



# Development of organic agriculture and markets worldwide and in Europe

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- FiBL
- Development of organic farming in the world (generally) and more specifically in Europe.
- Development of organic market in Europe: How is the market expanding and what are the main market trends (food groups, marketing channels etc).
- Focus on Germany, France, UK, Switzerland and Sweden? What is the market situation there ?

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70 interns, B.A./Master/PhD students, apprentices

Research on over 200 Swiss organic farms

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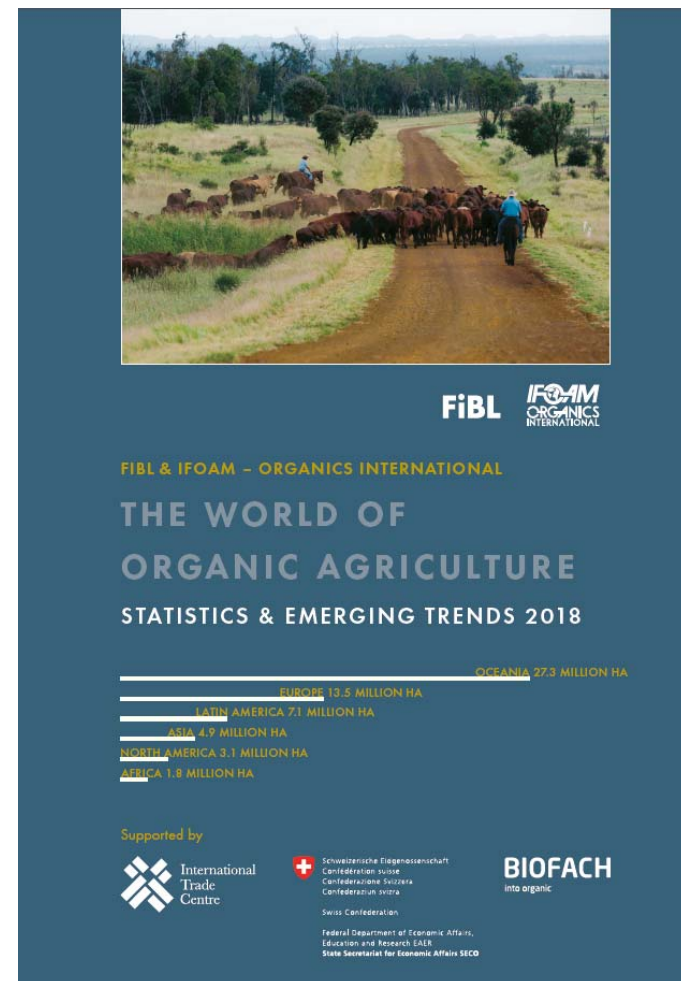




# The World of Organic Agriculture 2018

[www.organic-world.net](http://www.organic-world.net)

- The 19th edition of «The World of Organic Agriculture» was published by FiBL and IFOAM – Organics International in February 2018.
- Data tables and graphs
- Country and continent reports
- Articles about the global market, standards, policy support
- [www.organic-world.net](http://www.organic-world.net)
- <https://Statistics.FiBL.org>
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# The World of Organic Agriculture 2016

## Organic Farmland 2016



**57.8 m ha**

Organic farmland in million hectares

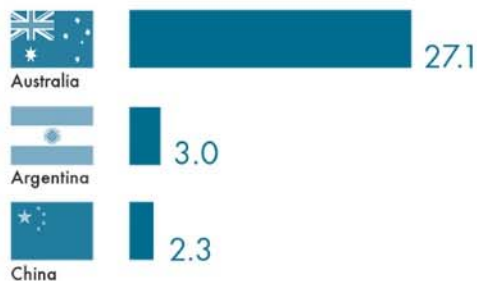
**178**

Countries with organic farming

**+15%**

From 2015

Top 3 countries  
(land in million of hectares)



## Organic Producers 2016

The number of organic producers is increasing

**2.7 million**

Organic farmers

**+12.8%**

From 2015

Number of producers:  
Top 3 countries



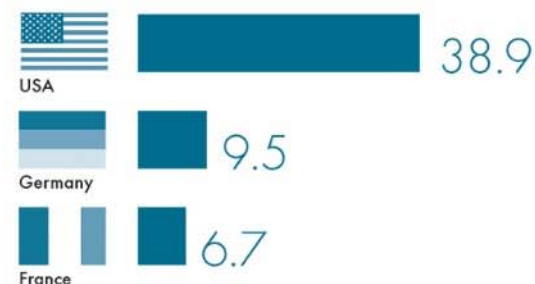
## Organic Market 2016

The global market is growing and consumer demand is increasing

**More than 80 bn €**

Global organic food market in billion euros

Top 3 countries  
(market in billion euros)



**21.8%**  
Organic market growth

**9.7%** Market share

**274 €** Highest per capita spending is in Switzerland

## Another record year - highlights 2016

- Organic agricultural land reached an all time high with **57.8 million hectares**
- Largest area growth so far: **7.5 million hectares more** than in 2015; in all continents the organic area increased
- **1.2 percent** of the agricultural land is organic; in **15 countries 10 percent or more** of the farmland is organic
- **2.7 million producers** were reported – another all time high
- Organic retail sales reached **85 billion euros**

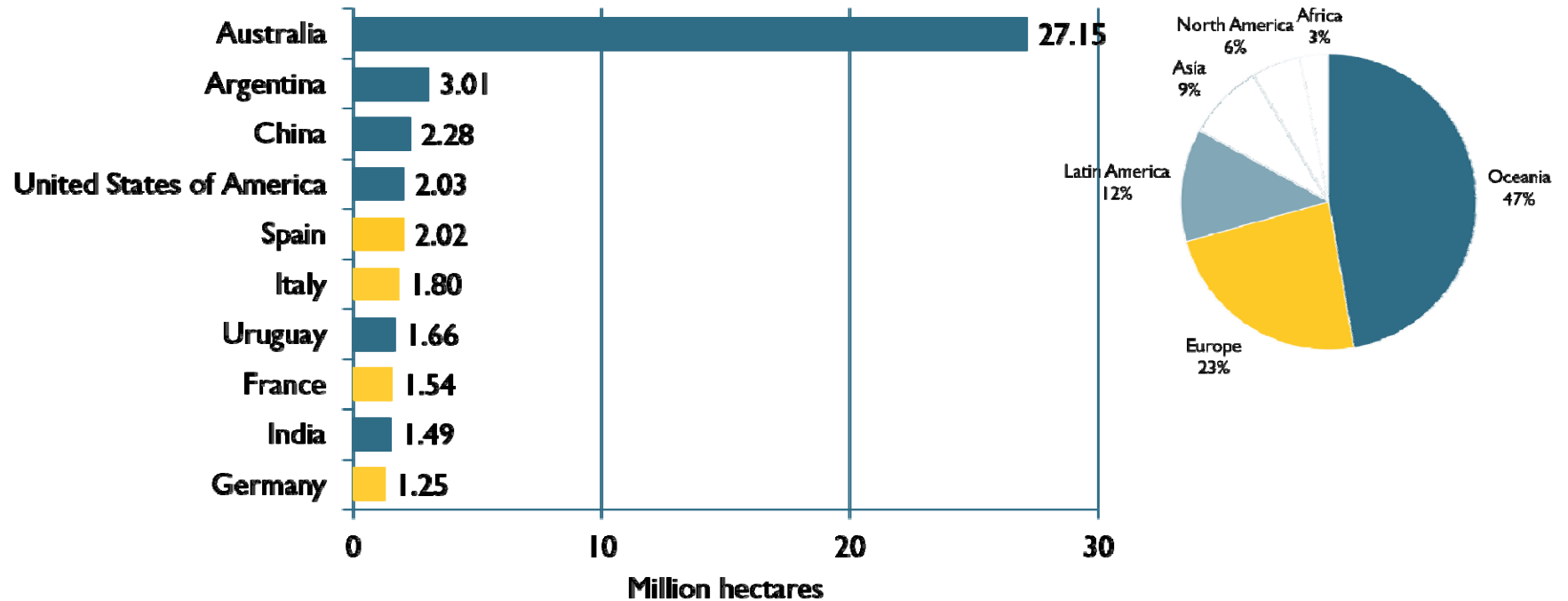




# Organic area: Top ten countries

## The ten countries with the largest areas of organic agricultural land 2016

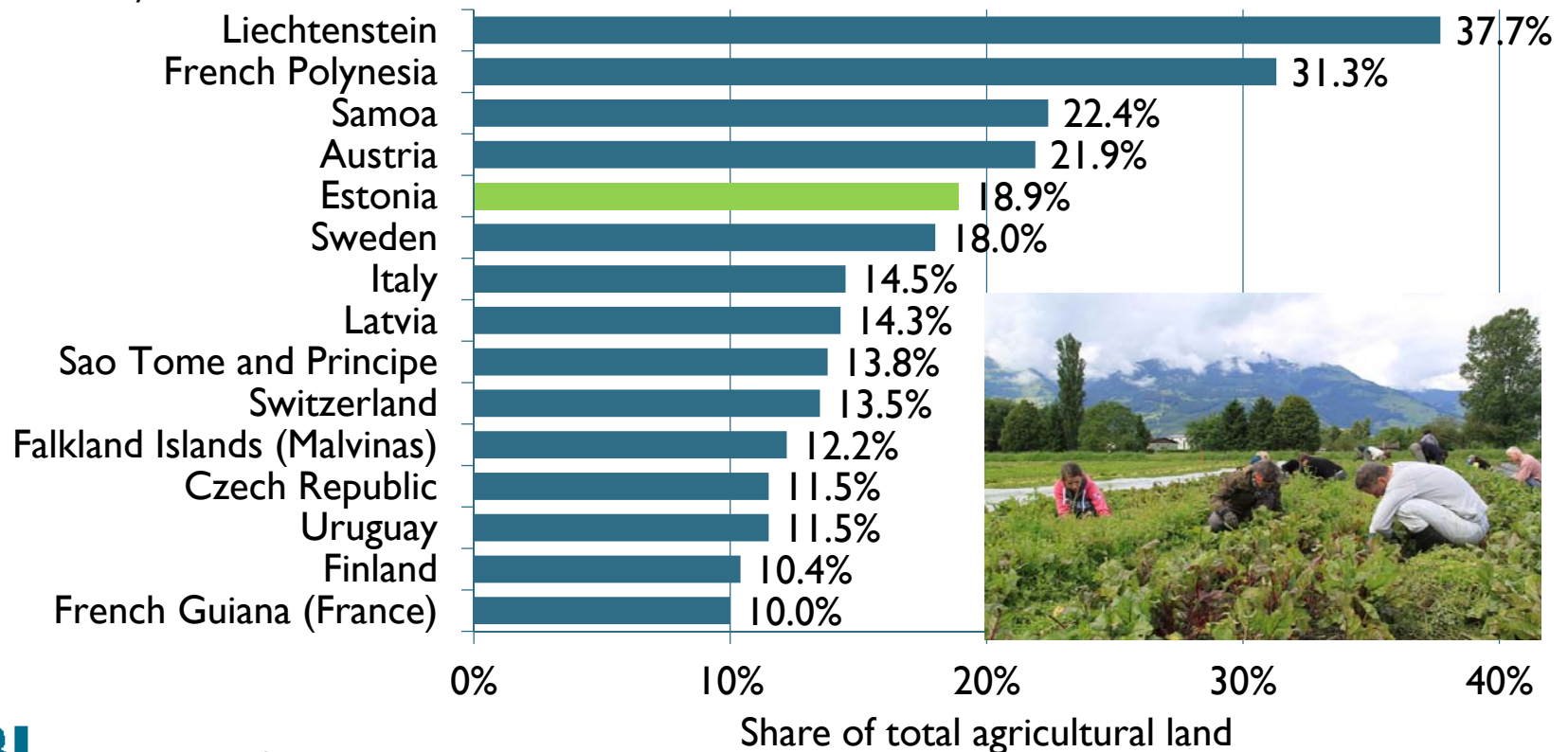
Source: FiBL survey 2018



# The countries with the highest organic shares of agricultural land 2016

## Countries with an organic area share of at least 10 percent 2016

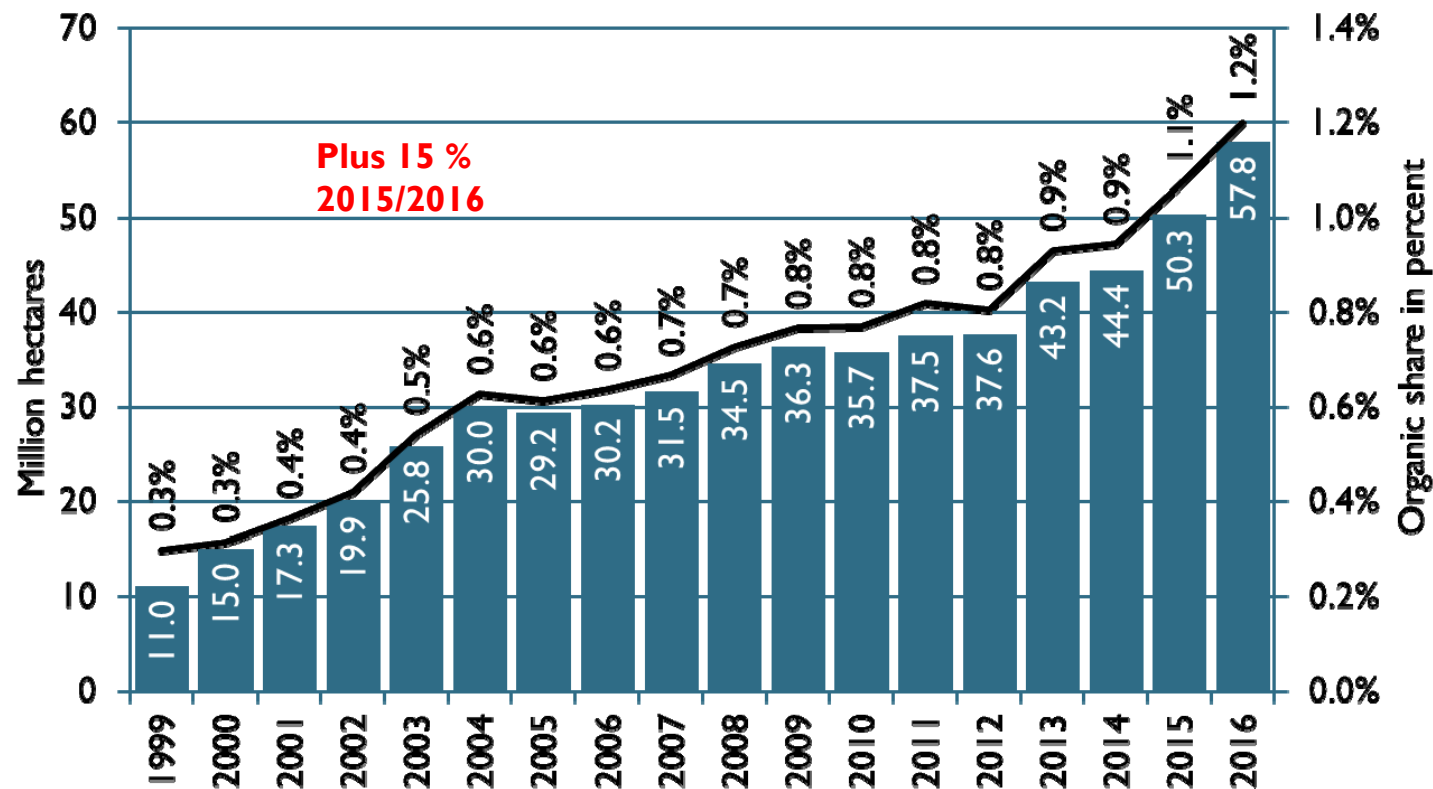
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# World: Growth of the organic farmland and organic share 1999-2016

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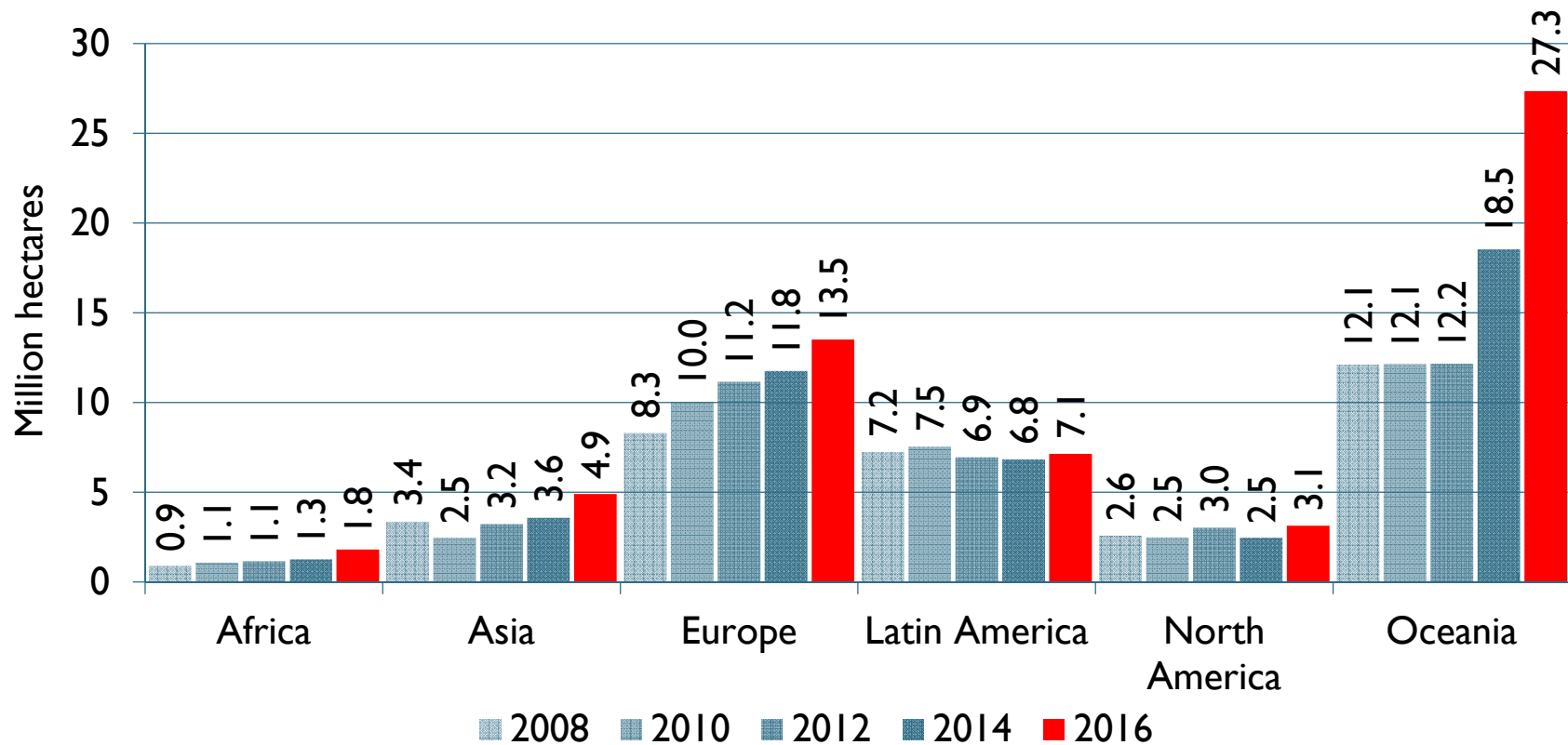
Source: FiBL-IFOAM-SOEL-Surveys 1999-2018



# World: Growth of organic farmland by continent 2016

## Growth of the organic agricultural land by continent 2008-2016

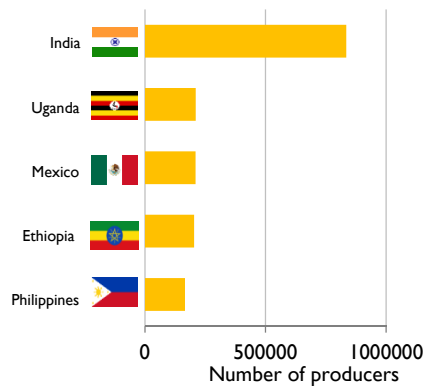
Source: FiBL-IFOAM survey 2008-2018



## ORGANIC PRODUCERS 2016

World  
2.7 Mio  
producers

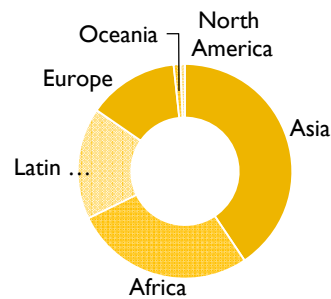
The country with the most organic producers is India, followed by Uganda and Mexico.



