Organic Agriculture Worldwide: The main results of the FiBL – IFOAM Survey 2009

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The Global Organic Survey 2009

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Global organic survey 2009

- > The tenth survey on organic agriculture world-wide was carried out by FiBL and IFOAM (IFOAM for Africa).
- The survey was carried out between July and December 2008
- Most data collected are from 2007, for some countries for 2008
- > Data were received from 141 countries (2006: 135 countries)
- Data were provided by country experts, (representatives from NGOs, certification bodies, governments, researchers)
- The results are published in the yearbook ,The World of Organic Agriculture and at www.organic-world.net



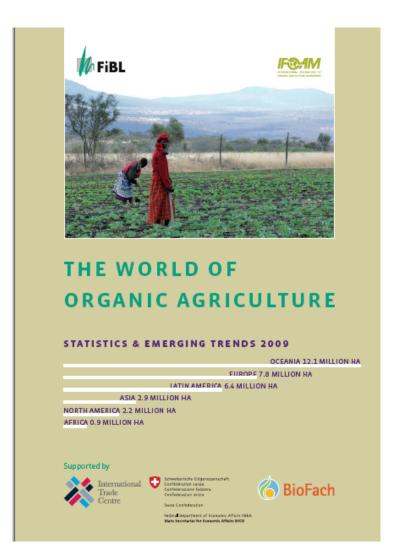
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Yearbook ,The World of Organic Agriculture'

- 10th edition of ,The World of Organic Agriculture', published by IFOAM and FiBL
- With contributions from more than 40 authors
- **>** Contents:
 - Results of the global organic survey
 - Organic agriculture in the geographical regions, special focus on Latin America
 - Chapters on the global market, standards and legislation, crops, food security, other issues







Website www.organic-world.net

- Detailed statistics in excel format (in progress)
- Graphs & Maps
- Data revisions
- Background information
- Order form

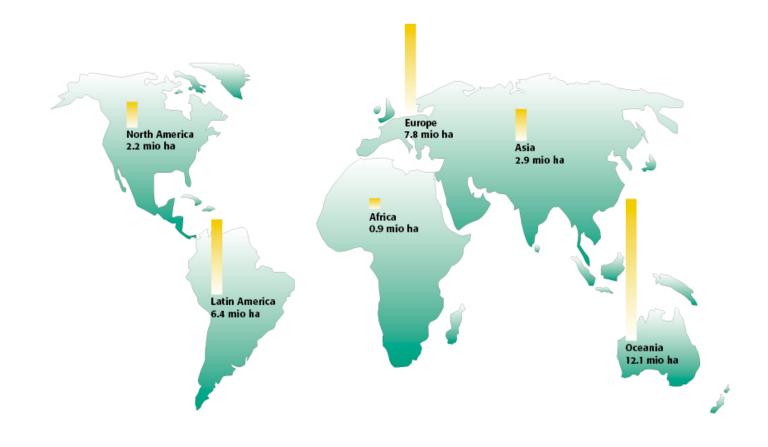








Organic Agriculture 2007: Agricultural land under organic management by geographical region



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Key data

- 32.2 million hectares of agricultural land are managed organically
- In addition to the certified organic agricultural land (including in-conversion areas) there are
 - > 0.4 million hectares of organic aquaculture areas
 - **>** 30.7 million hectares of organic wild collection areas
- More than one third of the world's organic land is in Oceania, followed by Europe (24%) and Latin America (20%)
- 12 million hectares are in Australia, followed by Argentina (2.8 million hectares) and Brazil (1.8 million hectares)
- Almost 30 % of the agricultural land in Liechtenstein are organic, followed by Austria (13.4 %) and Switzerland (11 %)
- 1.2 million organic producers were reported



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Growth of the organic/in-conversion area in 2007

