Organic Agriculture in Europe 2006

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The FiBL Survey 2008

- Global organic survey carried out by FiBL, SOEL, IFOAM since 2000, funded by Nürnberg Messe; since 2008 also by SECO and ITC
- Data provided by numerous country experts, including representatives from NGOs, certification bodies, governments, researchers
- Data of 31.12.2006
- Data from 135 countries (out of 196); in Europe: data from 41 countries out of 44
- Land use information for most of the European organic land
- European data collection carried out in cooperation with ZMP, Aberystwyth University and Agromilagro Research
Global Organic Agriculture 2006: Key data

- 30.4 million hectares of agricultural land are managed organically at a global level
- 12.3 million hectares are in Australia, the country with most organic land
- 29 % of the agricultural land in Liechtenstein are organic, the country with the highest share of organic land
- During 2006: Growth in all continents
Distribution of global organic agricultural land by continent 2006

- Oceania: 42%
- Europe: 24%
- Latin America: 16%
- Asia: 10%
- North America: 7%
- Africa: 1%

Source: FiBL Survey 2008
Graph: FiBL, CH-Frick
European Organic Agriculture: Key data

Organic area:
- 30.4 million worldwide
- 7.4 million hectares in Europe
- 6.8 million hectares in the EU 27
- Largest area: 1.15 million hectares in Italy

Shares
- 0.65 % of global agricultural land is organic
- 1.65 % of the European agricultural area
- 4.0 % of the EU-27 agricultural area
- Highest share in Europe: Liechtenstein: 29 %
- Highest share in the EU-27: Austria: 13 %
The ten countries with most organic land 2006

- Australia: 12.3
- China: 2.3
- Argentina: 2.2
- USA (2005): 1.6
- Italy: 1.1
- Uruguay: 0.9
- Spain: 0.9
- Brazil: 0.9
- Germany: 0.8
- UK: 0.6

Source: FiBL Survey 2008
The ten countries with the largest areas of organic agricultural land in Europe 2006

- Italy: 1,148,162 hectares
- Spain: 926,392 hectares
- Germany: 825,539 hectares
- UK: 604,571 hectares
- France: 552,824 hectares
- Austria: 361,487 hectares
- Greece: 302,256 hectares
- Czech Rep.: 281,535 hectares
- Portugal: 269,374 hectares
- Ukraine: 262,361 hectares

Source: FiBL Survey 2008
The ten countries with the highest shares of organic agricultural land 2006

- Liechtenstein: 29%
- Austria: 13%
- Switzerland: 12%
- Italy: 9%
- Estonia: 9%
- Greece: 8%
- Portugal: 7%
- Sweden: 7%
- Latvia: 7%
- Timor Leste: 7%

Source: FiBL Survey 2008
Growth 2005 - 2006

- Growth in all continents during 2006
- Compared to the adjusted data of 2005: Increase of 1.8 million hectares
- The highest increase during 2006: Australia/Oceania (+600,000 hectares) and Europe (+500,000)
- Increase of organic land in more than 90 countries; in Europe: increase in 31 countries; decrease in 7 countries (Denmark, Hungary, UK, Netherlands, Russia)
- Trend 2007: Further growth (Lithuania + 25%; Czech Republic + 11%; Austria +2.7%)
Development of organic agriculture in the continents 2005 – 2006

Source: FiBL Survey 2008
Development of the organic agricultural land in Europe 1985-2006

Source: Institute of Rural Sciences, Aberystwyth University, UK; FiBL, CH-Frick
The countries with the highest increase of organic land in 2006

- Spain: +118'821.1 hectares
- Italy: +81'060.0 hectares
- Poland: +68'300.0 hectares
- Portugal: +56'646.0 hectares
- Latvia: +56'388.0 hectares
- Slovak Republic: +31'255.0 hectares
- Lithuania: +27'288.0 hectares
- Czech Republic: +26'553.0 hectares
- Montenegro: +25'051.0 hectares
- Ukraine: +20'381.0 hectares
The ten countries with the highest relative increase of organic agr. land 2006

- Macedonia: +104%
- Croatia: +95%
- Bosnia Herzegovina: +75%
- Latvia: +48%
- Malta: +43%
- Poland: +43%
- Lithuania: +39%
- Slovak Republic: +35%
- Belgium: +27%
- Portugal: +27%
Land use in organic agriculture 2006 by continent

Source: FiBL Survey 2008
Distribution of organic wild collection land by continent 2006

- North America: 1.3%
- Latin America: 22%
- Europe: 28%
- Asia: 24%
- Africa: 25%

Source: FiBL Survey 2008
Graph: FiBL, CH-Frick
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