

KEY INDICATORS

With 186,335 hectares, Switzerland had 17.9% of its farmland under organic management in 2022. While Switzerland is not a member state of the European Union, it had a considerably higher organic area share than the EU's average of 10.6%. Organic farmland almost doubled in the 2001 to 2022 period, thus growing at a considerably slower pace than most other countries analyzed here. With 3,855 million euros, Switzerland had the third-largest market in Europe. 11.2 percent of all food sales were organic, the third-highest value worldwide (after Austria and Denmark).



ORGANIC FARMLAND

2001

2022

Area* (Share of Total Farmland)

93,955 ha (8.8%)

186,335 ha (17.9%)

Area Growth from 2001 to 2022

98%



ORGANIC LAND USE & AQUACULTURE

2001

2022

Arable Land* (Share of Total)

1,711 ha (2.6%)

46,444 ha (11.7%)

Permanent Crops* (Share of Total)

868 ha (3.7%)

4,039 ha (17.1%)

Grassland* (Share of Total)

78,049 ha (4.4%)

132,917 ha (21.9%)

Aquaculture Production (Share of Total)

N/D

N/D



ORGANIC OPERATORS

2001

2022

Producers (Share of Total)

5441 (7.9%)

7,819 (16.2%)

Aquaculture Producers

N/D

N/D

Processors

N/D

1,445

Importers

N/D

687



ORGANIC RETAIL SALES

2001

2022

Retail Sales (Share of Total)

617 M€

3,855 M€ (11.2%)

Per Capita Consumption

86.1 €

437 €

Retail Sales Growth from 2001 to 2022

525%

Imports

N/D

N/D

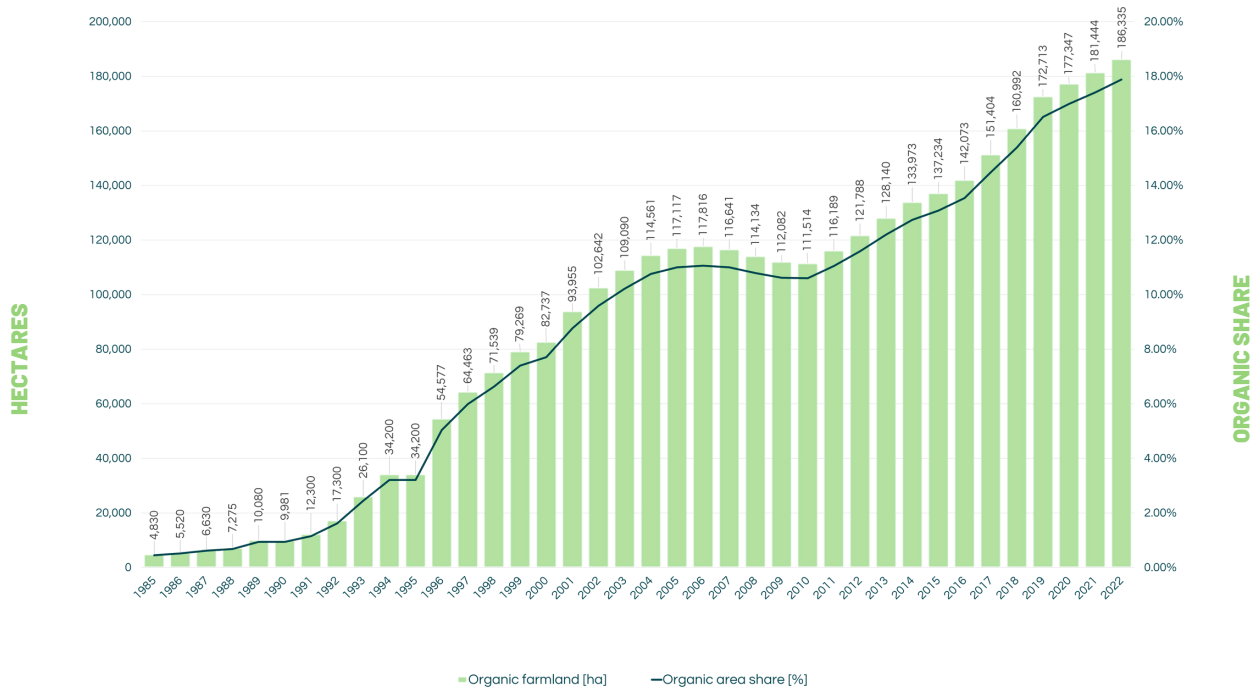
Source: FiBL survey based on national data sources, Eurostat and TRACES/European Commission in the framework of the OrganicTargets4EU project