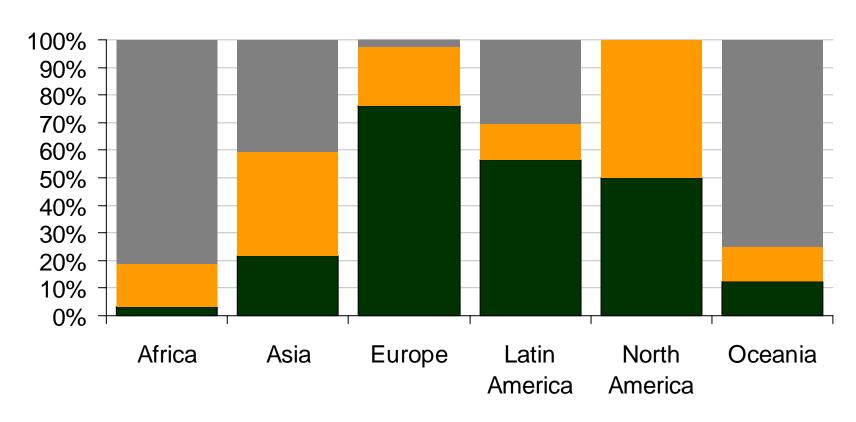
- > Growth in Latin America, Africa and Europe
- Compared to 2006: Increase of 1.5 million hectares
- The highest increase during 2007
 - Latin America (1.4 million hectares, including 0.8 million hectares of in-conversion land in Brazil which were previously not reported)
 - > 0.3 milion hectares in Europe
 - > 0.2 million hectares in Africa
- Increase of organic land in more than 80 countries

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Data collection systems (land area and producers)

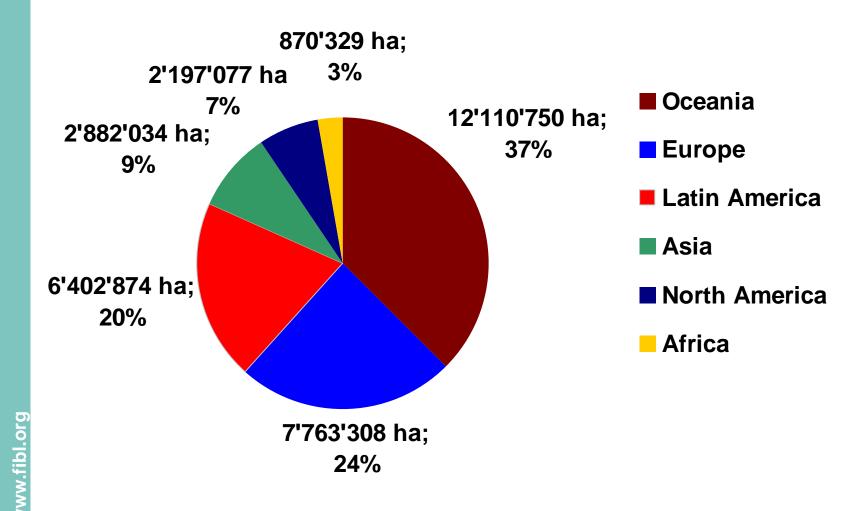


- Government collection systems Private collection systems
- No collection system





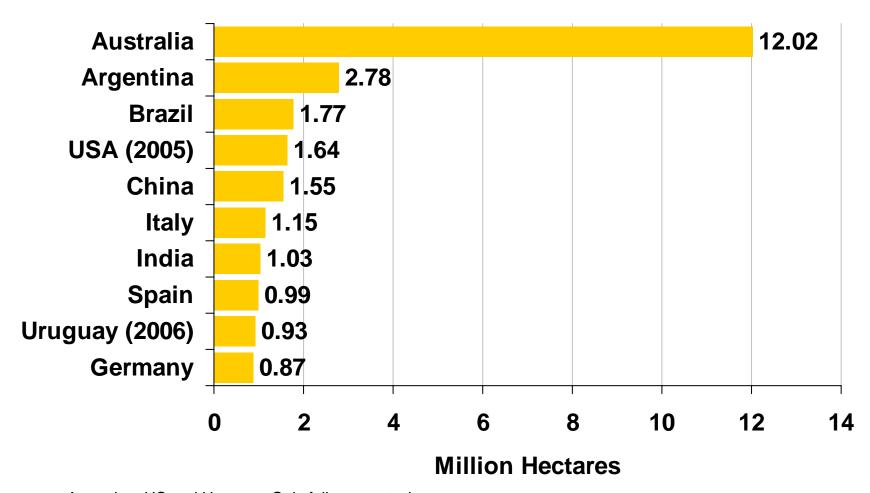
Organically managed agricultural land by geographical region 2007







