on global organic farming, co-funded by NurnbergMesse, the organisers of BioFach Fair. In the 2006 edition of the global study land use data were included into the survey.

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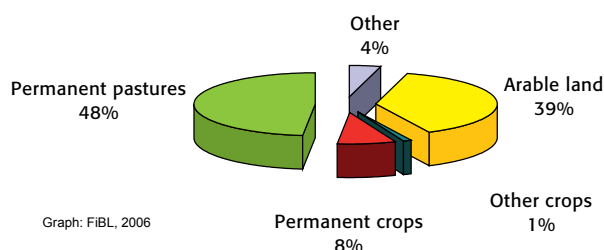
Source: Surveys of FiBL, UWA and ZMP, based on information of experts, national Ministries and Eurostat<sup>1</sup>.

Country	Date	Organic land (ha)	% of agri-cult. area	Organic farms
Albania	2004*	804	0.1%	40
Austria	2004*	344'916	13.5%	19'826
Belgium	2004*	23'728	1.7%	693
Bosnia Herzegovina	2004*	310	0.0%	122
Bulgaria	2004*	12'284	0.2%	351
Croatia	2005	7'355	0.2%	265
Cyprus	2005	1'018	0.7%	225
Czech Rep.	2005	254'982	6.0%	829
Denmark	2004*	154'921	5.8%	3'166
Estonia	2005	58'000	6.5%	1'013
Finland	2004*	162'024	7.3%	4'887
France	2004*	534'037	1.8%	11'059
Germany	2004*	767'891	4.5%	16'603
Greece	2004*	249'508	2.7%	8'427
Hungary	2004*	128'690	2.2%	1'583
Iceland	2004*	4'910	0.2%	25
Ireland	2004*	30'670	0.7%	897
Italy	2004*	954'361	6.2%	36'639
Latvia	2004*	43'902	1.8%	1'043
Liechtenstein	2004*	984	26.4%	42
Lithuania	2005	64'545	1.9%	1'811
Luxembourg	2004*	3'158	2.5%	66
Malta	2005	13	0.1%	5
Moldova	2005	10'755	0.4%	-
Netherlands	2005	48'765	2.5%	1'377
Norway	2004*	41'035	4.0%	2'484
Poland	2005	167'740	1.0%	7'183
Portugal	2005	233'458	6.1%	1'577
Romania	2004*	75'000	0.5%	1'200
Serbia/Montenegro	2004*	20'542	0.4%	3'000
Slovak Republic	2005	93'943	4.2%	218
Slovenia	2004*	23'032	4.6%	1'568
Spain	2005	807'569	3.2%	15'693
Sweden	2004*	222'044	7.3%	3'138
Switzerland	2005	113'000	10.6%	6'114
Turkey	2004*	108'597	0.3%	12'806
UK	2004*	690'270	4.4%	4'010
Ukraine	2005	241'980	0.6%	72
Macedonia	2005	192	0.0%	50
<b>Total</b>		<b>6'700'933</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>170'107</b>

2004\* Data for 2005 not available yet.

<sup>1</sup> Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, provides the data collected by the organic inspection and certification bodies in the European Union member states. Since 2005 Eurostat has made extensive statistics available at its homepage.

## Main land use categories in the European Union 2004



Currently the three institutions are making efforts to build a common database containing the organic farming statistics and to make this information accessible via the internet.

### Links

- IRS Statistics <http://www.organic.aber.ac.uk/statistics/europe05.shtml>
- ZMP: Organic Farming Statistics Germany and Europe [www.zmp.de/oekomarkt](http://www.zmp.de/oekomarkt)
- FiBL Survey (Europe and World) [http://www.organic-europe.net/europe\\_eu/statistics.asp](http://www.organic-europe.net/europe_eu/statistics.asp) and [www.organic-world.net](http://www.organic-world.net)
- EISfOM Homepage: [www.eisfom.org](http://www.eisfom.org)