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-status and future challenges

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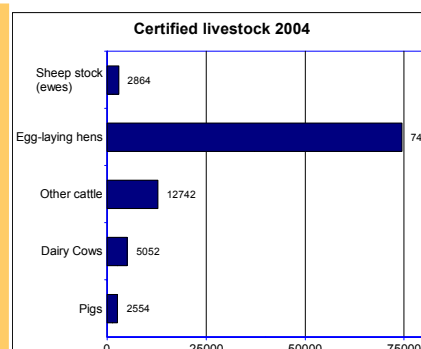
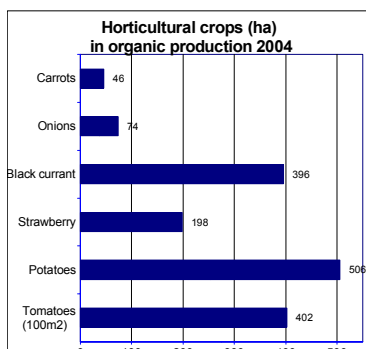
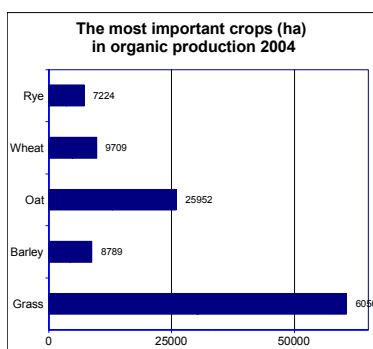
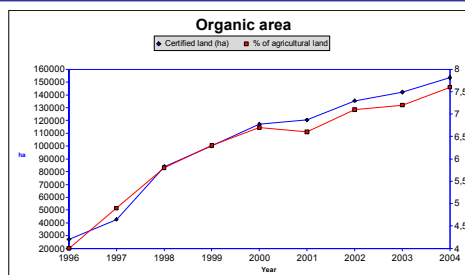
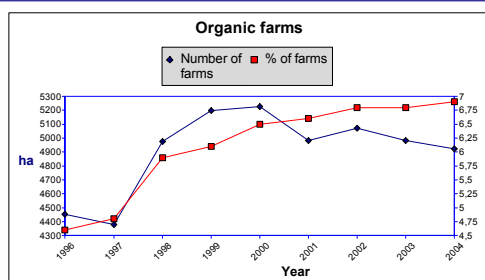
Organic production in Finland



- First farm started in 1927
- First still existing organic farm started in the 1960s



- First years of inspection:
- Luomuliitto - The Finnish Association for Organic Farming since 1986,
- Ministry of Agric. and Forestry since 1994



Name of inspector: KTK – Kasvintuotannon tarkastuskeskus (The Plant Production Inspection Centre)

Education, 100%: University of Helsinki, Institute for Rural Research and Training: degrees in Bachelor of Science (BSc) and courses in Ecological consists of studies at the University of Helsinki and at universities. • Master courses (MSc) in the Nordic NOVA

Agriculture. The degree European cooperation network:

Research: The main research institute, MTT – Agrifood Research Finland uses approx. 3,6% of its financing on organic production research projects .

Export : Cereals to other EU countries and the US approx. 15 million kg per annum. Shitake mushrooms, forest berries (2004-2005)

Present Status of the Policy and Market Environment of the Finnish Organic Sector:

- Target of 10% surface area has been set for organic production in 2006.
- Organic production receives public subsidies. The sum during the initial five years is €147/ha and €102/ha thereafter. The subsidy is equal to every culture . Also, as from 2005 organic animal production has received a subsidy of €90/ha.
- So far, Finland has a surplus of organic cereals and grasslands. About 10% of the cereals have been exported and a great share of organic grasslands and cereals used for feeding conventional animals.
- The total market share of organic products is approximately 1%. The most important organic products are vegetables (24%), milk (17%) and bakery products (11% share of total organic sales).