

Organic producers and other operator types

Producers

There were over 2.9 million organic producers worldwide. According to the data obtained, over 80 percent of the producers are in Asia, Africa, and Latin America (Figure 9). The country with the most organic producers is India, followed by Uganda and Mexico (Figure 10).

There has been an increase in the number of producers of almost 130'000, or 4.7 percent, compared with 2016. In 2017, Togo, Thailand, Burkina Faso, and Indonesia reported significant increases. These five countries represent most of the total global increase.

Reporting precise figures on the number of organic farms remains difficult as some countries:

- report only the numbers of companies, projects, or grower groups, which may each comprise a number of individual producers;
- do not provide data on the number of producers at all;
- include collectors in case there are wild collection areas, and
- provide the number of producers per crop, and there may be overlaps for those growers who grow several crops.

The number of producers should, therefore, be treated with caution, and it may be assumed that the total number of organic producers is higher than that reported here.

Table 10: World: Development of the number of producers by region 2016 to 2017

Region	2016 [no.]	2017 [no.]	1 year growth [no.]	1 year growth [%.]	10 years growth [no.]	10 years growth [%.]
Africa	731'114	806'877	75'763	10.4%	329'151	68.9%
Asia	933'057	1'231'127	298'070	31.9%	825'928	203.8%
Europe	373'251	397'146	23'895	6.4%	174'646	78.5%
Latin America	469'113	463'451	-5'662	-1.2%	201'034	76.6%
North America	18'422	22'966	4'544	24.7%	6'312	37.9%
Oceania	27'366	26'750	-616	-2.3%	18'790	236.1%
World	2'730'864	2'858'358	+127'494	+4.7%	+1'465'837	+105.3%

Source: FiBL survey 2019, based on information from the private sector, certifiers, and governments. For detailed data sources see annex, page 343

Please note that the corrected data in the table above include revisions per January 6, 2020.