The five countries with the largest numbers of organic producers 2016

40%  
in Asia

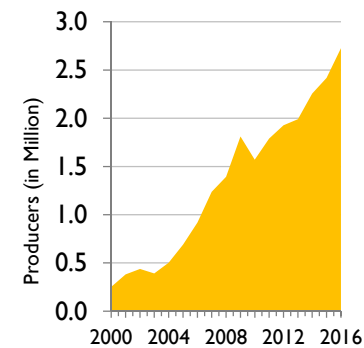
More than 84% of the producers are in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.



Distribution of organic producers by region 2016

+1'200%  
since 1999

There has been an increase in the number of producers by more than 300'000, or over 13% since 2015.



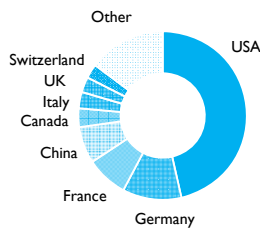
Development of the number of organic producers 1999-2016

Source: FiBL survey 2018 [www.organic-world.net](http://www.organic-world.net)



## WORLD: ORGANIC RETAIL SALES 2016

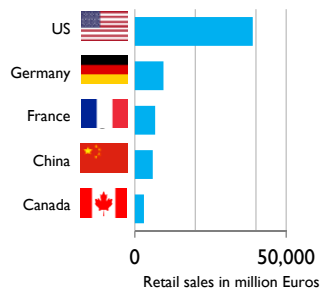
World  
over  
80 billion €



Distribution of retail sales value by country 2016

North America  
almost  
42 billion €

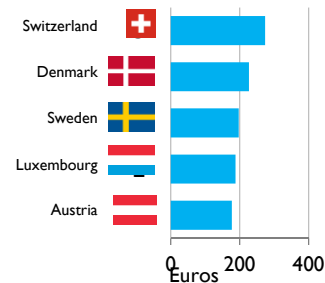
The countries with the largest market for organic food are the United States (38.9 billion €), followed by Germany (9.5 billion €), France (6.7 billion €) and China (5.9 billion €).



The five countries with the largest markets for organic food 2016

274€  
are spent per  
person in  
Switzerland

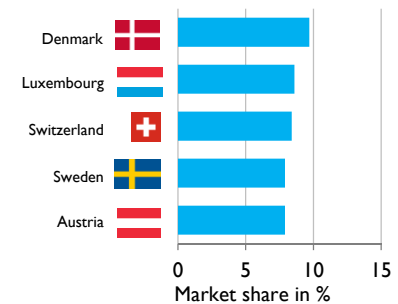
Switzerland has the highest per capita consumption worldwide, followed by Denmark and Sweden.



The five countries with the highest per capita consumption 2016

9.7%  
of the  
food market  
in Denmark is  
organic

The highest shares the organic market of the total market is in Denmark, followed by Luxembourg, Switzerland, Sweden, and Austria.



The five countries with the highest organic shares of the total market 2016

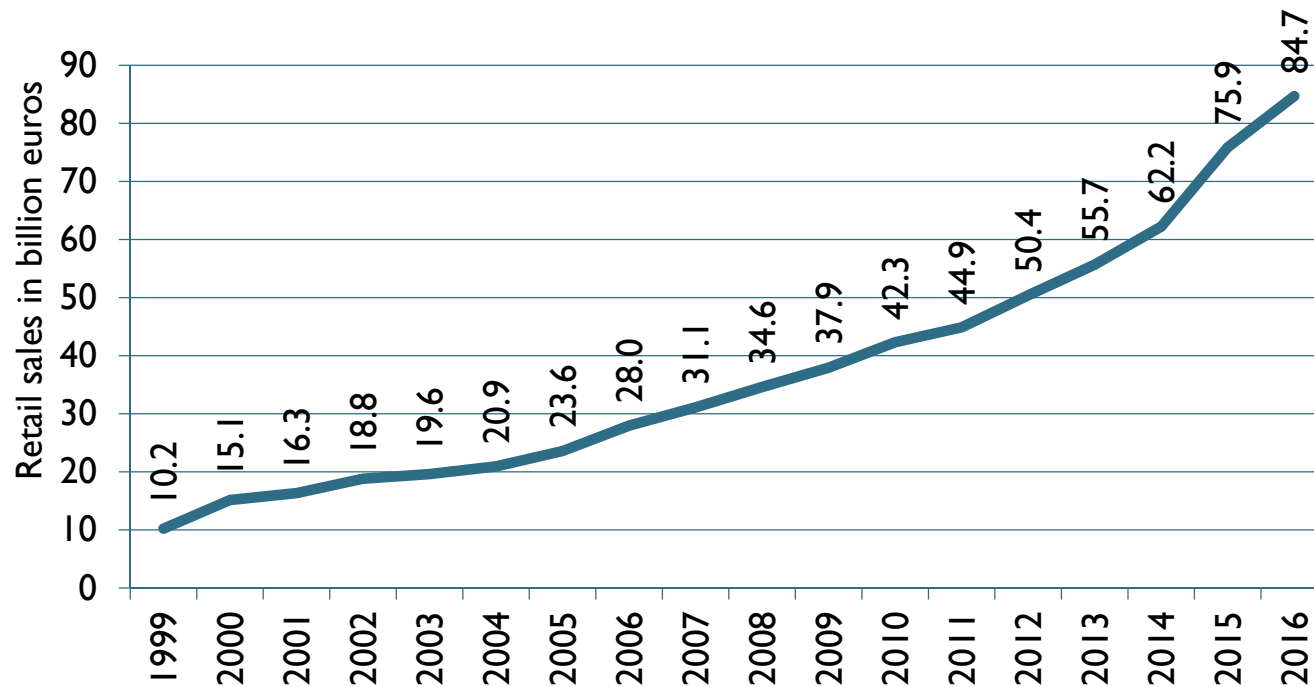
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# Trend: The organic market continues to grow at double digit rates

## Development of organic retail sales 1999-2016

Source: FiBL surveys 2002-2018

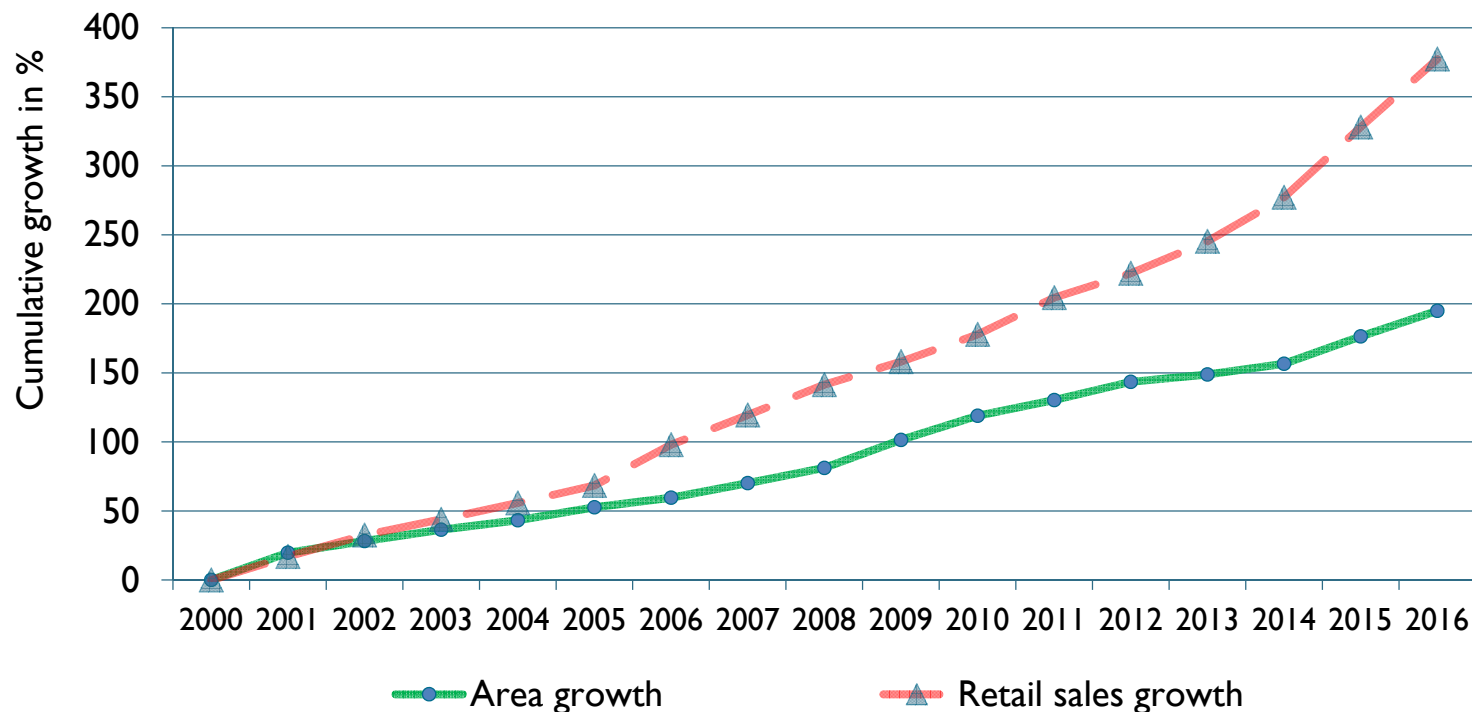
Please note that for the years prior to 2005 data may not be complete



# Area continues to grow at a slower pace than retail sales: Supply with raw materials remains a big topic for processors

## Europe: Cumulative growth of organic area and retail sales 2000-2016 compared

Source: FiBL-AMI surveys 2006-2018

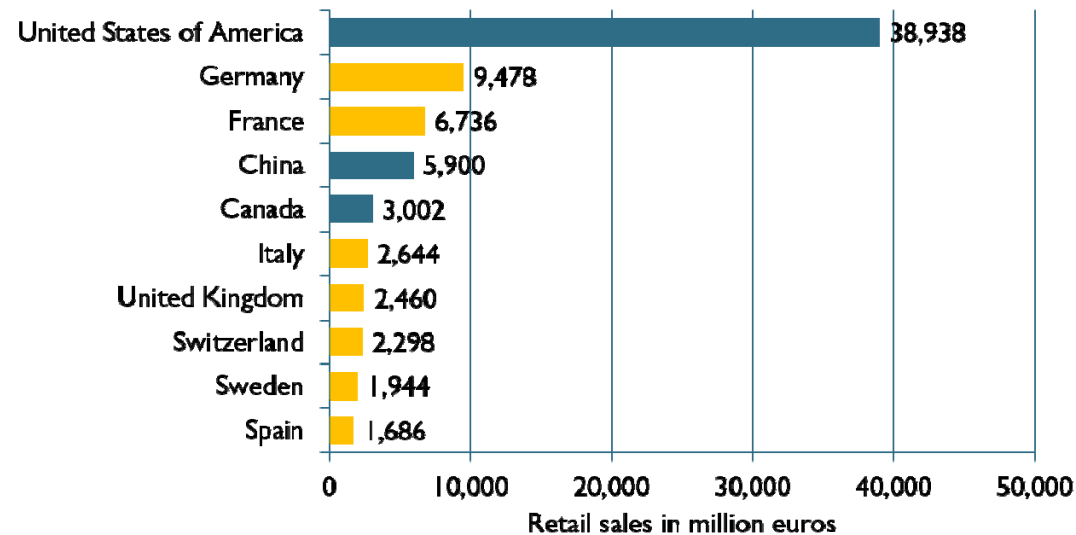


# Organic Retail sales: Top 10 countries

(Yellow: Europe)

## The ten countries with the largest markets for organic food 2016

Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2018



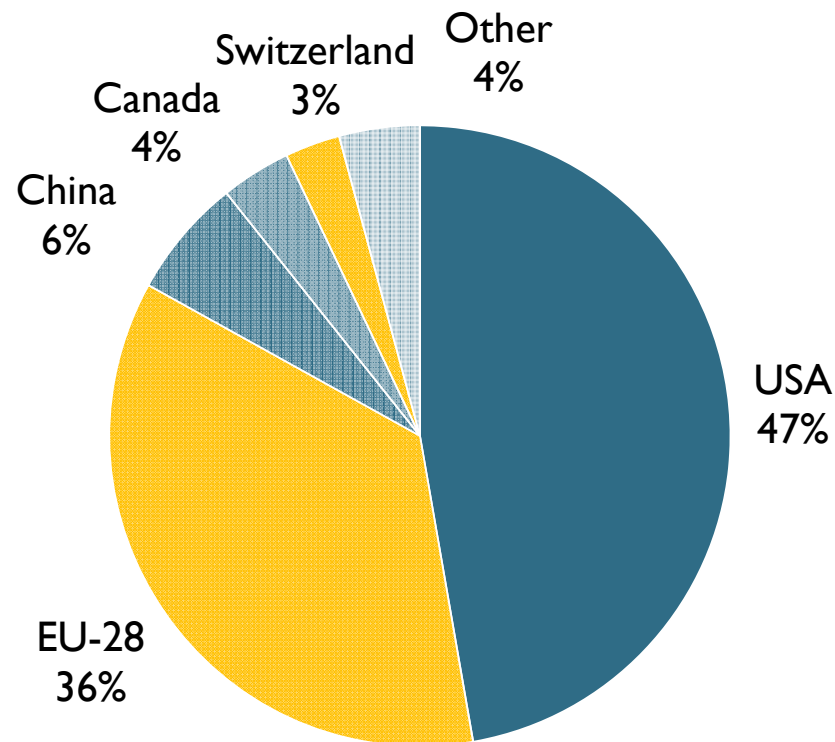
The United States has the largest organic market worldwide, more than 39 billion euros, representing 47% of the global organic market.



# World: Global market: Distribution of retail sales by single market 2016

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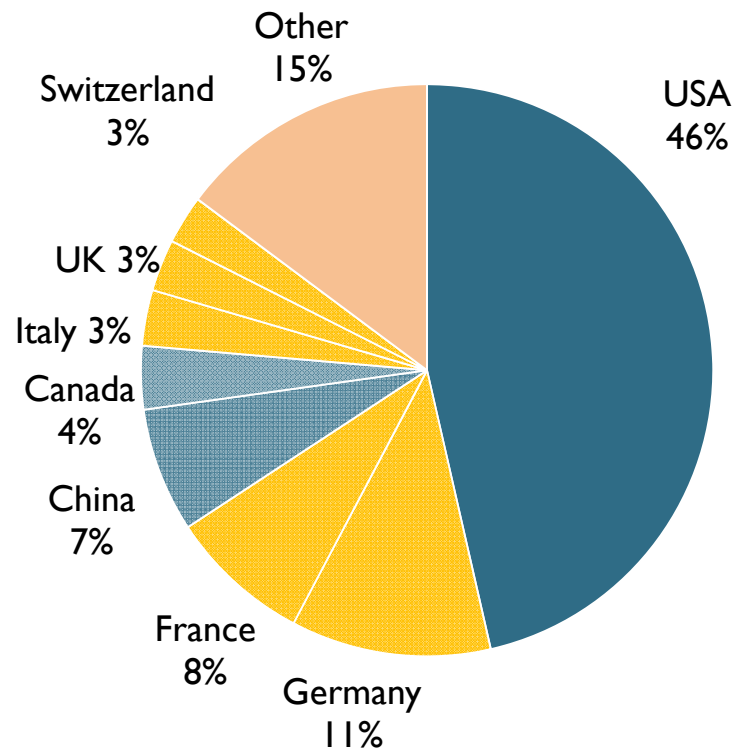


# World: Distribution of organic retail sales 2016

(Yellow: European countries)

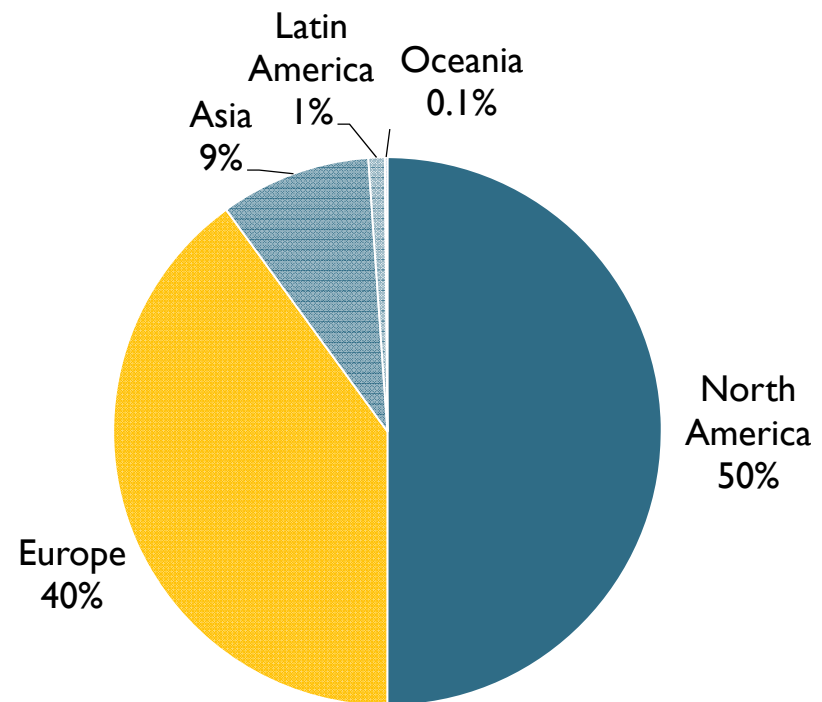
## Global market: Distribution of retail sales value by country 2016

Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2018, based on retail sales with organic food



## Global market: Distribution of retail sales value by region 2016

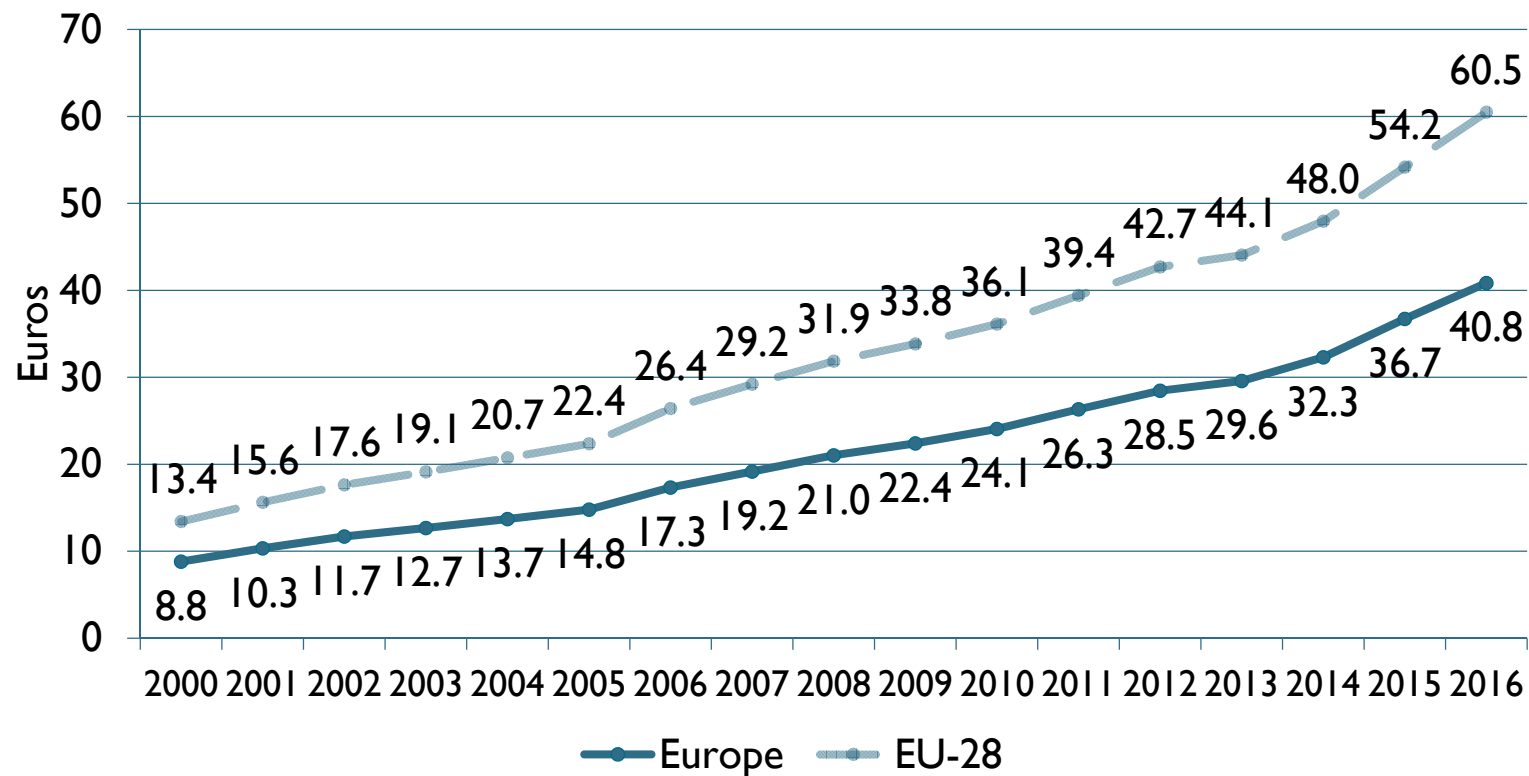
Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2018, based on retail sales with organic food



# European consumers spend more on organic food

## Europe and European Union: Growth of the per capita consumption 2000-2016

Source: FiBL-AMI surveys 2006-2018, OrganicDataNetwork Surveys 2013-2015

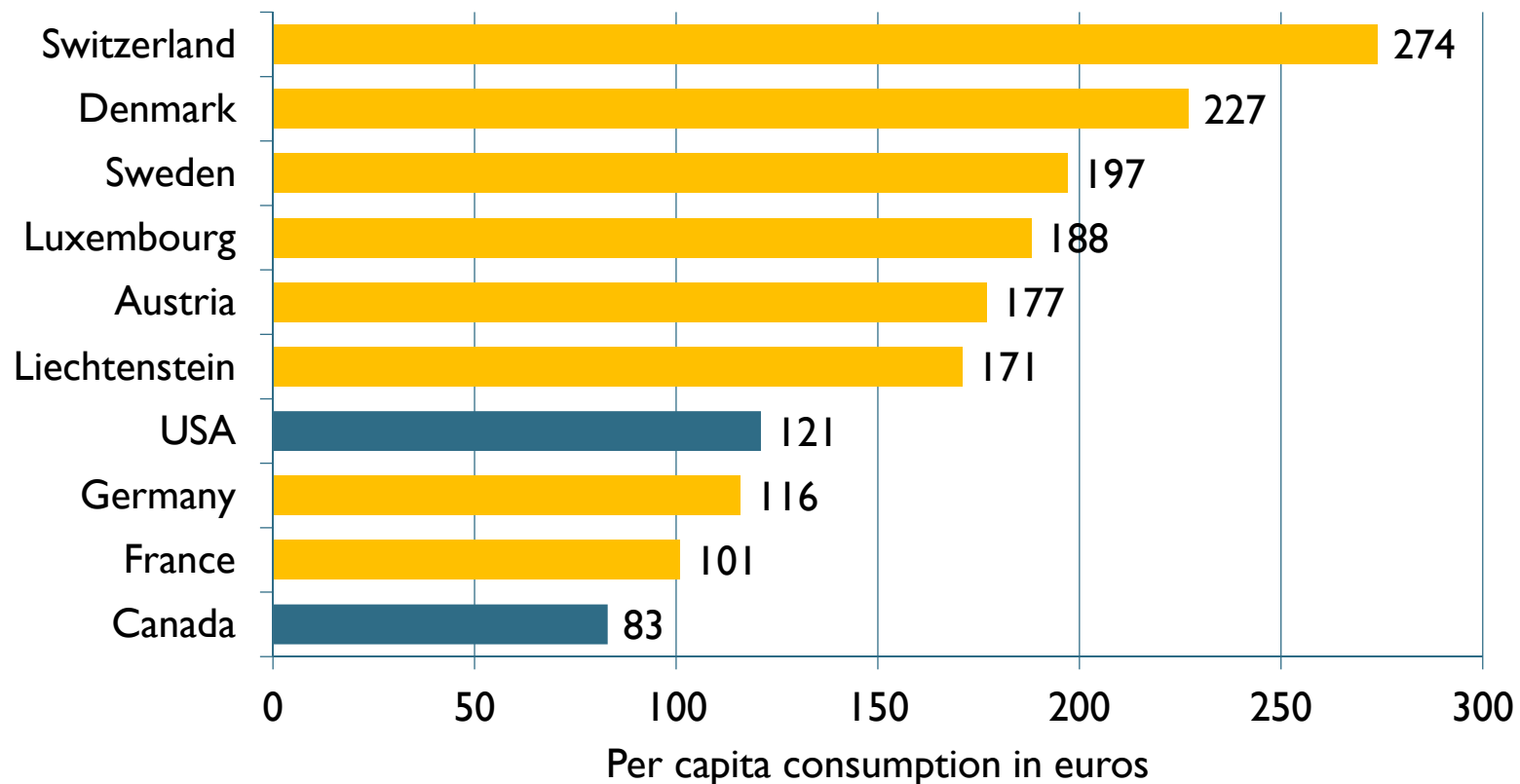


# European consumers spend more on organic food than consumers in other parts of the world

(Yellow: Europe)

## The ten countries with the highest per capita consumption 2016

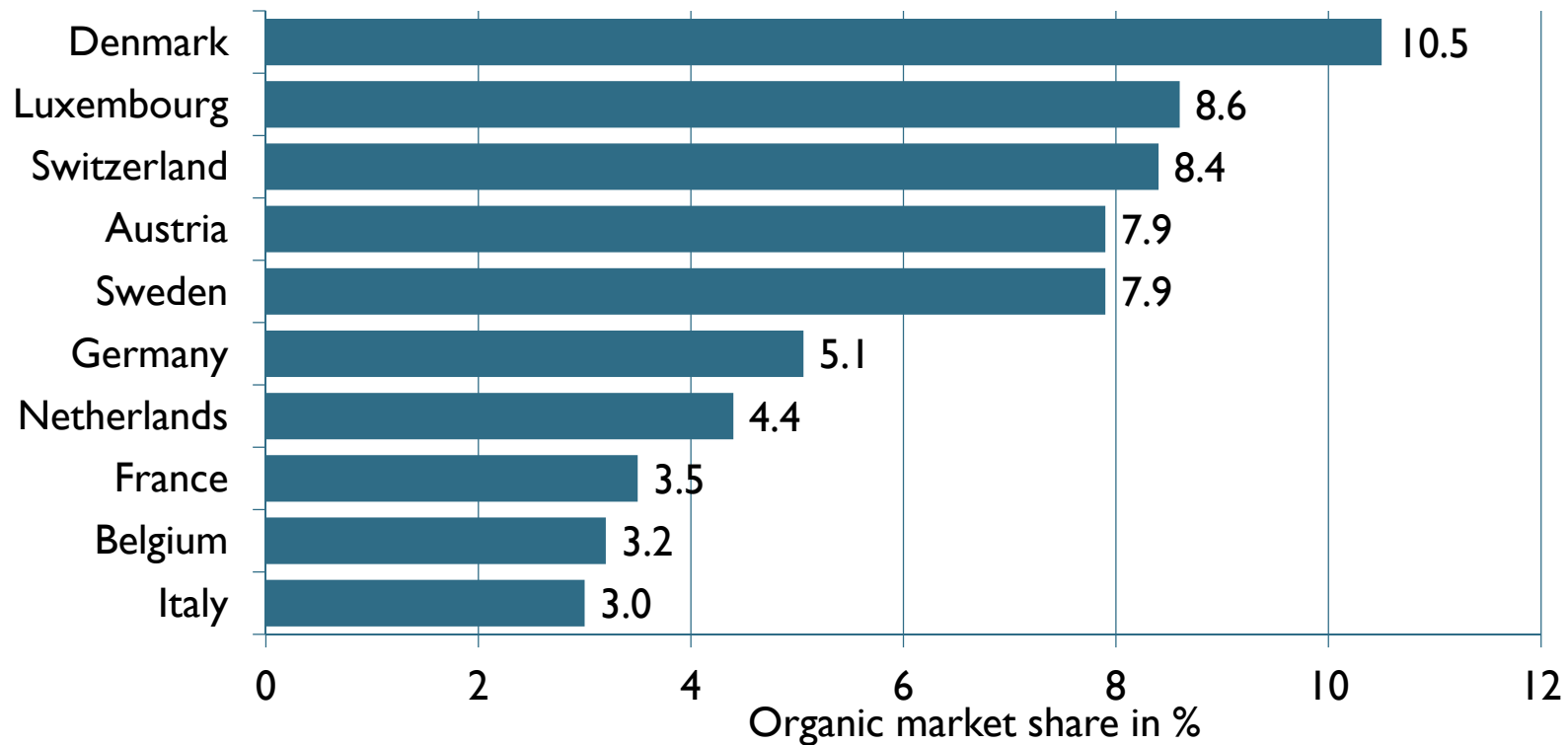
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# Organic market shares reach the 10% mark

## Europe: The countries with the highest organic shares of the total market 2016

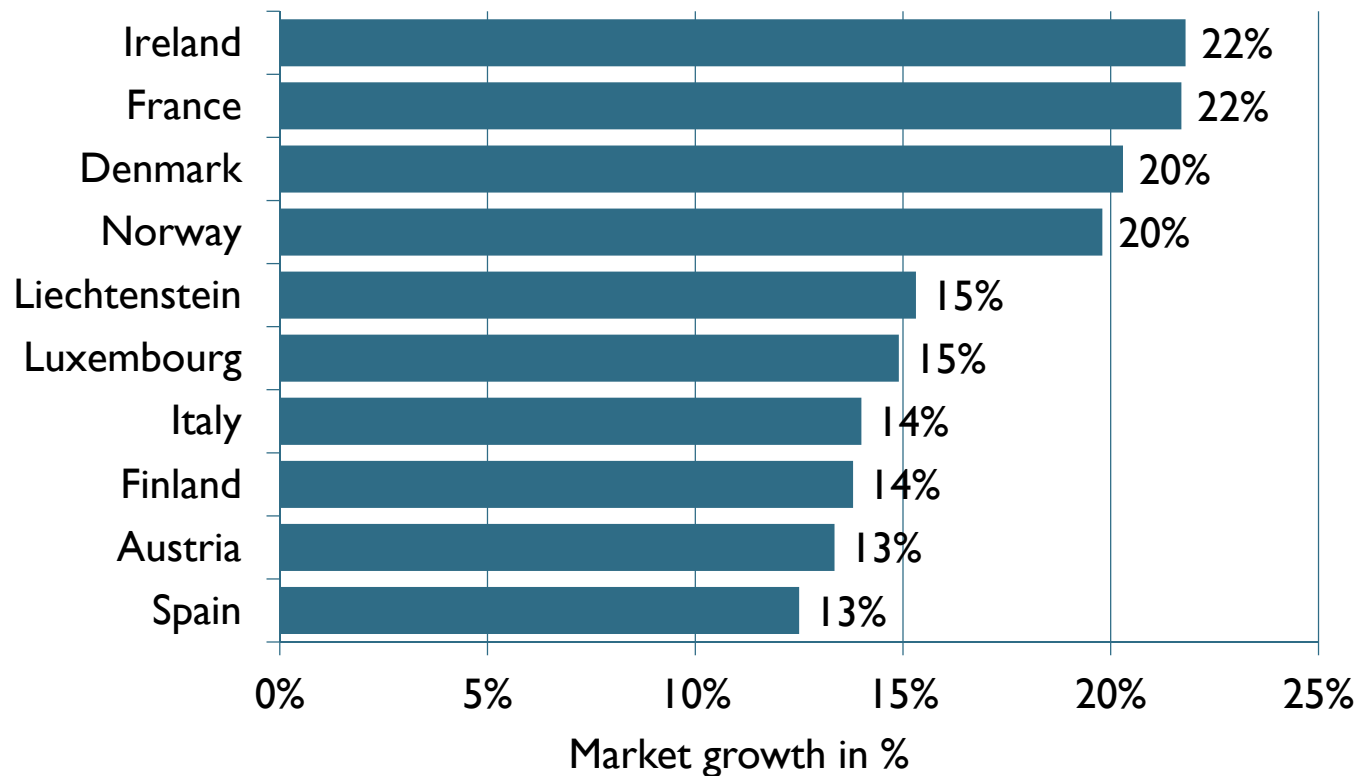
Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2018