*In conversion and fully organic



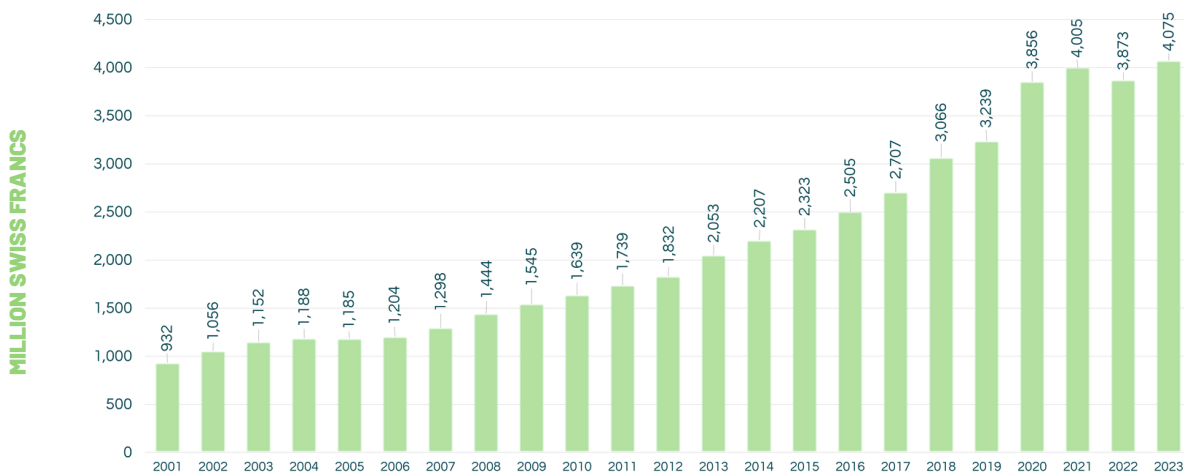
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DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIC FARMLAND IN SWITZERLAND



Source: Bundesamt für Statistik

DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIC RETAIL SALES IN SWITZERLAND



Source: FiBL-AMI Survey, Bio Suisse

ORGANIC POLICY SUPPORT

Switzerland is not a member of the European Union and does not participate in the Common Agricultural Policy, but it does have similar support mechanisms for conversion to and maintenance of organic farming, albeit at higher per ha values. Switzerland has no federal organic action plans, but some individual Cantons do. These were not analysed as part of this project. Aquaculture policy in Switzerland was not analysed as part of this project.



CONVERSION & MAINTENANCE

2018

2027

Land Area Supported (Change from 2018)*	156 kha	N/D
Share of Total Agricultural Area Supported*	14.9 %	N/D
Share of Certified Organic Area Supported (Change)*	97%	N/D
Expenditure per Year*	156 M€	N/D
Expenditure per Hectare Supported*	308 €	N/D

*including in-conversion and fully organic land

ORGANIC CONVERSION AND MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS FOR DIFFERENT LAND USES

INDICATOR	YEAR	GRASSLAND	ARABLE CROPS	HORTICULTURE	FRUIT CROPS	GRAPES
Conversion Support (€/ha)	2019	200	1200	1600	1600	1600
	2023	200	1200	1600	1600	1600
Change from 2019 to 2023		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Maintenance Support (€/ha)	2019	200	1200	1600	1600	1600
	2023	200	1200	1600	1600	1600
Change from 2019 to 2023		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Conversion Support Higher than Maintenance	2019	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	2023	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

CHF/EUR exchange rate ca. 1:1 in 2023

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