

Media release

Global organic area grows more than ever before

The global organic farming area increased by over 20 million hectares in 2022, reaching 96 million hectares. The number of organic producers also saw a significant rise, surpassing 4.5 million. The sales of organic food reached nearly 135 billion euros in 2022. The latest figures and the statistical yearbook "The World of Organic Agriculture", which is being published for the 25th time this year, will be presented on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 3.45 to 4.45 pm (CET) at BIOFACH, the world's leading trade fair for organic food in Nuremberg.

(Frick/Bonn, February 13, 2024) The 25th edition of the yearbook "The World of Organic Agriculture", jointly published by FiBL and IFOAM – Organics International, shows that the growth in area and number of farms in 2022 far exceeded that of previous years, particularly due to increases in Australia and India. Data were provided by 188 countries.

The annual survey on global organic agriculture is supported by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), the Sustainability Fund of Coop Switzerland, and NürnbergMesse, the organiser of the BIOFACH trade fair.

Organic farming area increases significantly

By the end of 2022, 96.4 million hectares were under organic management, representing an increase of 26.6 percent or 20.3 million hectares compared to 2021. Australia showed tremendous growth (+17.3 million hectares) and remains the country with the largest area of organic agriculture at 53 million hectares, followed by India, the new number two (4.7 million hectares), where the area also increased significantly.

The organic farming area increased on all continents. Over half of the organic area is in Oceania (53.2 million hectares), followed by Europe with 18.5 million hectares and Latin America with 9.5 million hectares.

Leading the way: 22 countries manage ten percent or more of their agricultural land organically

In 2022, 2.0 percent of the world's agricultural land was managed organically. However, many countries have much higher shares: Liechtenstein was at the top with 43.0 percent, followed by Austria (27.5 percent) and Estonia (23.4 percent). In 22 countries, 10 percent or more of the total agricultural land was managed organically.

4.5 million organic producers worldwide

In 2022, 4.5 million organic producers were reported, an increase of almost 26 percent, primarily due to a significant increase in India. India also remained the country with the most organic producers in 2022 (2.5 million producers).

Global organic market reaches nearly 135 billion euros

In 2022, the organic market reached nearly 135 billion euros. The United States continued to be the world's leading market with 56.6 billion euros, followed by Germany (15.3 billion euros) and the new number 3: China (12.4 billion euros). While several countries in Europe experienced a decline, retail sales in Canada (+9.7 percent) and the United States (+4.4 percent) increased. The Swiss spent the most on organic food (an average of 437 euros per person), and Denmark continued to have the highest share of the organic market at 12 percent of the total food market.

Gaining momentum: 75 countries now have legislation on organic agriculture

The momentum of the organic sector is also evident in various activities to support organic agriculture. Many countries have launched action plans or other policy measures to promote organic farming. This positive trend is reflected in the increase in fully implemented national regulations for organic agriculture, which rose to a total of 75 in 2023.

Celebrating 25 years of the statistical yearbook "The World of Organic Agriculture"

"We are very pleased that, thanks to the great commitment of numerous supporters from all over the world, we can celebrate the 25th anniversary of the yearbook," says Helga Willer from the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL, who has been responsible for the publication along with colleagues for 25 years.

For Jörn Sanders, Chairman of the Management Board of FiBL Switzerland, "The World of Organic Agriculture" is one of the most significant flagship projects of FiBL. "I take great pride in it," he added.

"The statistics book measures the pulse of the organic sector and it is a key reference point for us when it comes to showcasing the impact and constant development of organic agriculture worldwide – it is an invaluable resource," emphasizes Karen Mapusua, President of IFOAM – Organics International.

For Danila Brunner, Executive Director of BIOFACH, this publication is a must-read. "It provides well-founded facts and analyses, offering guidance and setting the course for the future!"

Further information

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This media release online

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Download “The World of Organic Agriculture”

The yearbook can be downloaded at <https://shop.fibl.org> (item number 1747).