# Europe: Organic market grows by 10 percent and more in many countries

## Europe: The countries with the highest growth of the organic market 2015-2016

Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2018

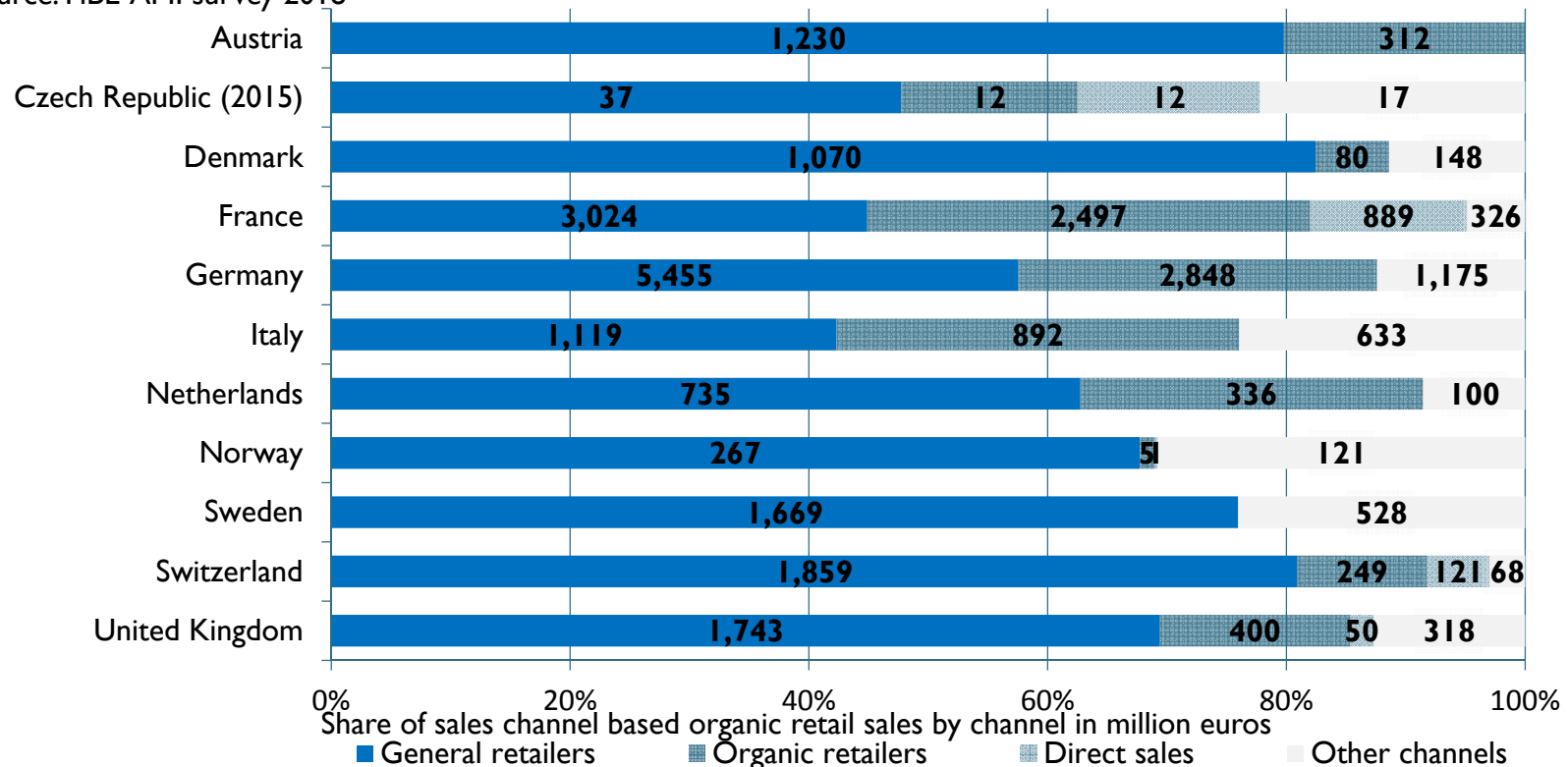




# General retailers are the most important marketing channel in most countries

## Retail sales by channel in selected European countries 2016, based on retail sales value (million euros)

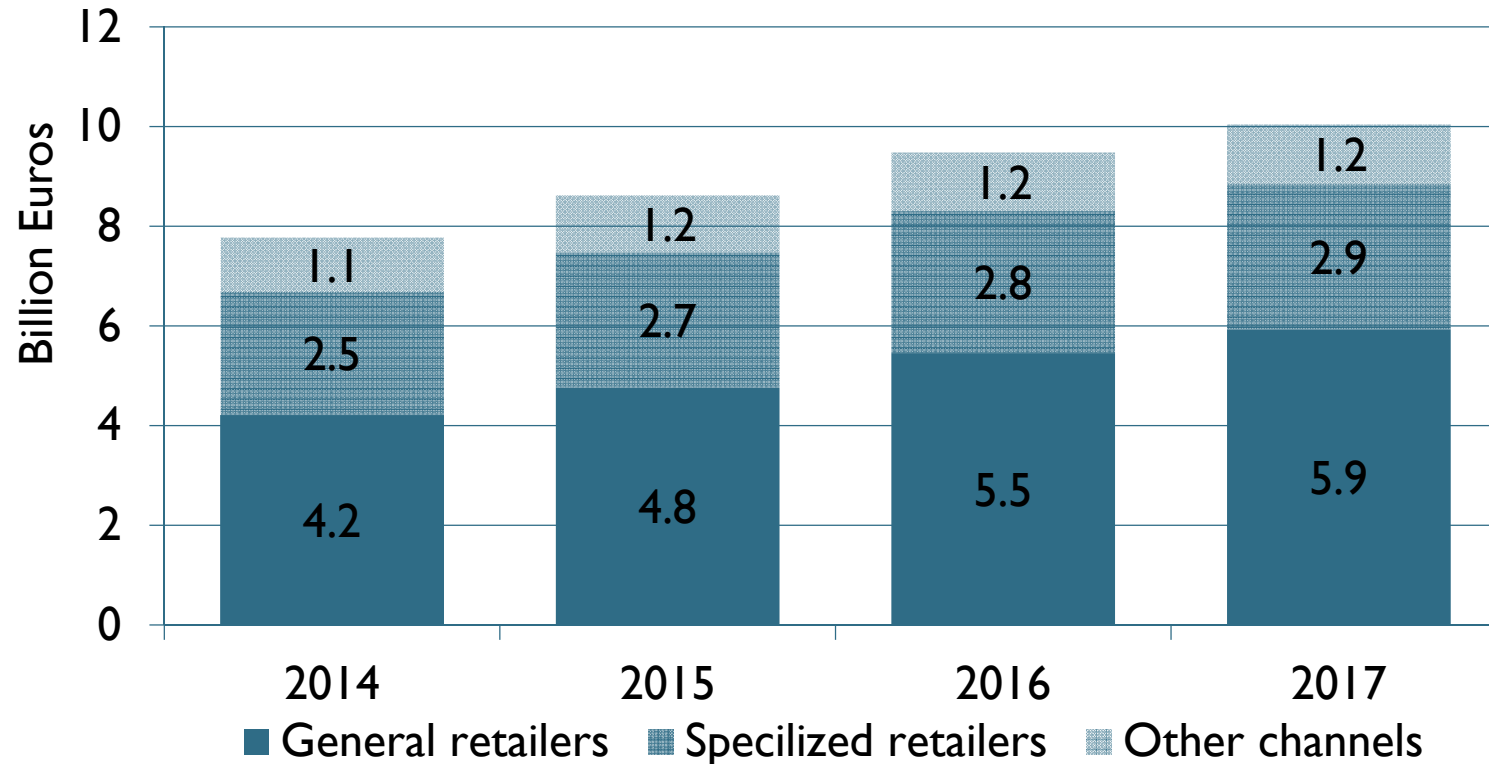
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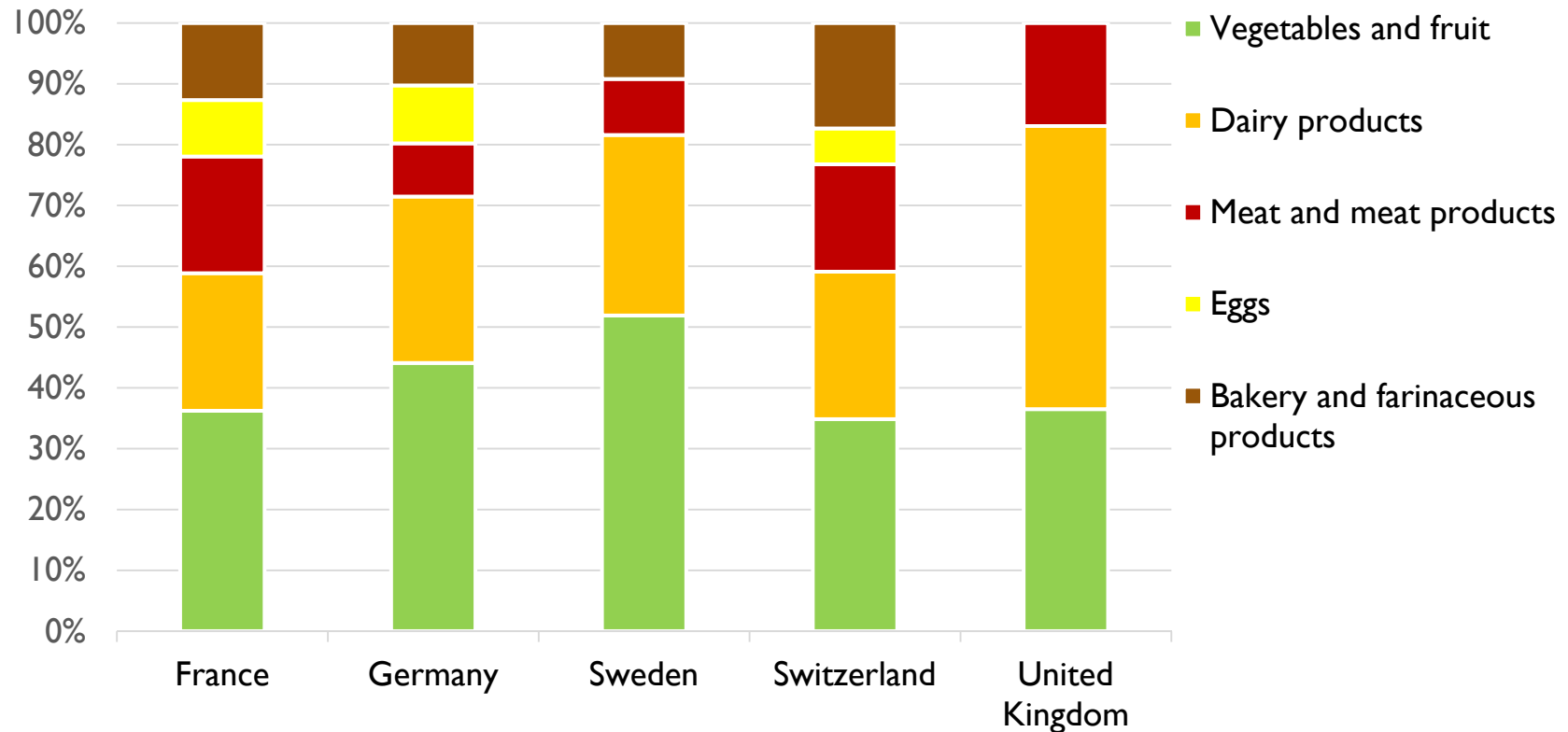
# Germany: General retailers gain market shares

## Germany: Development of organic retail sales by channel 2014-2017

Source: Arbeitskreis Biomarkt, AMI 2017



## Fruit & vegetables and dairy products continue to be the most popular product groups



# Some products and product groups reach more than 10 percent of their respective totals (value in EUR)

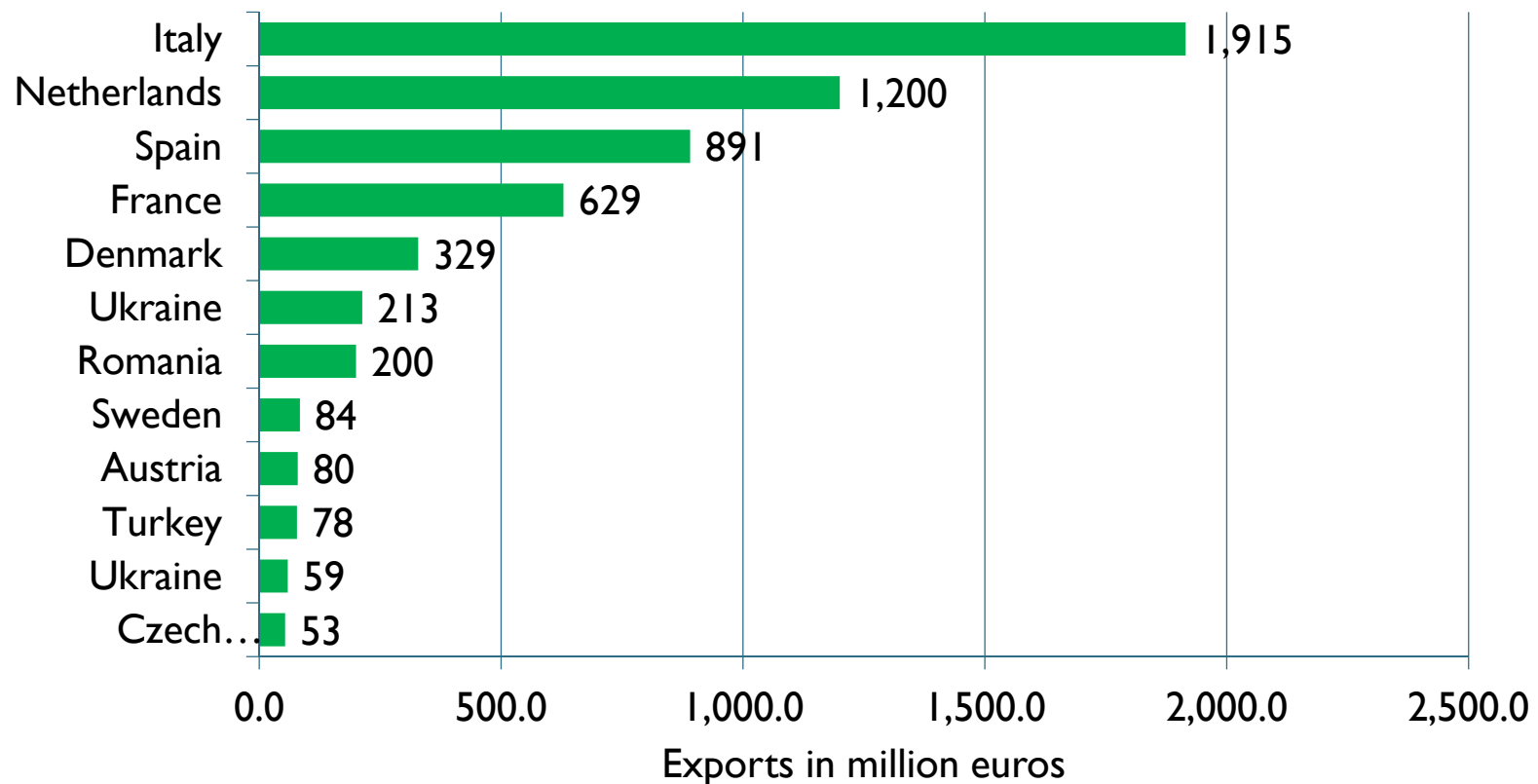
(Green: highest organic share)

	France	Germany	Sweden	Switzerland	UK
Beverages	4.2%		5.5%	3.2%	
Bread and bakery products	2.9%	7.7%	3.7%	20.7%	0.4%
Eggs	27.0%	19.4%		25.5%	6.8%
Fish and fish products	2.3%				0.7%
Fresh vegetables	5.4%	9.7%	12.2%	21.2%	4.3%
Fruit	6.6%	7.8%	19.6%	12.9%	2.8%
Meat and meat products	2.0%	2.5%	3.2%	5.3%	1.4%
Milk and dairy products	4.0%		11.0%	12.6%	3.8%
- Butter	6.3%	4.7%			2.0%
- Cheese	1.5%	4.4%		6.5%	1.1%
- Milk	12.5%	12.1%		16.4%	5.9%
Yoghurt	4.8%	7.7%			8.2%

# European countries are increasing their exports (but data are scarce/incomplete)

## Export values

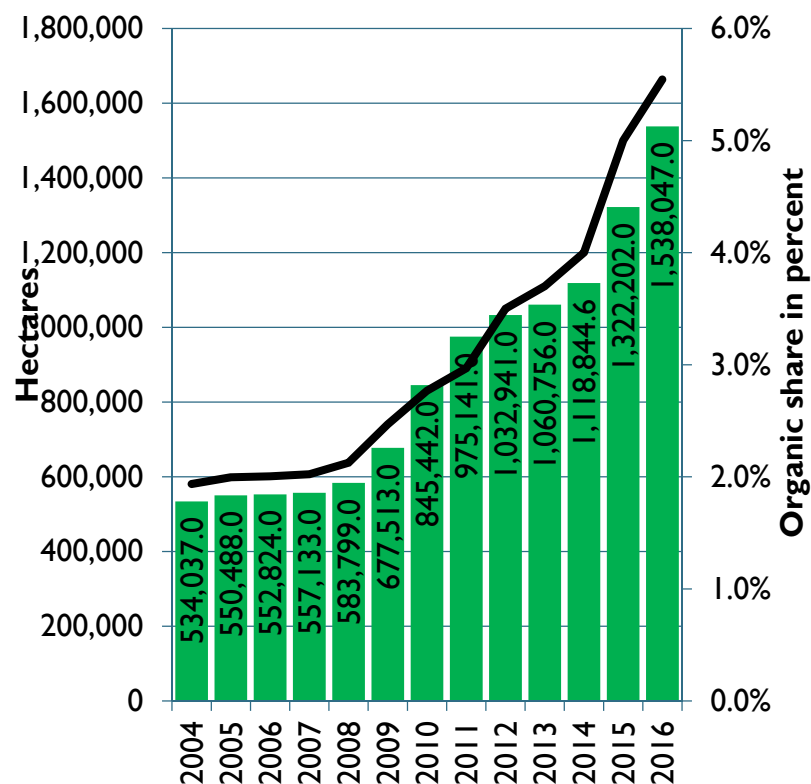
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# France