The ten countries with most organic agricultural land 2007

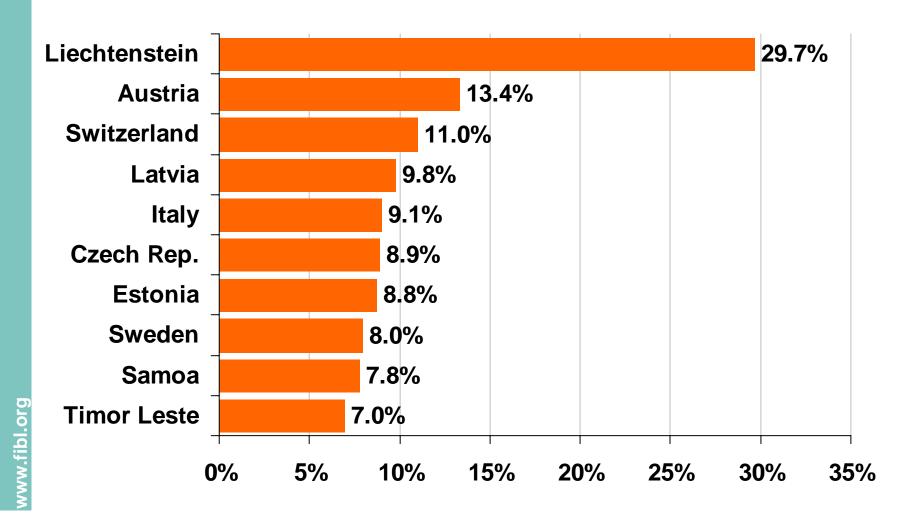


Argentina, US and Uruguay: Only fully converted areas



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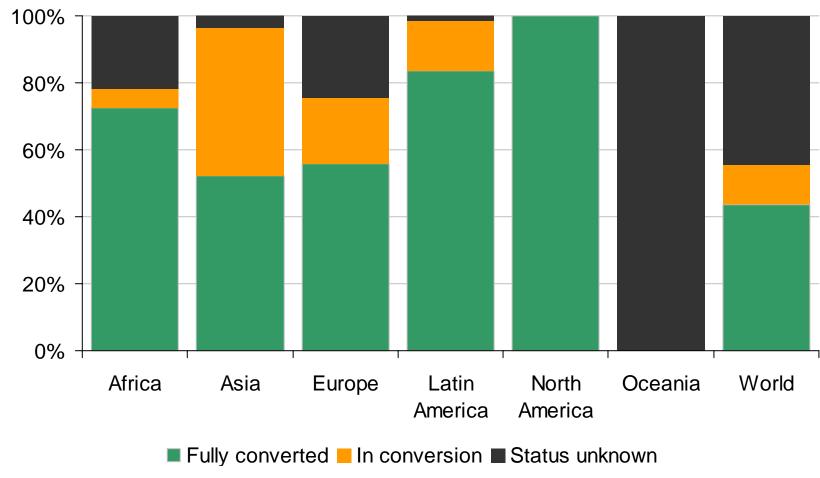
The ten countries with the highest shares of organic agricultural land





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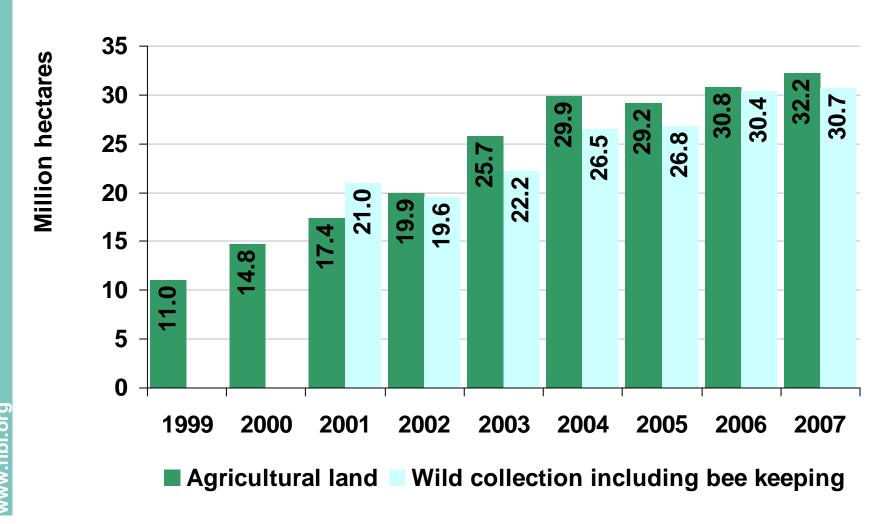
Conversion status of organically managed land 2006