Graphs and infographics (see also following pages) can be downloaded at <https://www.organic-world.net/yearbook/yearbook-2024.html>.

Sessions at BIOFACH

Session “The World of Organic Agriculture – Statistics and Emerging Trends” on February 13, 2024

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 3.45 to 4.45 pm CET, BIOFACH Congress,
NürnbergMesse, Room St. Petersburg

- Julia Lernoud, IFOAM – Organics International: Introduction and presentation of program and speakers, Moderator
- Marco Kräuchi, SECO: Welcome address from SECO
- Helga Willer, FiBL: Overview on global figures
- Vladyslav Zhmailo, IFOAM – Organics International: Global overview on policies and regulations
- Amarjit Sahota, Ecovia Intelligence, UK: The global market for organic food

Info: <https://biofach.fibl.org/en/biofach-all/biofach-2024#c73661>

Session “Global Organic Market Overview” on February 14, 2024

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 1.30 to 3 pm CET, BIOFACH Congress, NürnbergMesse, Room St Petersburg.

- Ravi P. Prasad, IFOAM – Organics International: Moderation
- Helga Willer, FiBL: Overview on global figures
- Eric Gall, IFOAM – Organics Europe: updates from Europe
- Julia Lernoud, IFOAM – Organics International: updates from Latin America
- David Amudavi, Biovision Africa Trust: updates from the African region
- Jennifer Chang, IFOAM Asia: updates from the Asian Region
- Tia Loftsgard, Canada Organic Trade Association: updates from Canada
- Tom Chapman, Organic Trade Association: updates from the USA
- Josefine Pettersson, Australian Organic Limited: updates from the Oceania region

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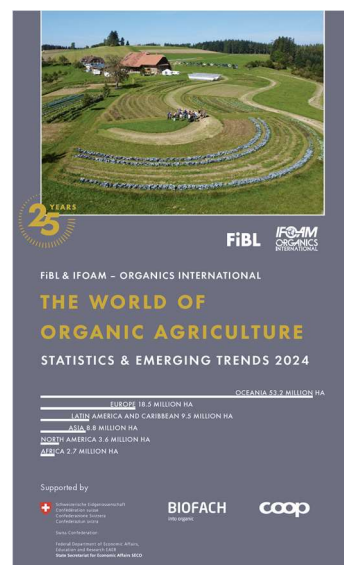
About FiBL

The Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL is one of the world's leading institutes in the field of organic agriculture. FiBL's strengths lie in its interdisciplinary research, innovations developed jointly with farmers and the food industry, and rapid knowledge transfer. The FiBL Group currently includes FiBL Switzerland (founded in 1973), FiBL Germany (2001), FiBL Austria (2004), ÖMKi (Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture, 2011), FiBL France (2017) and FiBL Europe (2017), which is jointly supported by the five national institutes. FiBL employs more than 400 staff at its various locations.

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Yearbook "The World of Organic Agriculture" at a glance

The yearbook "The World of Organic Agriculture - Statistics and Emerging Trends 2024" (352 pages) presents the results of the annual survey on organic agriculture worldwide and has numerous tables, graphs, maps and infographics. It contains reports by experts on the organic sector and information on emerging trends across all regions as well as selected countries. It also provides background information on standards and legislation, policy support, and the global market for organic food. Further information and download link are available at www.organic-world.net/yearbook/yearbook-2024.html.



Data collection

The data on organic agriculture is collected annually by FiBL in collaboration with many partners from around the world. The results are published jointly with IFOAM – Organics International. The activities are supported by the Swiss State Secretariat of Economic Affairs SECO, the Coop Sustainability Fund, and NürnbergMesse, organisers of the BIOFACH trade fair.

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Where to download

The book can be downloaded at <https://shop.fibl.org> (order number 1747).

Online database and interactive infographics

The data is available online at <https://statistics.fibl.org>.

