

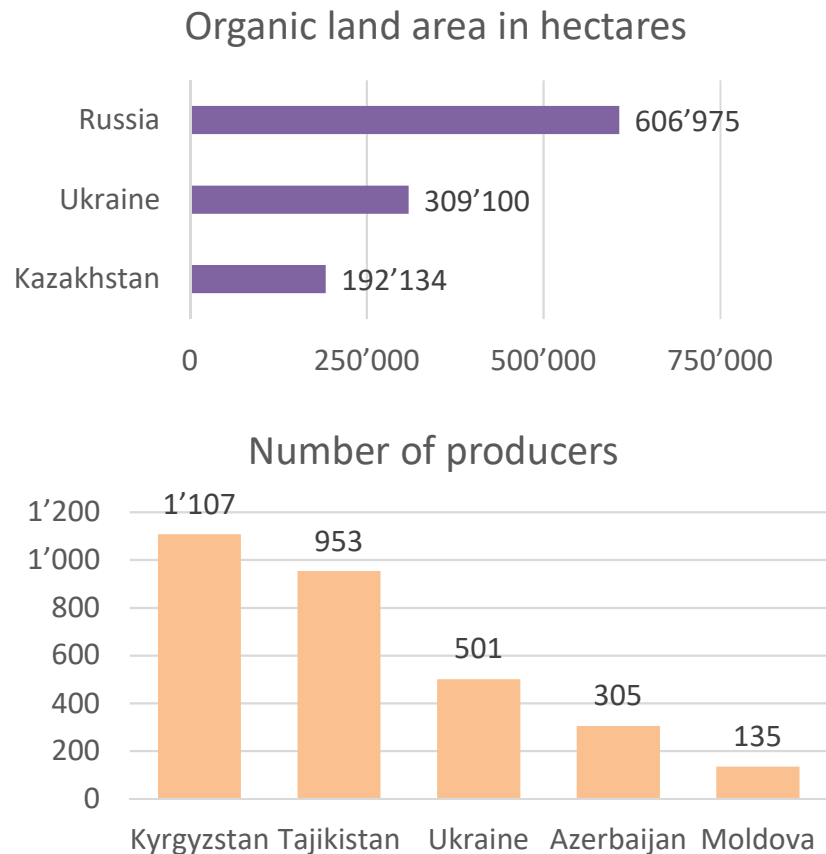


CIS Countries Report

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CIS Market 2018

Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) is a regional intergovernmental organization of nine (originally ten – now without Georgia) members and two founding non-members – almost all post-Soviet republics in Eurasia, except Baltic states.



- The total organic agricultural area of the CIS countries was 1.2 million hectares in 2018. This constituted 1.6 percent of the world's organic agricultural land.
- Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Moldova had the most organic agricultural area as a proportion of their total agricultural land (0.8 percent, 0.7 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively).

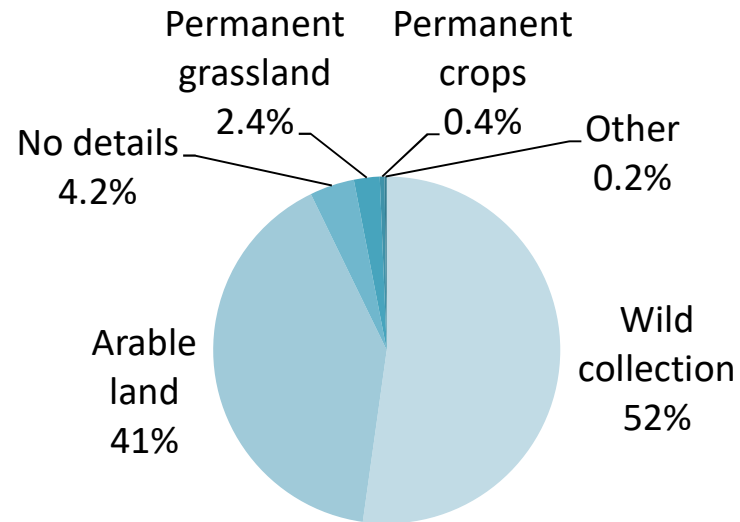
Source: FiBL survey 2020, based on information from the private sector, certifiers and governments.

CIS: Issues and problems of market development

Region features:

- Export-oriented markets
- Weak development of domestic organic markets
- Weak market consistency
- Different organic development schemes: from small farms to huge agricultural holdings; different average cost of organic certification (for example, in Russia – 3000-4000 euros, in Armenia – 1000 euros); production can mediate by donor countries and international programs
- 4 countries (Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Moldova) recognized as risky – they must have two inspections per year
- Russia's attempt to become a leader in this regional market with the help of the EAEU (5 countries: Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan)

CIS: Use of organic agricultural land in 2018



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Problems:

- Lobbying in Europe of Russian organic
- Incorrect actions of some European certifiers

Decisions:

- Supporting conscientious organic producers
- Responding promptly to any violation of generally accepted standards
- Creation of an international expert council and arbitration for the CIS countries

THANK YOU



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