## FR: Growth of the organic farmland and organic share 2004-2016

Source: Agence Bio

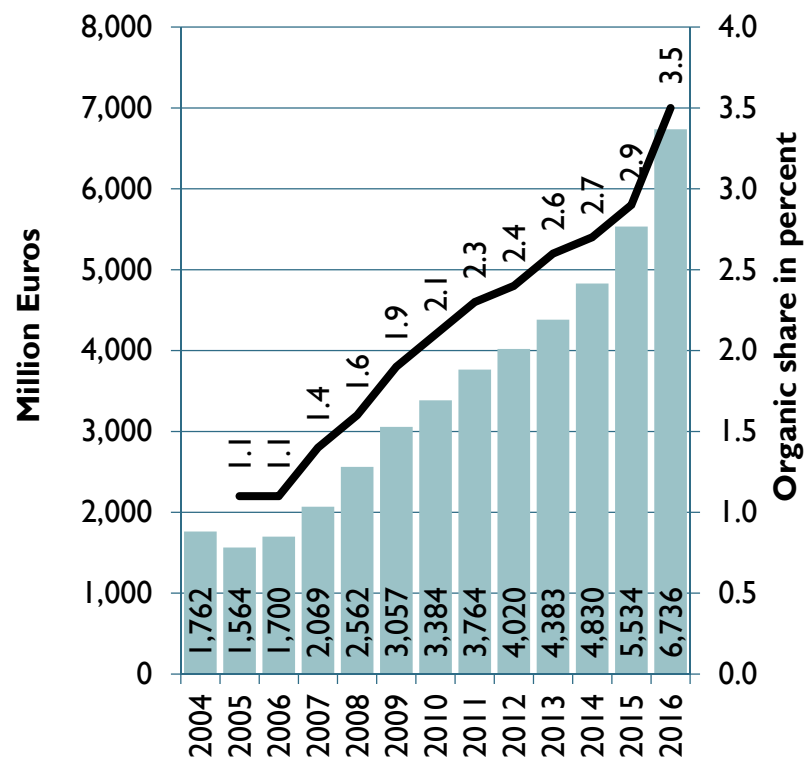


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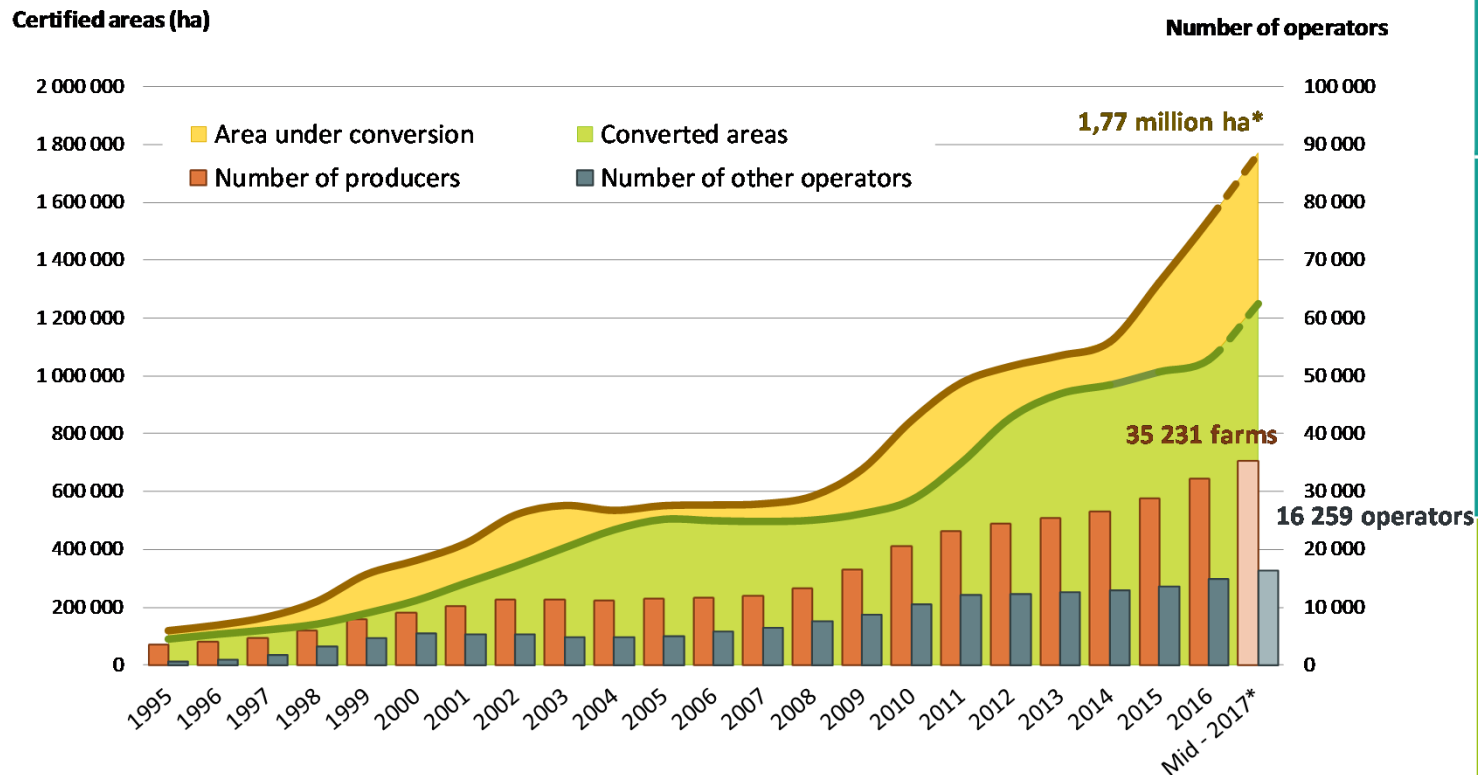
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## FR: Growth of the organic market and organic share 2004-2016

Source: Agence Bio



# Mid-2017: organic farms



**+15%**  
**organic surface area**

(estimated during  
first half of 2017)



**6,5%**  
**of total agricultural  
surface area is organic**

as at 30 June 2017  
(1,77 million d'ha)



**35 231**  
**organic producers**

as at 30 June 2017  
(+ 9,2% compared to end 2016)



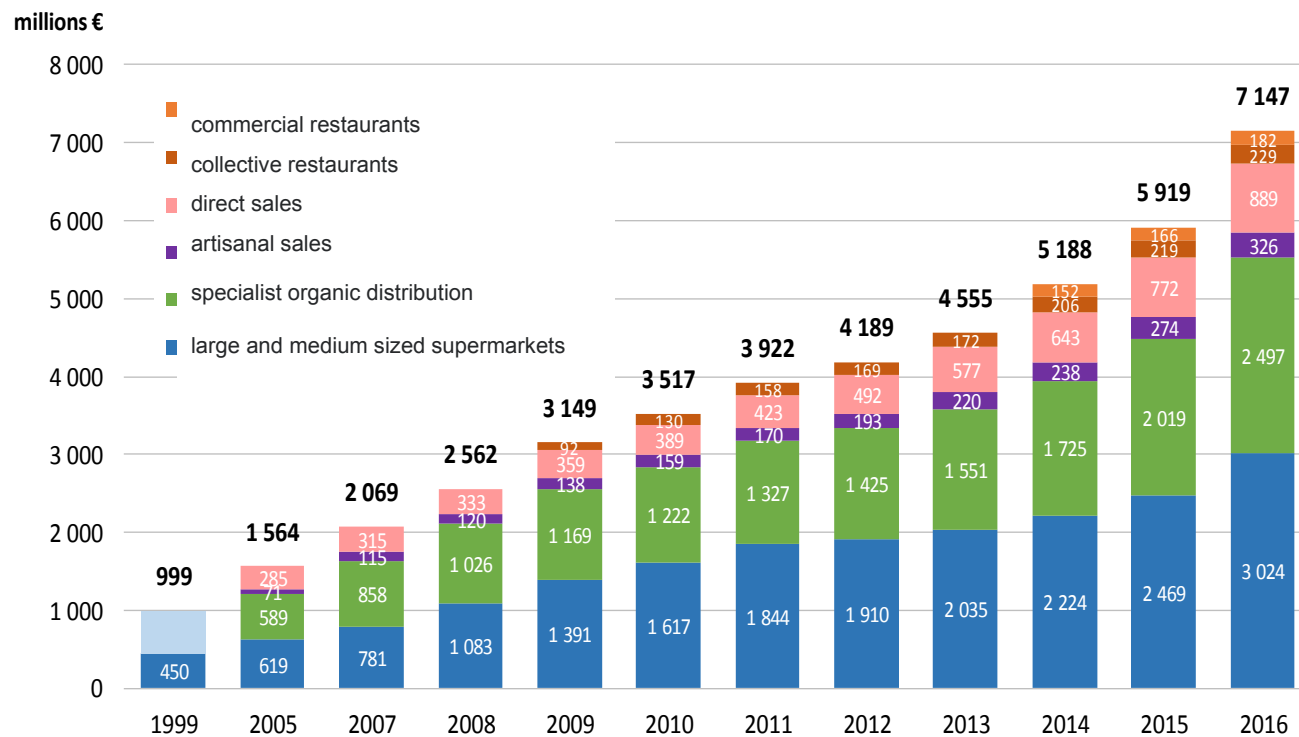
## France: Mid-2017 organic food sales

- More than 7 billion euros in 2016 (including restaurant trade)
- Increase of + 500 million euros in the first half of 2017 when compared to the same period in 2016
- Supermarkets: organic sales increase by 18 % in the first half of 2017
- Specialist organic stores: +12 % in the first half of 2017 when compared to the same period on 2016
- Organic fruits and vegetables are the main drivers





# Sales of organic food from 1999 to 2016 in France by category of distribution channel



Agence Bio/AND, 2016 Market assessment

# More consumers buy organic food

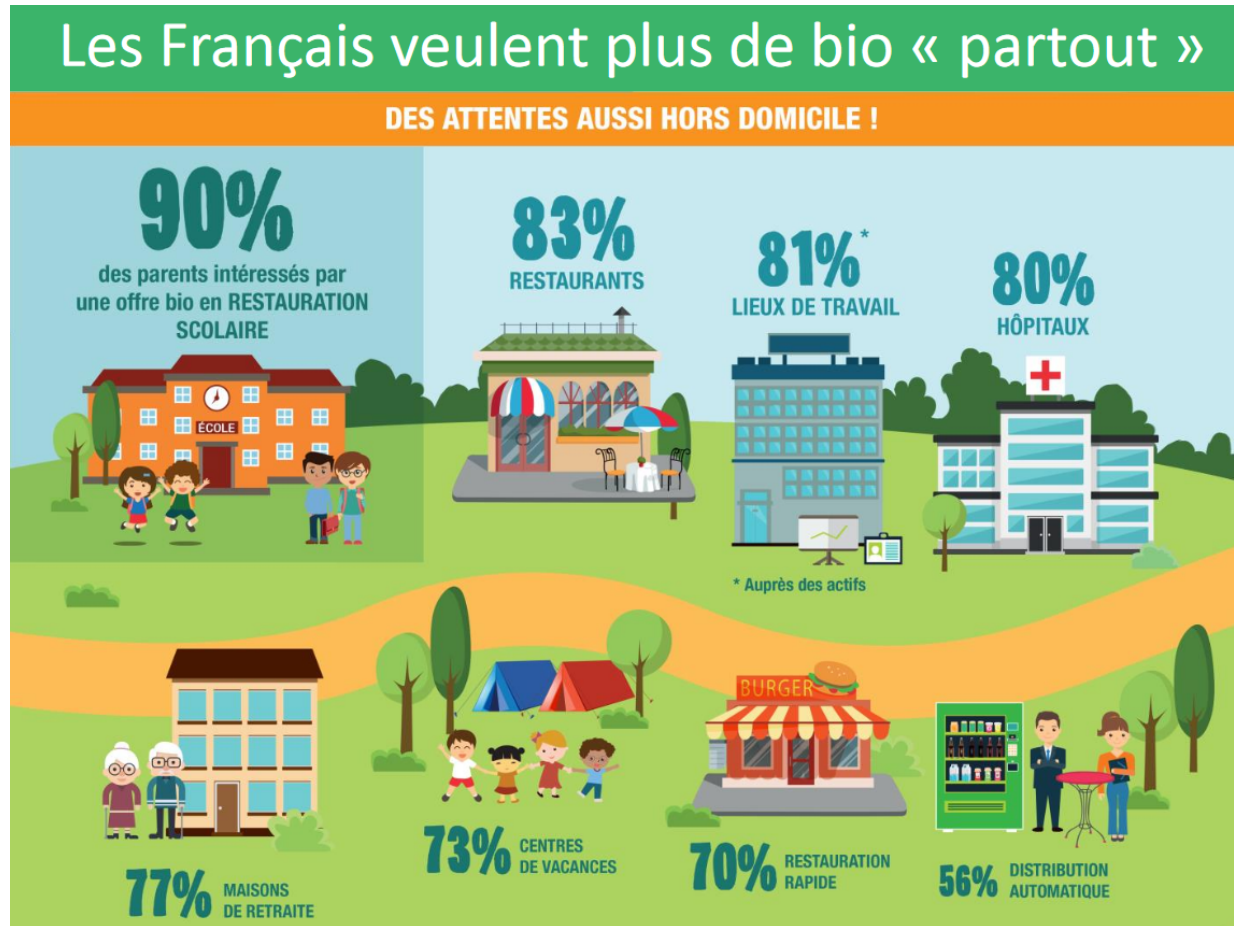
## Some facts and figures on French consumers

(Source: Agence Bio)



Source : Agence BIO CSA research 2017

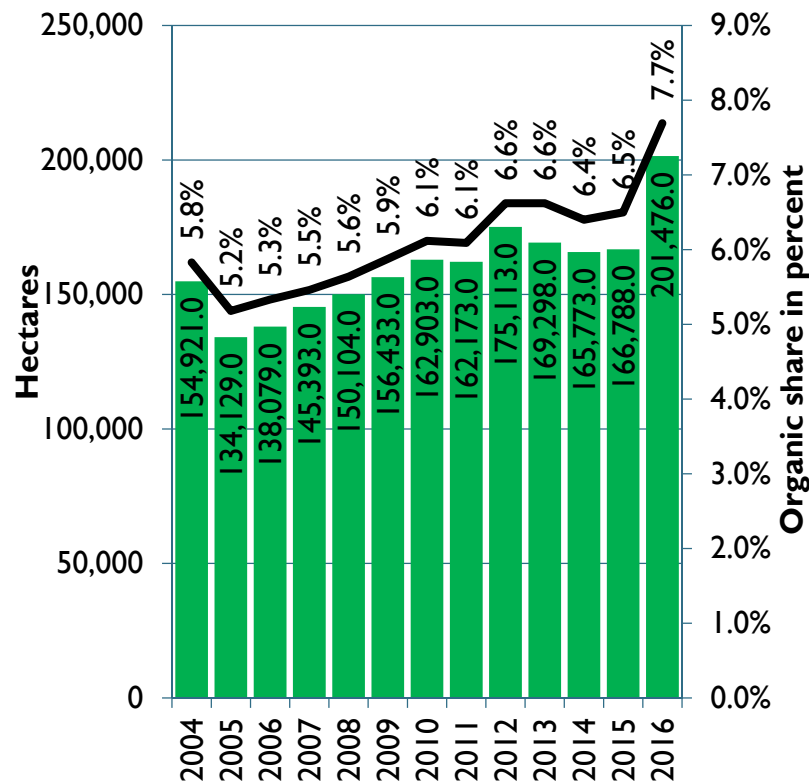
# Consumers want a better availability of organic food



# Denmark

## DK: Growth of the organic farm-land and organic share 2004-2016

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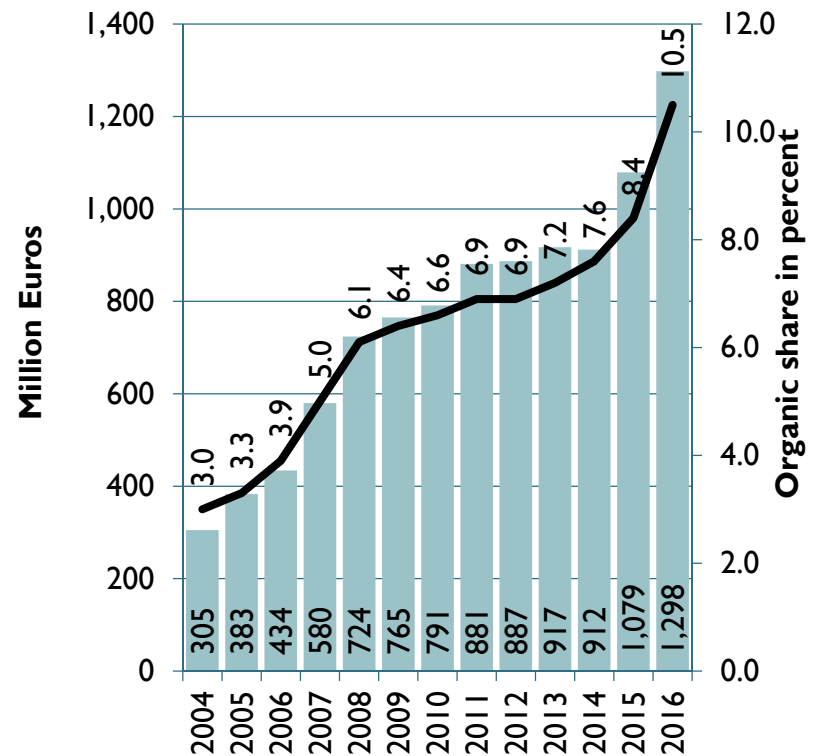


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## DK: Growth of the organic market and organic share 2004-2016

Source: Statistics Denmark



# Denmark

- Exceptional market growth
- Exceptional growth of exports and imports
- Highest organic market share worldwide



## Trend: Export and Imports on the increase

- Strong market growth in the past
- Organic market share higher than area share
- World leader in organic market share
- Organic products are becoming more and more important for public procurement (canteens, hospitals)
- Imports but also exports constantly on the increase

**Denmark: Organic exports and imports 2003-2016**

Source: Statistics Denmark



# Denmark: Public procurement drives the demand for organic food



Ministry of Environment  
and Food of Denmark

## The Organic Action Plan 2020 - The Kitchen Project

### 1. Organic spearhead municipalities



### 2. Training of kitchen staff



### 3. Securing supply with organic food



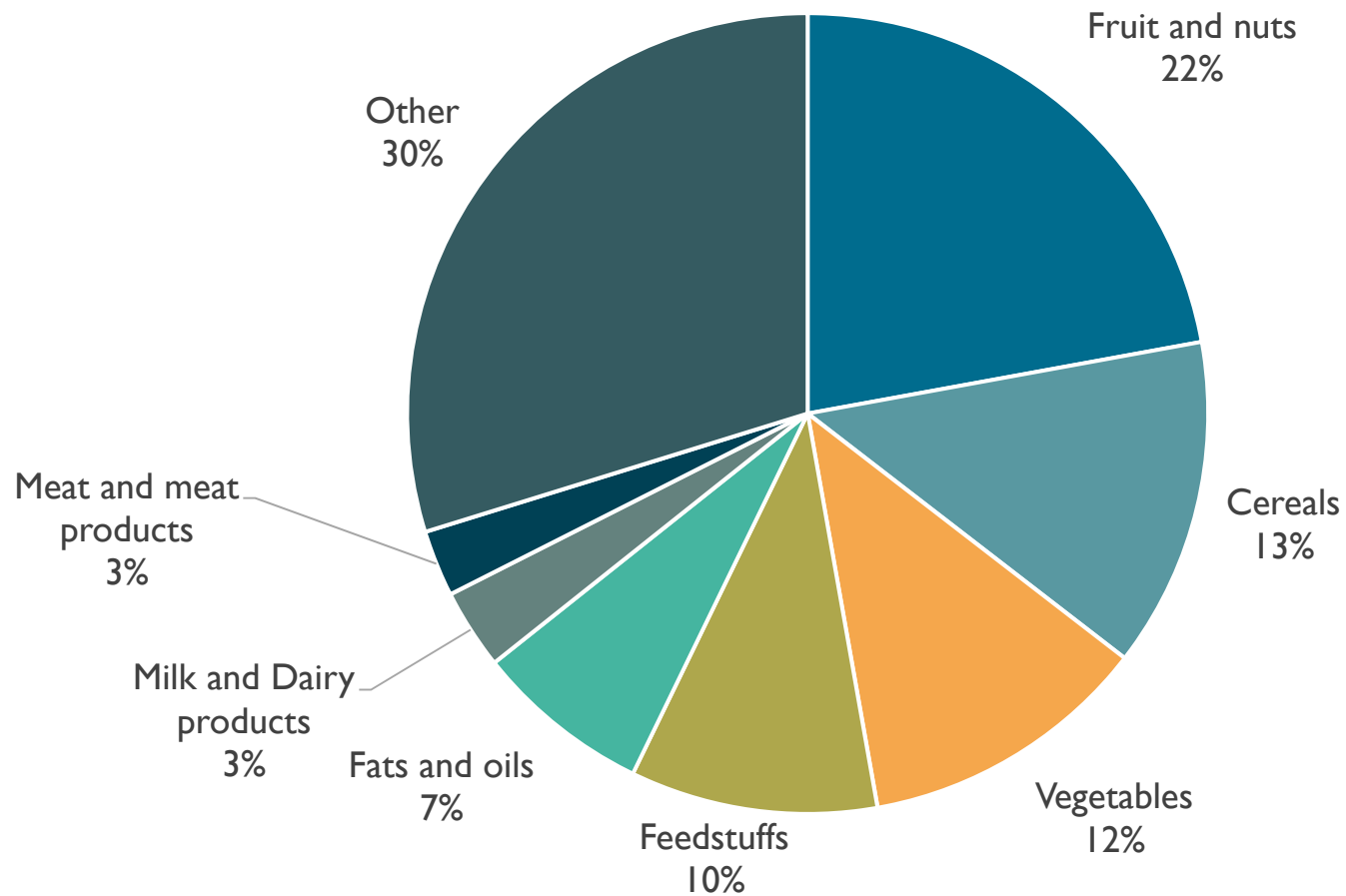
Ministry of Environment  
and Food of Denmark  
Danish Veterinary and  
Food Administration

