Status of organic agriculture

Organic certified area: 45 000 ha
4,6 % of total agricultural land
0,2 % in conversion

Number of producers: 2 100

Most common crops: Ley 80 %, cereals 15 %

Most common animals: Sheep 51 000
Laying hens 242 000
Milking cows 8 500
Suckler cows 4 000
Other cattle 17 000

Status of organic market and consumption

Marked turnover organic products: 263 mill EUR
Share of the total market:
- All organic products 1,8 %
- Eggs 5,4 %
- Milk 3,4 %
- Carrots 8,9 %

Turnover growth 2015-2016:
- Grocery market 24,5 %
- Others 12,3 %

Problems and challenges

- Low share of organic certified areas
- Small turnover rate for organic products
- No longer an official goal for organic production or consumption
- Less crop rotation, more specialized organic farms
- Low funding for R&I projects devoted organic

Research activities in organic production

- Main institutions in organic research:
  - NORSØK
  - NIBIO
  - NOFIMA

- Main research areas/topics
  - Organic agriculture (plant production e.g. nutrient supply, agronomic practice, plant protection, and animal husbandry e.g. meat and milk quality, animal welfare, and climate effects)
  - Organic aquaculture

- No specific programs for organic R&I projects. However, active partner in CORE Organic.