The Main Results of the Global Survey on Organic Agriculture 2008

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2008 edition of 'The World of Organic Agriculture'

- Results of the FiBL Survey on global organic farming 2008 (supported by ITC, SECO and Nürnberg Messe)
- Continent reports from experts, some country reports
- Chapter on the global organic market
- Legislation, harmonization, certification: Current situation
- Almost 35 authors contributed to the study; in total about 140 persons provided information
The FiBL Survey 2008

- 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)
- 2006 data from 124 countries
- Land use information for almost 90% of the world’s organic land, varying levels of data depth though.
Global Organic Farming 2006

- **North America**: 2.2 mio ha
- **Latin America**: 4.9 mio ha
- **Europe**: 7.4 mio ha
- **Asia**: 3.1 mio ha
- **Africa**: 0.4 mio ha
- **Australia/Oceania**: 12.4 mio ha

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Global Organic Agriculture 2006: Key data

- 30.4 million hectares of agricultural land are managed organically
- 12.3 million hectares are in Australia
- Almost 30% of the agricultural land in Liechtenstein are organic
- During 2006: Growth in all continents
Further key data from 'The World of Organic Agriculture 2008'

- 69 countries have a regulation, 21 are drafting one
- There are more than 468 certifiers
- The organic wild collection area is more than 33 million hectares (FiBL Survey)
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
Organic farms by continent 2006

- Europe: 28%
- Africa: 24%
- Latin America: 32%
- Asia: 13%
- North America: 2%
- Oceania: 1%

Source: FiBL Survey 2008
Graph: FiBL, CH-Frick
The ten countries with most organic land 2006

- Australia: 12.3 million hectares
- China: 2.3 million hectares
- Argentina: 2.2 million hectares
- USA (2005): 1.6 million hectares
- Italy: 1.1 million hectares
- Uruguay: 0.9 million hectares
- Spain: 0.9 million hectares
- Brazil: 0.9 million hectares
- Germany: 0.8 million hectares
- UK: 0.6 million 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
Development 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 (more than 600,000 hectares) and Europe (more than 500,000)
- Increase of organic land in more than 90 countries
- Trend 2007: Further growth (Lithuania + 25 %; Czech Republic + 11 %; Austria +2.7%)
Development of certified organic land worldwide 1998 to 2006

Development of organic agriculture in the continents 2005 – 2006

Source: FiBL Survey 2008
Development of organic agricultural land in Colombia 2002-2007

Source: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development National Program of Agriculture Clean.
Development of the organic agricultural land in Europe 1985-2006

Source: Institute of Rural Sciences, Aberystwyth University, UK; FiBL, CH-Frick
Organic Farming in Developing Countries

- 8.8 million hectares are in developing countries (Countries on the DAC List)
- This is almost a third of the world organic land
- Only few developing countries have more than 1% share of the agricultural land
- Export is a major activity; this is also reflected in the land use pattern: Permanent crops (coffee, tropical crops) and permanent grassland (meat from Latin America) play an important role
The ten developing countries with the highest shares of organic agricultural land 2006

- Timor Leste
- Vanuatu
- Uruguay
- Samoa
- Sao Tome and Prince
- Montenegro
- Solomon Islands
- Niue
- Argentina
- Tunisia

Shares of total agricultural land (%)

Source: FiBL Survey 2008
Use of organic agricultural land in developing countries 2006

- **Arable land**: 8%
- **Permanent crops**: 9%
- **Cropland other/no details**: 12%
- **No information**: 19%
- **Permanent grassland**: 52%

Source: FiBL Survey 2008

Graph: FiBL, CH-Frick
Development of organic production in Bolivia 1995-2006

Source: Asociación de Organizaciones de Productores Ecológicos de Bolivia 2007
Wild collection

- Much of the organic land previously declared as agricultural land is actually certified wild collection.
- The data, also for previous years were adjusted where possible.
- Currently more than 33 million hectares are certified for organic wild collection.
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
Outlook

- Organic land area continues to grow – in all parts of the world
- Cropping patterns in developing countries reflect the high importance of exports, but domestic markets are developing, too
- Wild collection plays an important role, particularly in developing countries but also in Europe
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