### 4. Promotion of the Organic Cuisine Logo



# Denmark: Import: breakdown by group (based on value)

Source: Statistics Denmark

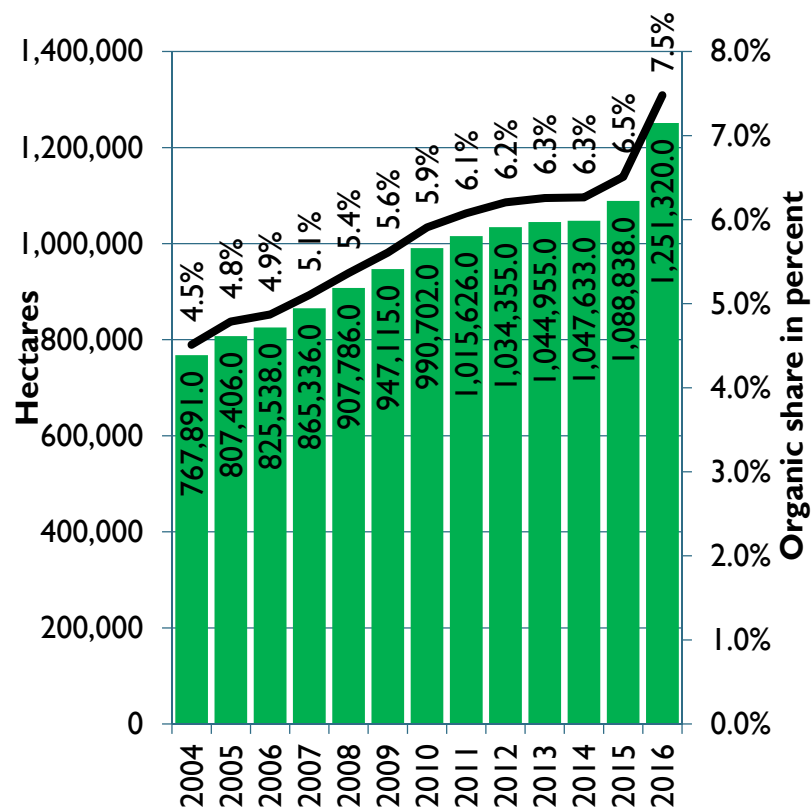




# Germany

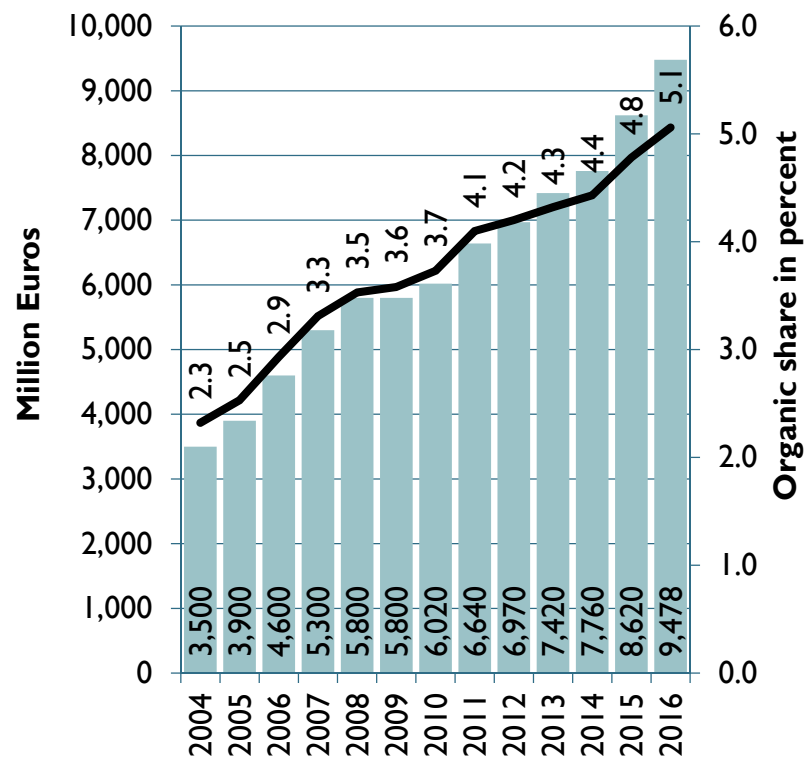
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Source: AMI



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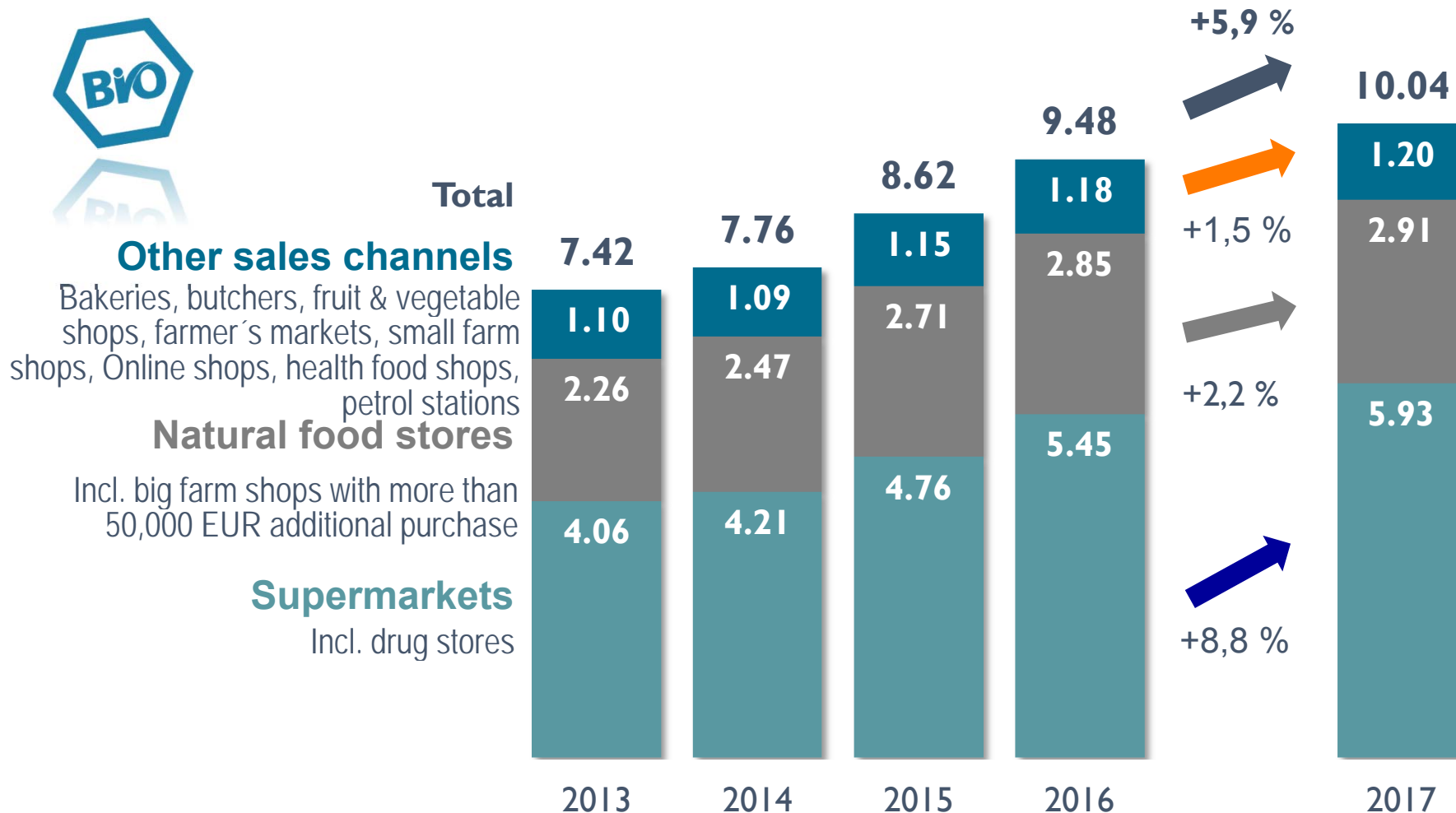
# German organic market: Highlights 2017

(Source:AMI)

- Supply with raw materials remains a big topic for processors
- Organic area grew by 10 %
- Supermarkets, drug stores and discounters expand their product ranges
- Natural food stores are facing this competition and have to find new marketing strategies, growth rates have slowed down
- Milk und dairy products and meat were the most succesful product groups in 2017
- Market grew by nearly 6 % up to 10.04 billion EUR: 5.1 – 5.2 % organic share

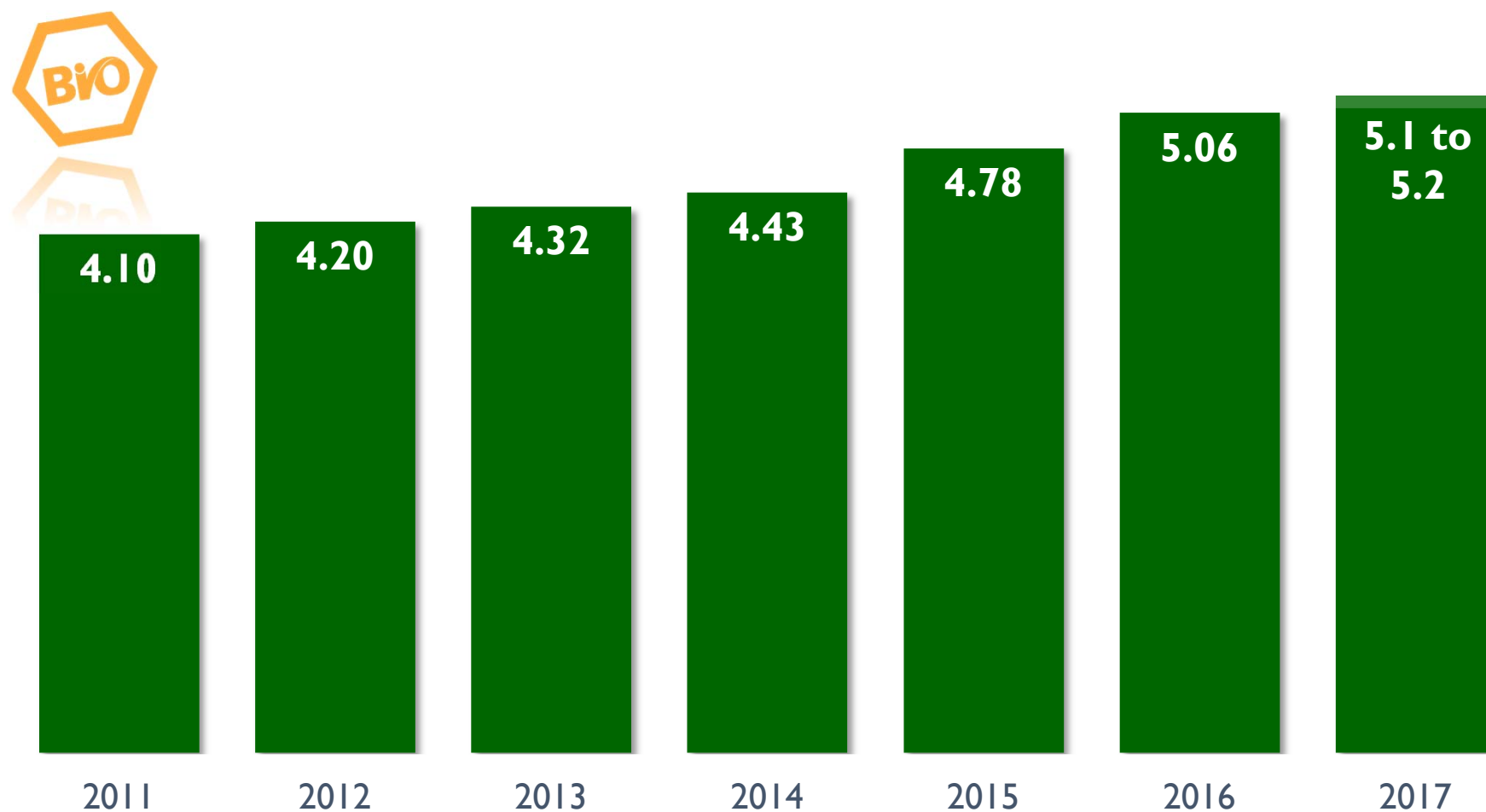
# Organic food sales in Germany 2017

In billion EUR excl. Catering



# Organic shares are rising

Organic share of the total food market in Germany, in % of total market



\* Estimation depending on the development of the total food market 2017

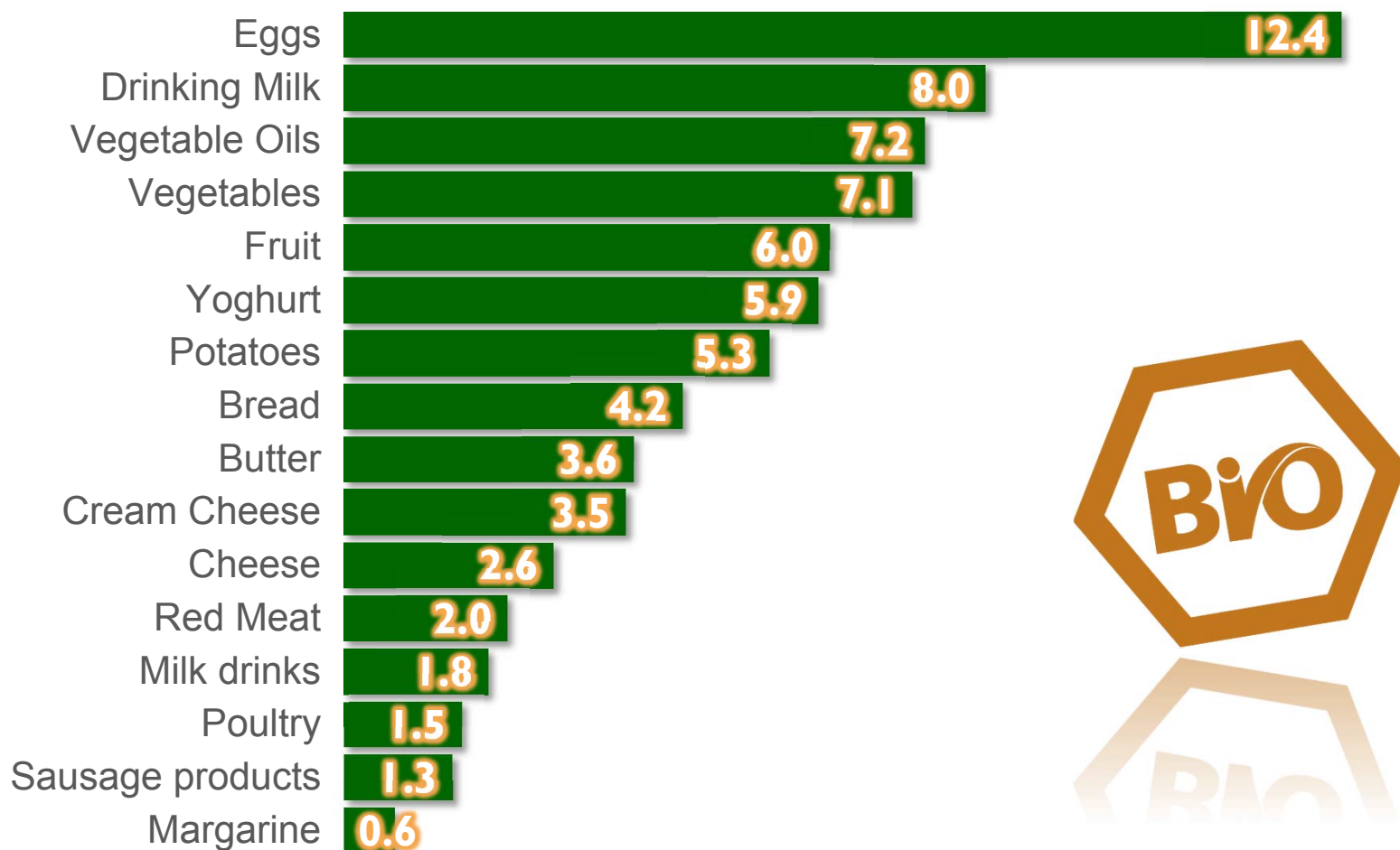
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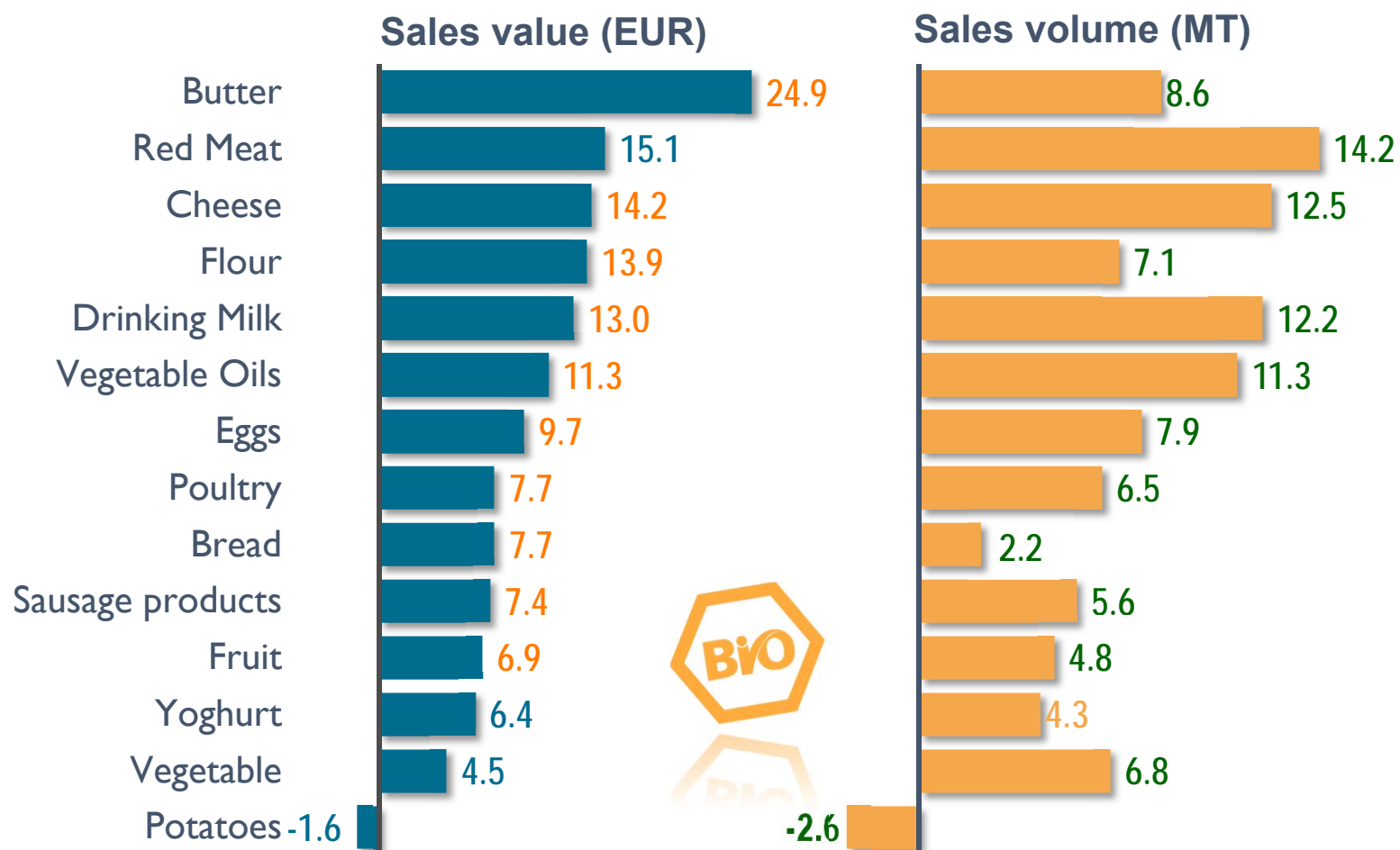
# Organic shares of different products