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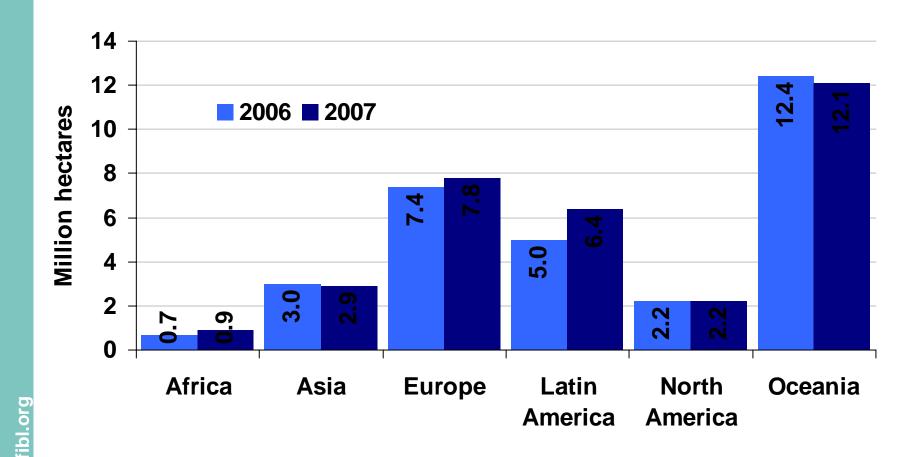
Development of organic agricultural land and wild collection areas 1999 to 2007



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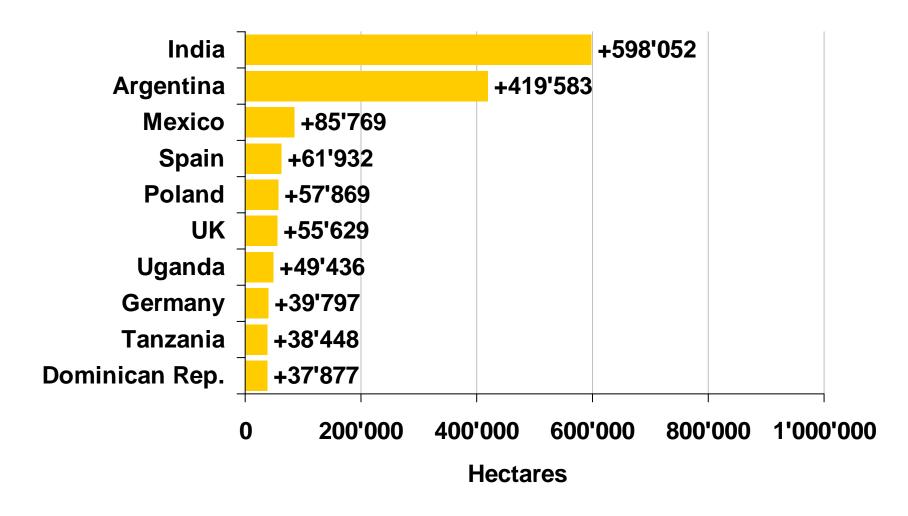
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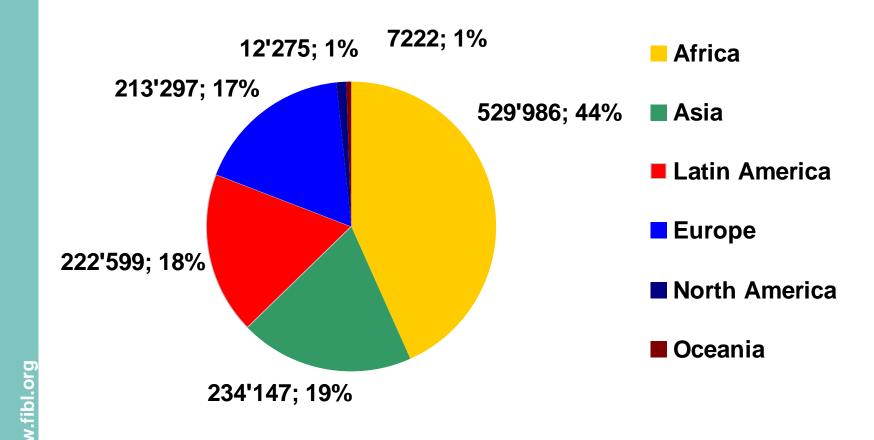
The ten countries with the highest increase of organic land 2006-2007