Organic Agriculture: Key Indicators and Top Countries/Territories

Indicator	World	Top countries
Countries with organic activities	2022: 188 countries	
Organic agricultural land	2022: 96.4 million hectares (2000: 15 million hectares)	Australia (53.0 million hectares) India (4.7 million hectares) Argentina (4.1 million hectares)
Organic share of total agricultural land	2022: 2.0 %	Liechtenstein (43.0 %) Austria (27.5 %) Estonia (23.4 %)
Increase of organic agricultural land 2021/2022	20.3 million hectares (ha); +26.6 %	Australia: 17'328'259 ha (+48.6 %), India: 2'068'825 ha (+77.8 %) Greece: 390'223 ha (+73.0 %)
Wild collection and further non-agricultural areas	2022: 34.6 million hectares (ha) (1999: 4.1 million hectares)	Finland (6.9 million hectares) India (4.4 million hectares) Zambia (3.2 million hectares)
Producers	2022: 4.5 million producers (1999: 200'000 producers)	India (2'480'859) Uganda (404'246) Thailand (121'540)
Organic market	2022: 134.8 billion euros (2000: 15.1 billion euros)	US (58.6 billion euros) Germany (15.3 billion euros) China (12.4 billion euros)
Per capita consumption	2022: 17.0 euros	Switzerland (437 euros) Denmark (365 euros) Austria (274 euros)
Number of countries/territories with organic regulations	75 (fully implemented) 14 (drafting)	
Number of affiliates of IFOAM – Organics International	2022: 781 affiliates	Germany: 80 affiliates China: 52 affiliates India: 49 affiliates USA: 45 affiliates

Source: FiBL survey 2024, based on national data sources, data from certifiers and IFOAM – Organics International

Infographics

Organic Agriculture Worldwide 2022

Organic Farmland



96.4M ha
Organic farmland in million (M) hectares

26.6%
Growth 2021/2022

188
Countries with organic farming

Organic Producers

The number of organic producers is increasing

4.5M
Organic farmers (million)

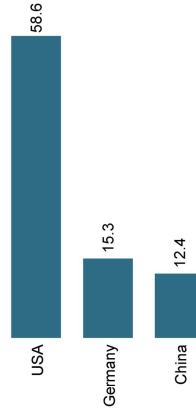
25.6%
From 2021

Organic Market

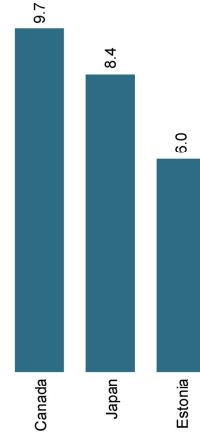
The global market is growing and consumer demand is increasing

134.8
Global organic food market in billion euros

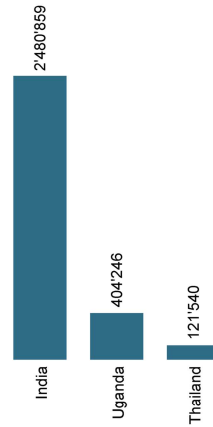
Market in billion euros
Top 3 countries



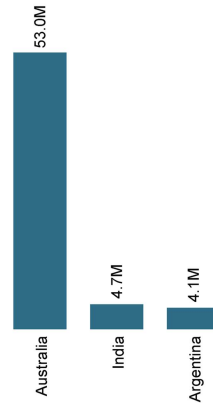
Market growth in percent
Top 3 countries 2021/2022



Number of producers
Top 3 countries



Farmland in million (M) hectares
Top 3 countries



Source: FiBL survey © 2024
More information: www.organic-world.net - statistics.fibl.org

WORLD: ORGANIC FARMLAND 2022

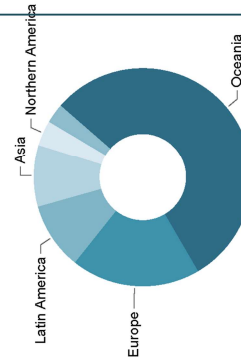
World
96.4M
hectares

Australia
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hectares

2.0%
of the world's
farmland is
organic

26.6%
growth
since 2021

In Oceania there were 53.2 million (M) hectares (ha), in Europe 18.5 million ha and in Latin America 9.5 million ha.