Organic shares of household purchases of fresh products in Germany 2016,  
volume (MT) shares in %



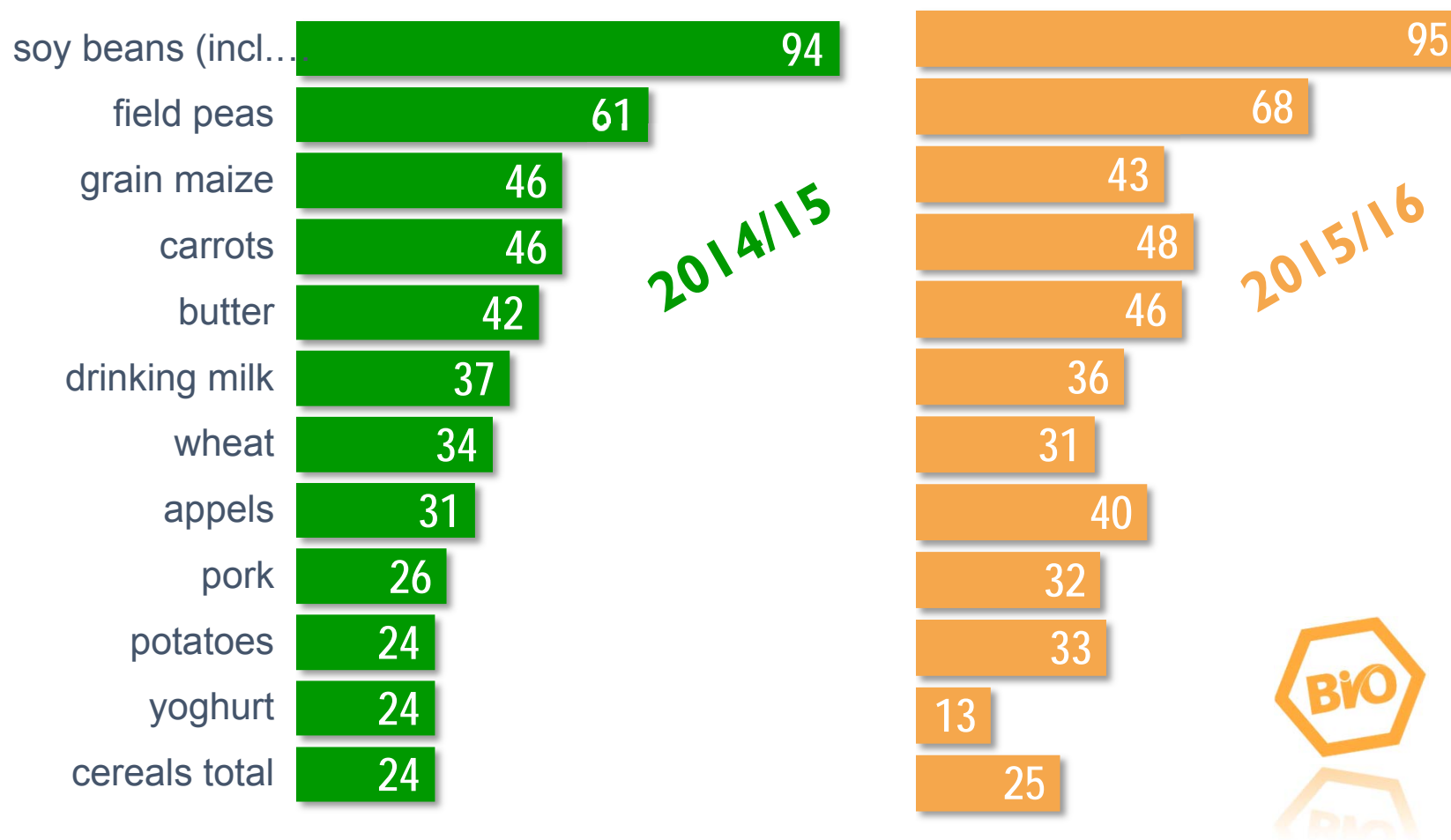
# Tops and Flops 2017

Growth rates of sales volumes and sales values of household purchases in Germany, 2017 vs. 2016 in %

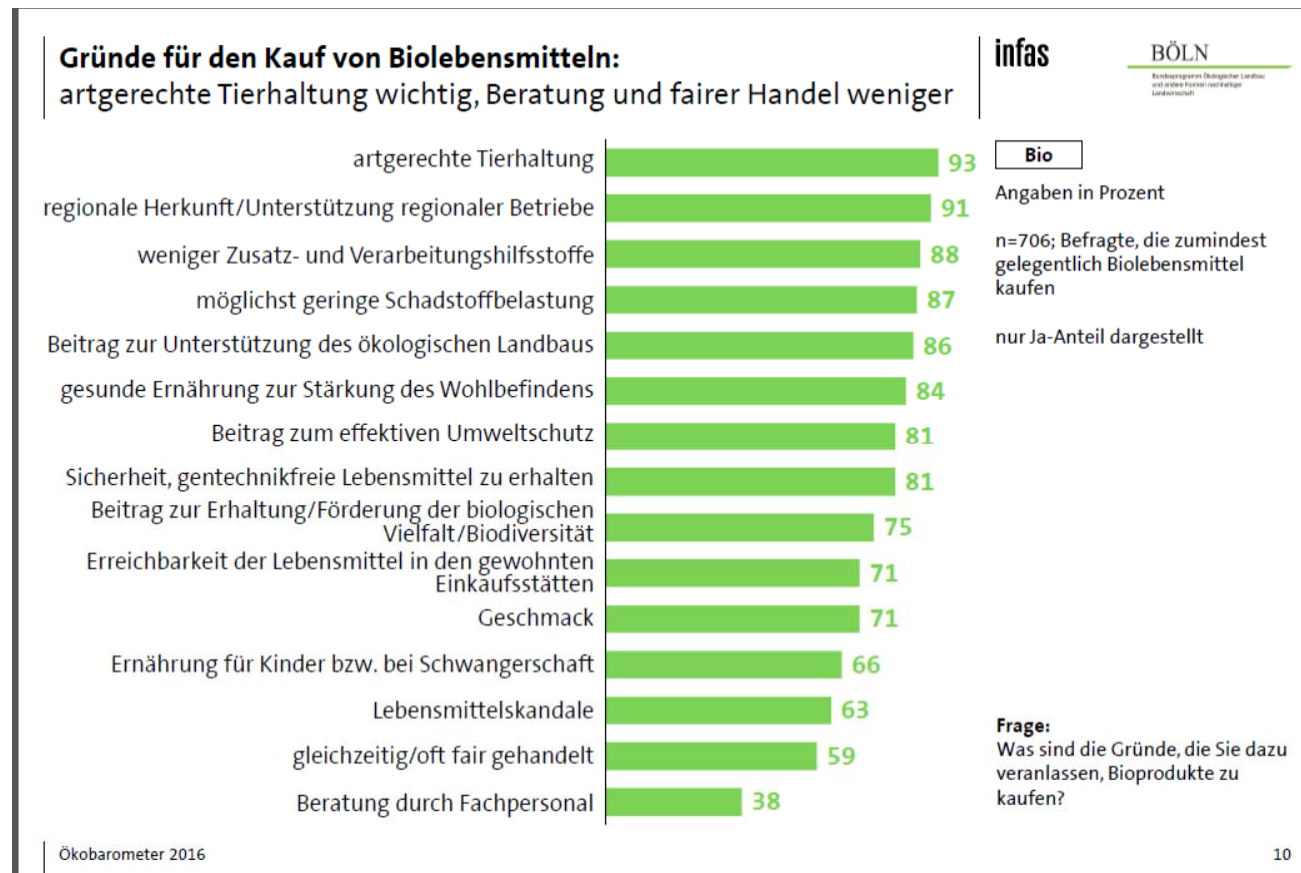


# Key import products for Germany: High import shares for many products

Import shares of selected organic products, in business years %



# 'Germany: Animal-friendly husbandry the most important reason for buying organic

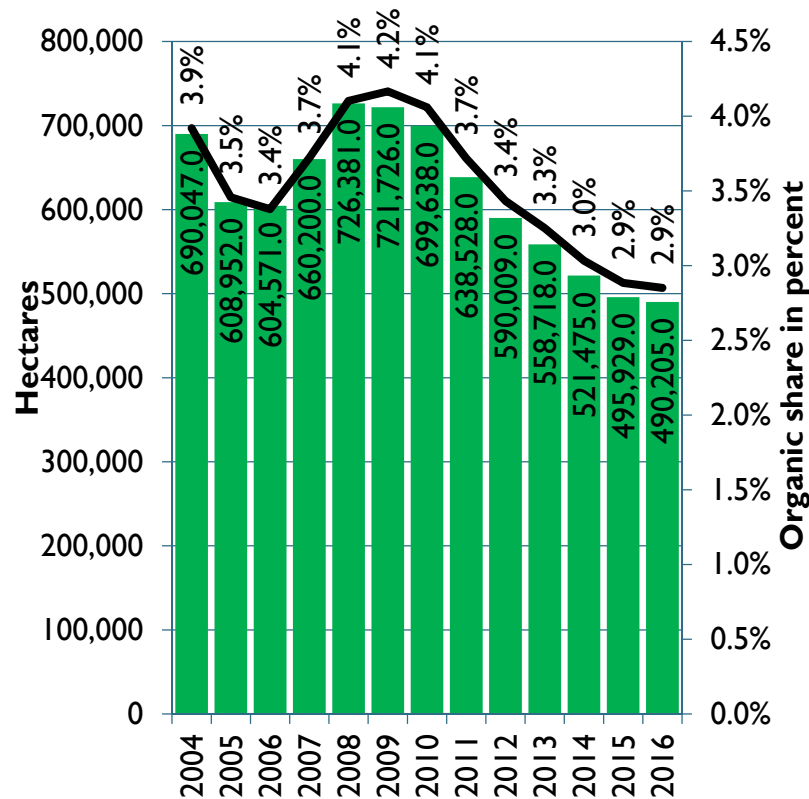




# UK

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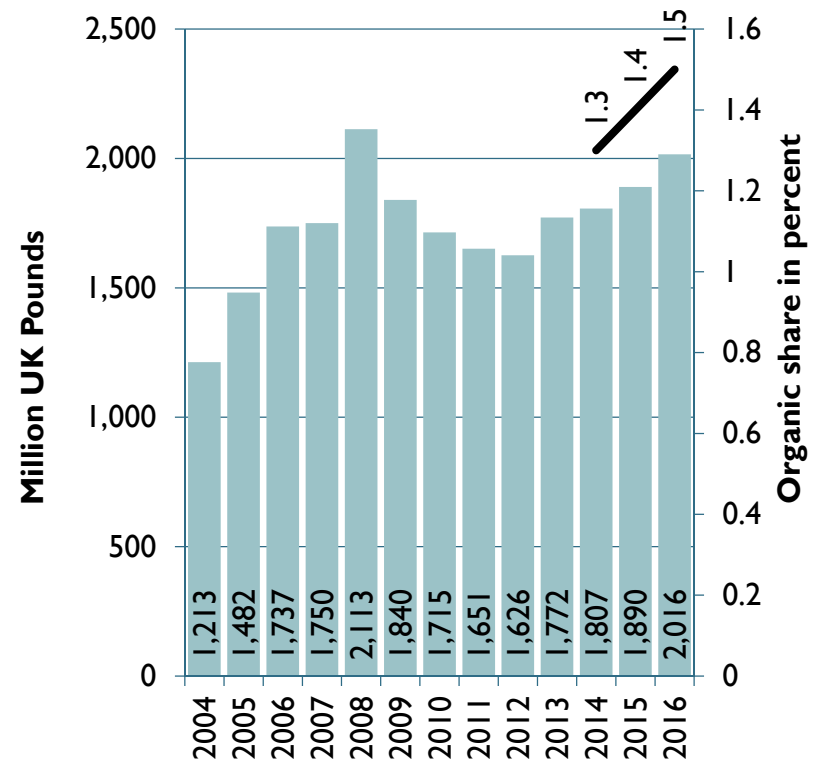


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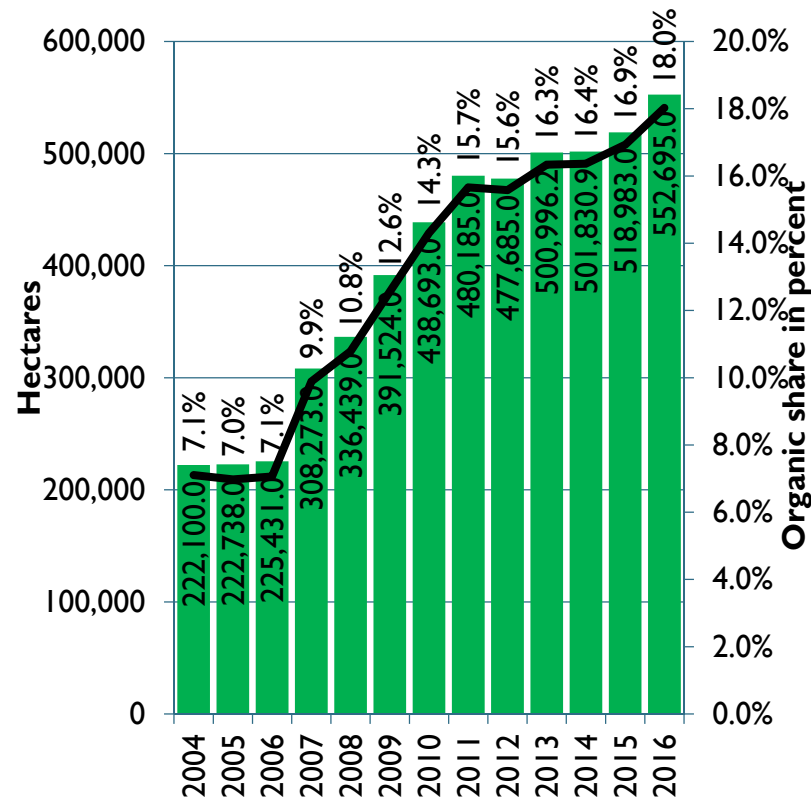
Source: Soil Association



# Sweden

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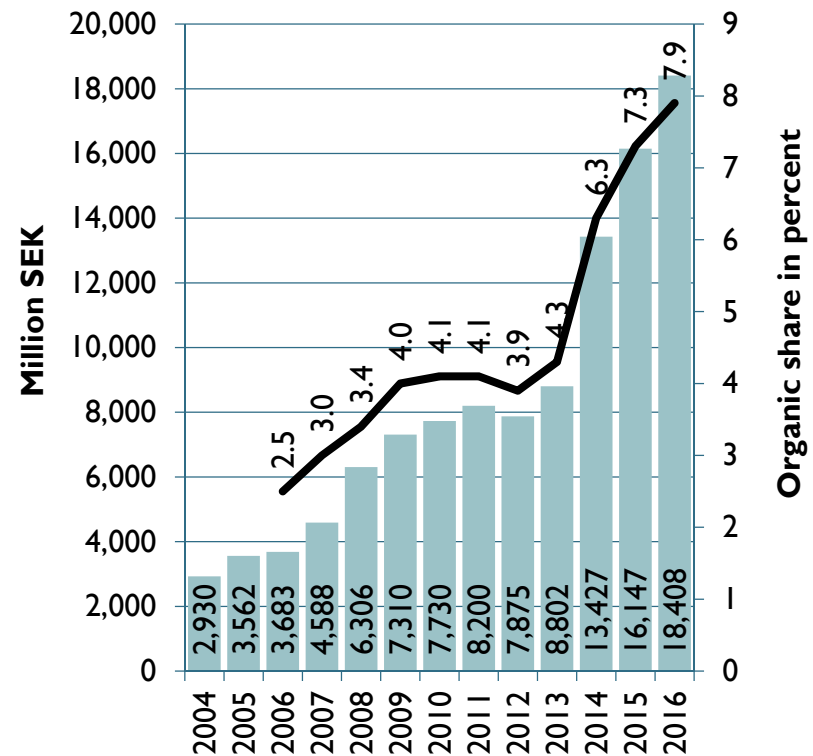