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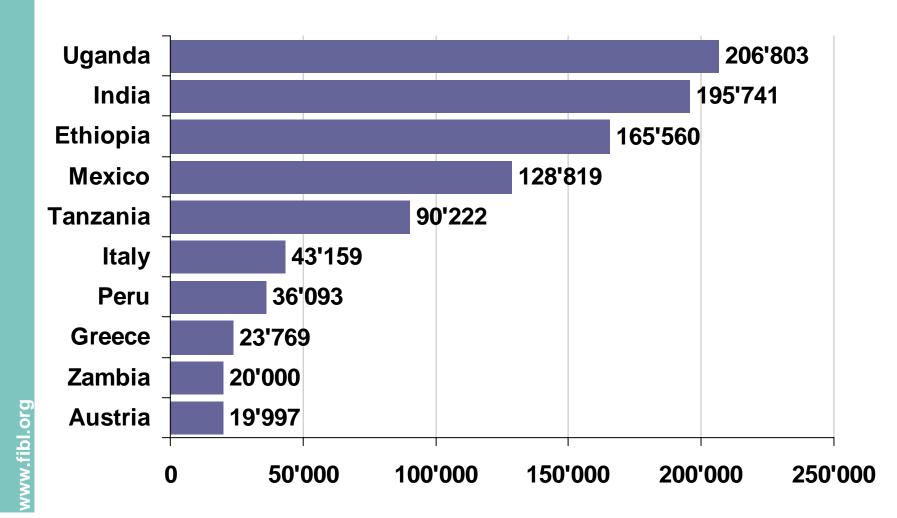
Organic producers by geographical region 2007



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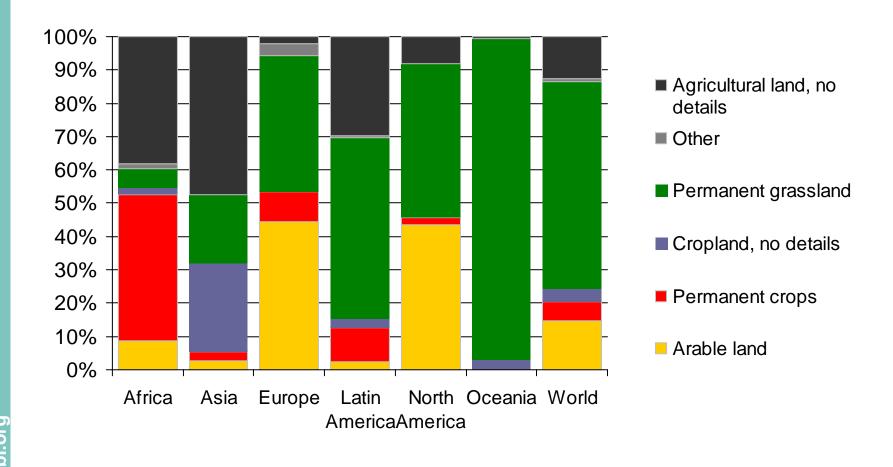
The ten countries with the largest numbers of organic producers 2007





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Land use by region 2007

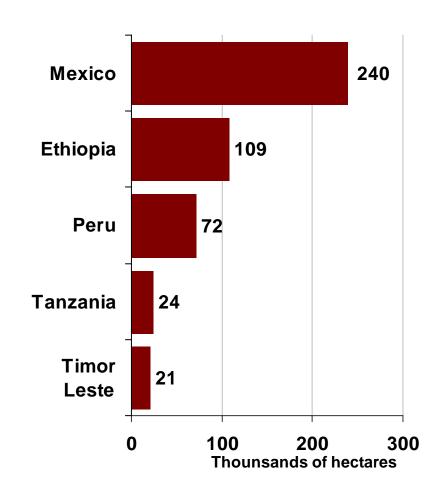


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Coffee

- In total at least 550'000 hectares of organic coffee are grown
- This constitutes 5.3 % of the world's harvested coffee area
- Data are not available for some major producers like Brazil
- 30 % of Mexico's coffee area is organic