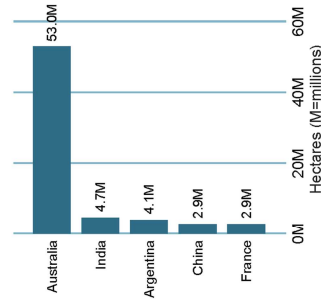


Distribution of organic agricultural land by region 2022

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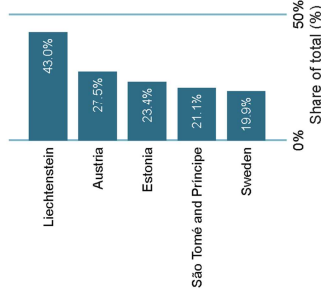
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The ten countries with the largest organic agricultural areas represented 82% of the world's organic agricultural land.



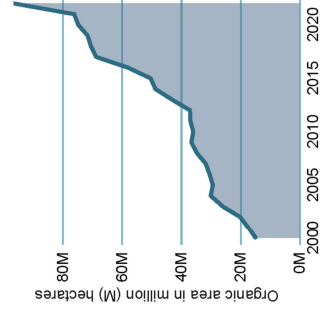
The five countries with the largest areas of organic agricultural land 2022

21 countries had 10% or more of their agricultural land under organic management.



Top 5 countries with more than 10% of organic agricultural land 2022

In 2022, almost 20.3 million hectares more were reported compared with 2021.



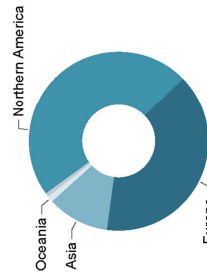
Growth of the organic agricultural land 2000-2022

Source: FiBL 2024 www.organic-world.net - statistics.fibl.org

WORLD: ORGANIC RETAIL SALES 2022



The largest single market was the USA with 58.6 billion (bn) €, followed by the European Union (45.1 bn €). By region, Northern America had the lead (64.4 bn €), followed by Europe (53.1 bn €) and Asia (15.0 bn €).



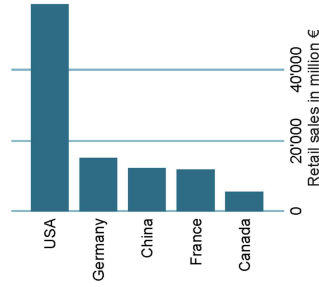
Distribution of retail sales by region 2022

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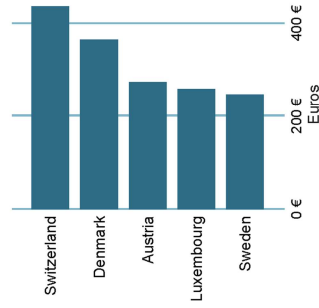
The countries with the largest markets for organic food were the USA with 58.6 billion (bn) €, Germany (15.3 bn €), China (12.4 bn €) and France (12.1 bn €).



The five countries with the largest markets for organic food in 2022



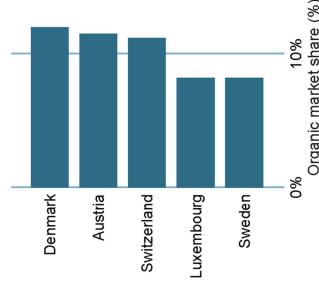
Switzerland had the highest per capita consumption worldwide, followed by Denmark, Austria, Luxembourg and Sweden.



Top five countries with the highest per capita consumption 2022



The highest organic share of the total market was in Denmark, followed by Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Sweden.



The five countries with the highest organic shares of the total market in 2022

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