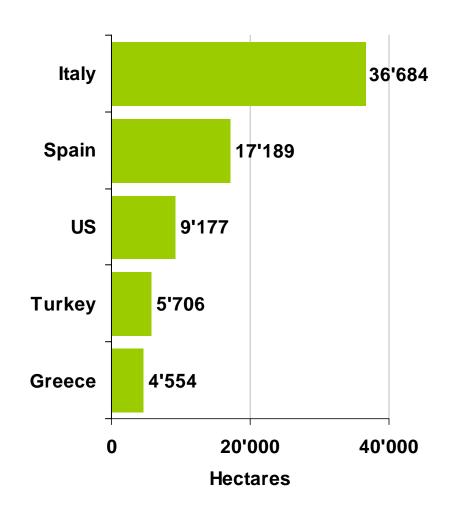




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Grapes

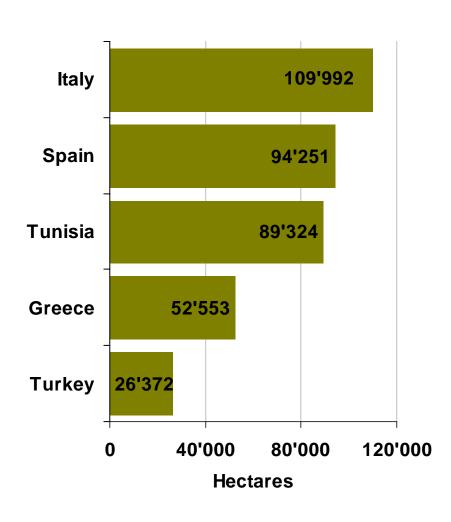
- In total at least 120'000 hectares of organic grapes are grown
- This constitutes 1.6 % of the world's harvested grape area
- Since 2004 the organic grape area has increased by 40 %





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- In total at least 400'000 hectares of organic olives are grown
- This constitutes 5.2 % of the world's harvested olive area



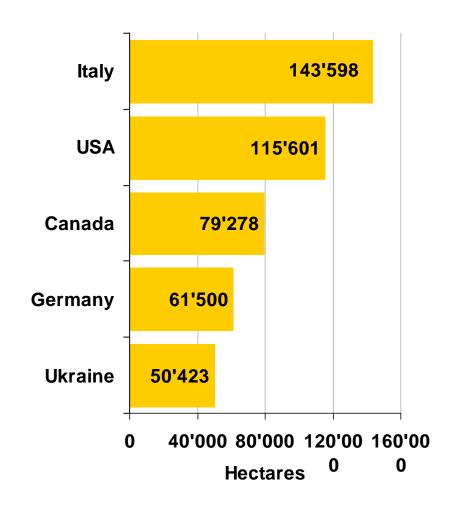
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Wheat

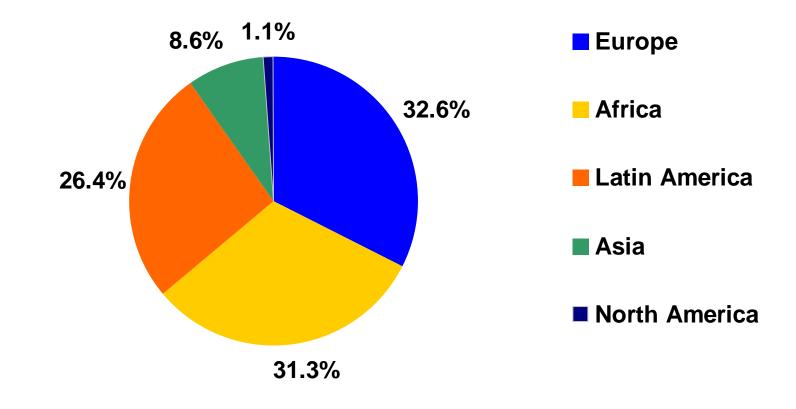
- In total at least 700'000 hectares of organic wheat are grown
- This constitutes 0.3 % of the world's harvested wheat area
- In Austria 10 % of the wheat grown is organic
- Data on organic land were not available for some major wheat producing countries (e.g. India, China, Australia)





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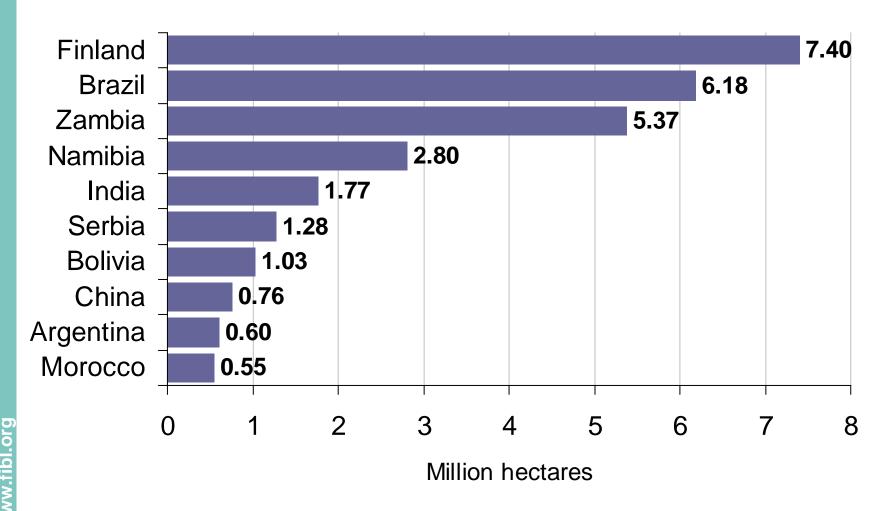
Distribution of organic wild collection areas by geographical region



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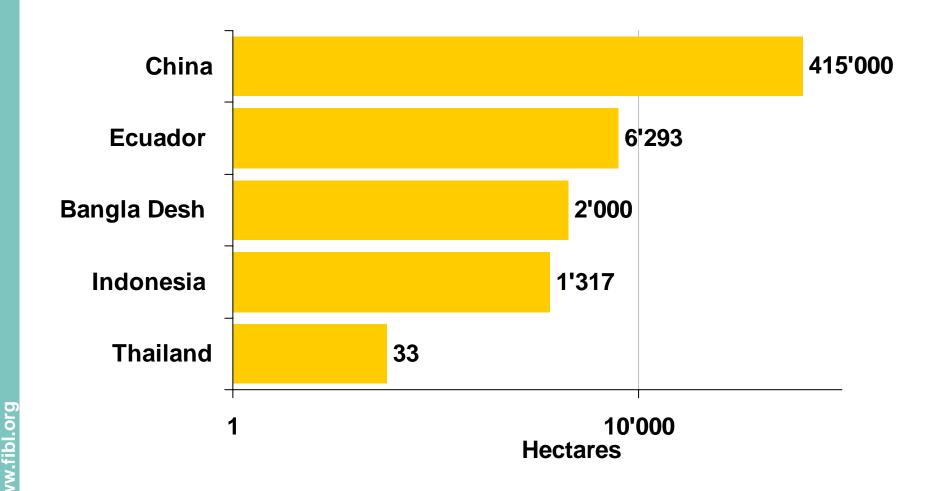
The ten countries with the largest wild collection areas (including bee keeping)





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Organic aquaculture 2007



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Conclusion

- The organic land area has increased by 1.5 million hectares or 4 % between 2006 and 2007.
- Particularly in developing countries the increase of organically managed land as well as of producers was high.
- Increases were high for some crops, especially tropical and subtropical crops.
- The growth in developing countries shows that organic agriculture can contribute to meaningful socio-economic and ecologically sustainable development, especially in poorer countries.

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The World of Organic Agriculture 2009

- Available at the FiBL, IFOAM and ITC webshops at
- http://www.organicworld.net/order.html
- 25 Euros for the printed copy20 Euros for the PDF version.
- The password on page 2 gives access to graphs and tables at www.organic-world.net