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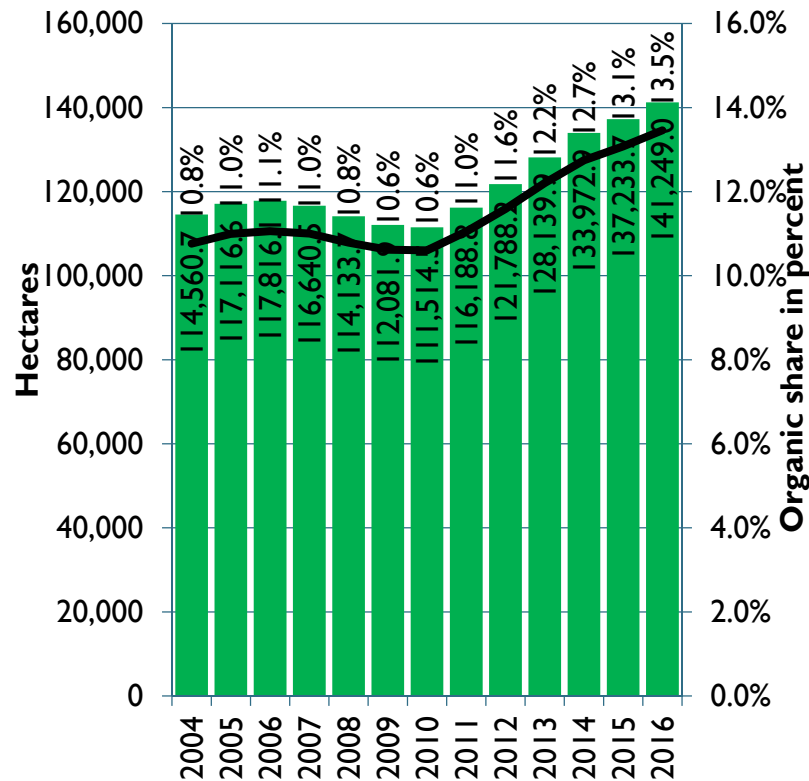
Source: Statistics Sweden



# Switzerland

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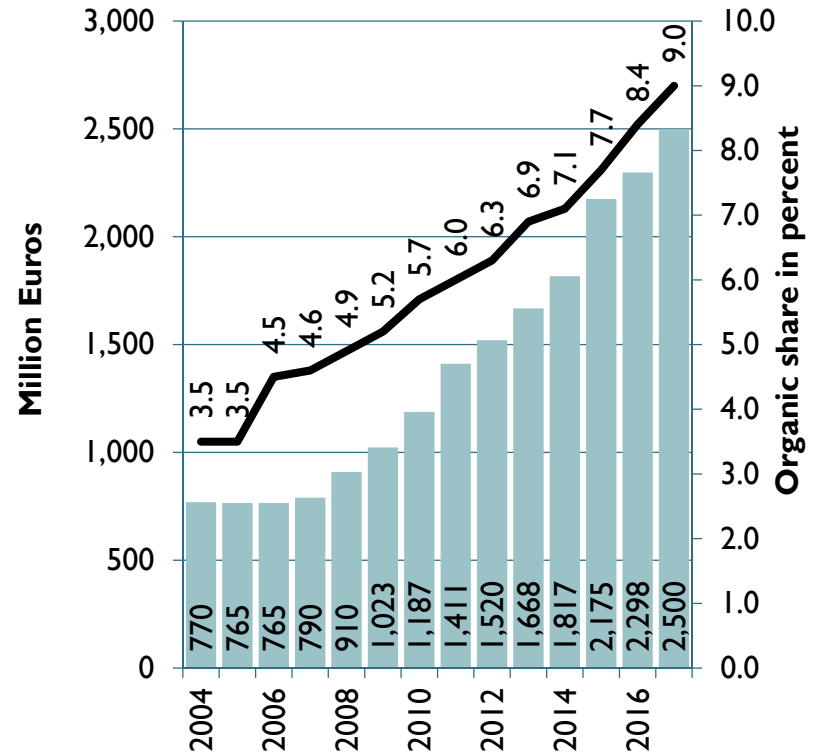


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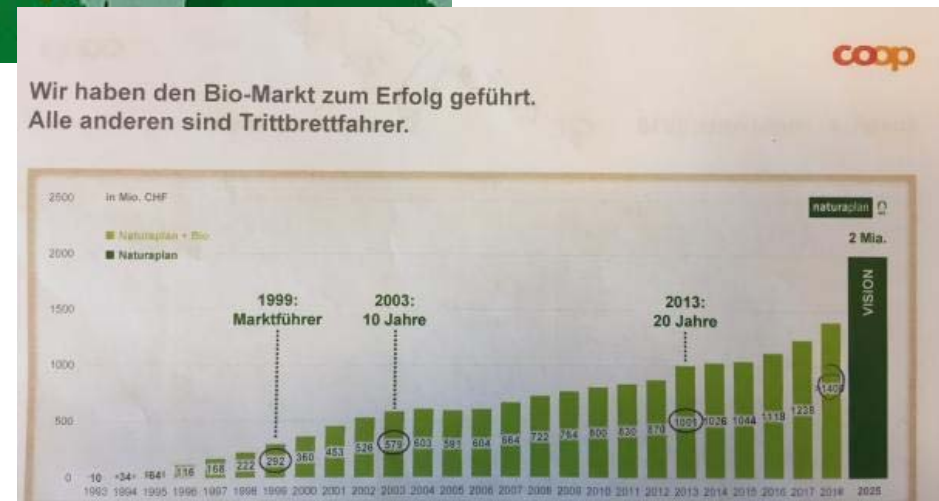
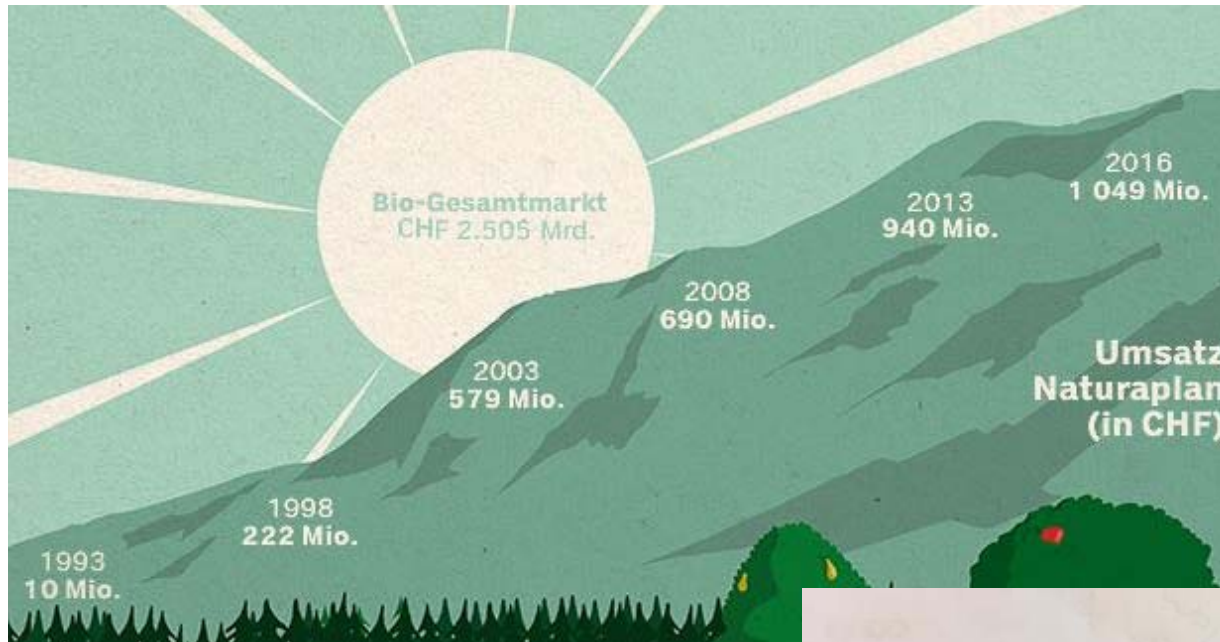
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## CH: Growth of the organic market and organic share 2004-2016

Source: Bio Suisse



# Major retailers are key players and key promoter of organic food markets



## Major processors and handlers include an organic product range





## Trend: Local super foods are gaining importance



# Coop Switzerland: New product line: Bio Campiuns

Swiss super foods in organic quality

High nutritional value : High level of vitamins and minerals

Often wild collection products

Low levels of sugar and salt



# Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS) are becoming important players on the market for sustainable products

- 4C (Global Coffee Platform)
- Better Cotton Initiative (BCI)
- Bonsucro
- Cotton Made in Africa
- Fairtrade International
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
- GLOBALG.A.P.
- IFOAM – Organics International
- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)
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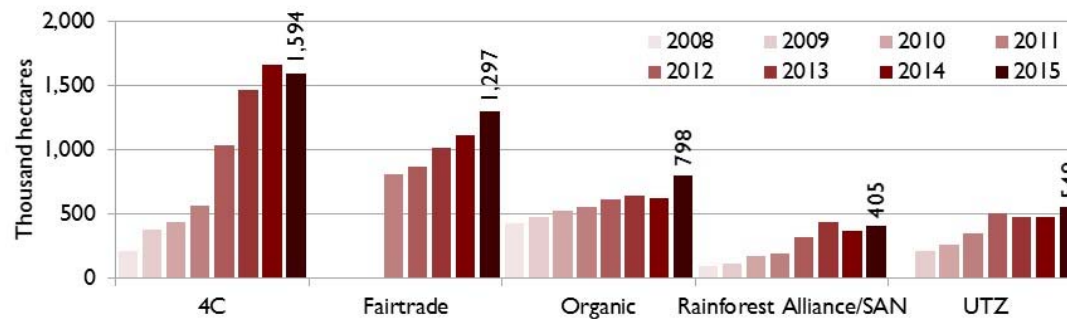




# Development of coffee area with sustainability certification

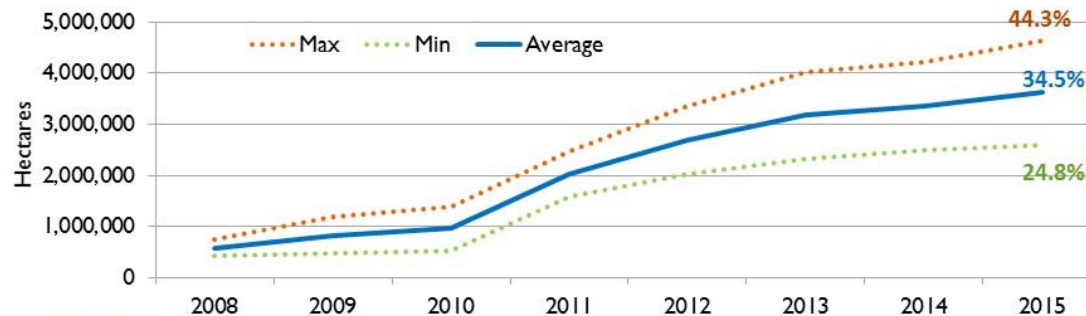
## Coffee: Development of the area by VSS 2008-2015

Source: 4C 2016; Fairtrade International 2017; FiBL survey 2017; Rainforest Alliance/SAN 2016; UTZ 2016



## Coffee: Range of coffee area (minimum/maximum/average) 2008-2015

Source: FiBL-IISD-ITC survey 2017



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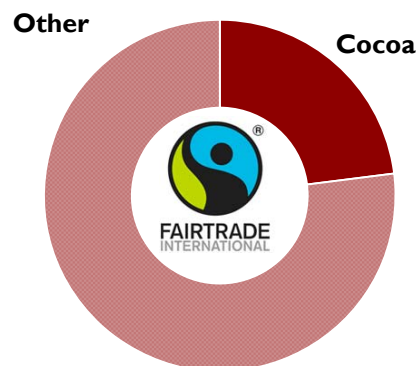
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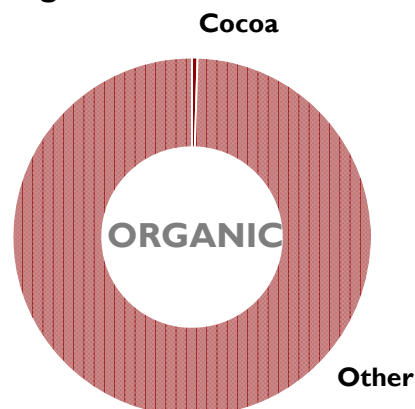
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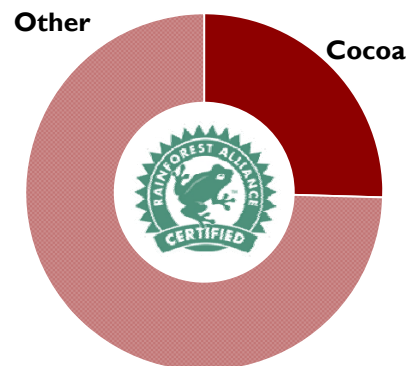
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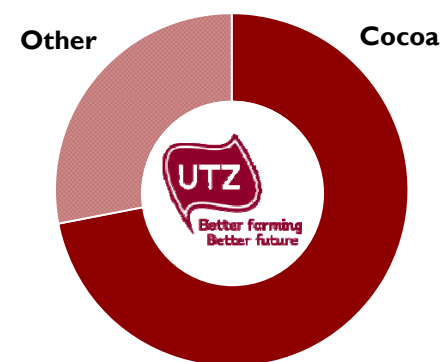
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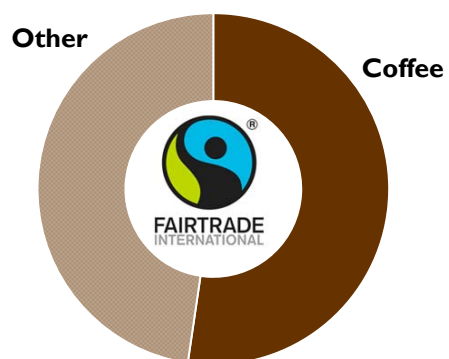
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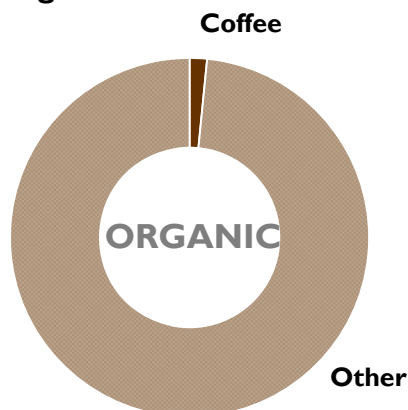
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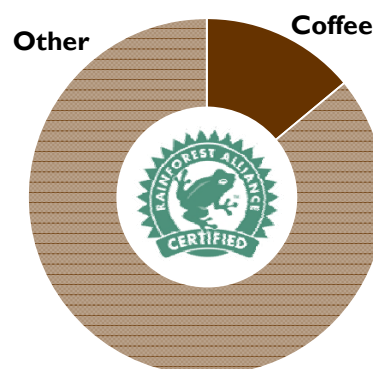
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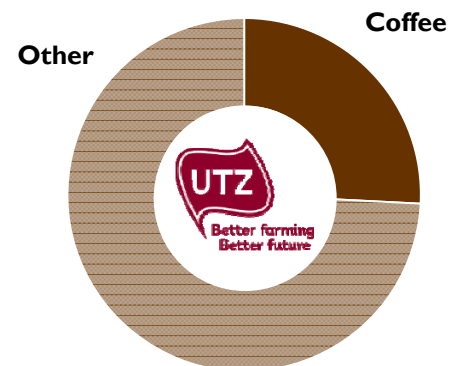
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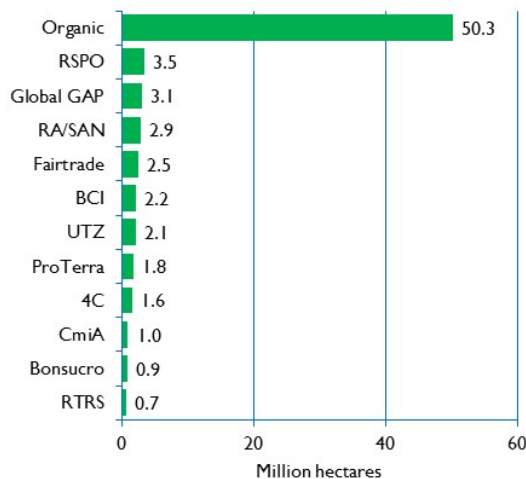


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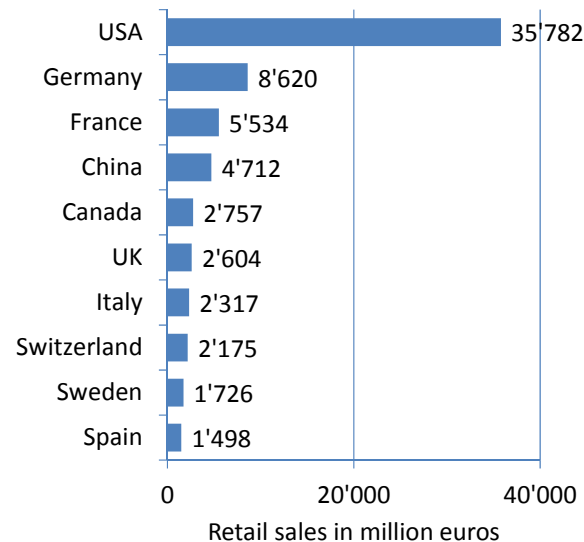
# Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS) and organic: Area and retail sales compared

**Total certified area per VSS 2015**



**Organic: The ten countries with the largest markets for organic food 2015**

Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2017



**Fairtrade: Top 10 countries with the largest markets for Fairtrade food 2015**

Source: Fairtrade International 2016



# Summary

- In 2016 organic farming continued to grow and an all time high for organic farmland, producers, market was reached.
- However, the development varies a lot between countries and regions.
- Other than in the past ten years, area growth is accelerating, however, particularly in Europe, production is still not keeping pace with the market development.
- For better monitoring of the development of the sector and to increase transparency, data collection and processing need to be improved in many countries, in particular for market and international trade data.

# Trends

- European markets are among the world leaders (total value, market share, per capita consumption)
- Organic market grows by 10 percent and more annually in many countries
- Organic market shares are approaching the 10% mark in some countries
- The organic area is not growing as fast as the retail sales: Supply with raw materials remains a big topic for processors
- General retailers are the most important marketing channel in most countries
- General retailers are gaining market share
- General retailers are dominating the organic market, but channels are diversifying
- Some major retailers are key players and key promoters of organic food markets
- More consumers buy organic food
- European consumers spend more organic food than most other countries

# Trends

- Consumers want a comprehensive offer of organic supply, covering all marketing outlets
- Consumers want healthy, pesticide-free food produced with environment- and animal-friendly methods – however motivation to buy organic vary from country to country
- Fruit & vegetables and dairy products continue to be the most popular product groups
- Some products and product groups reach more than 10 percent of their respective totals
- Major processors and handlers are including an organic product range into their offer
- (Local) super foods are gaining importance
- Export and imports are increasing
- Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS) are becoming important players on the market for sustainable products

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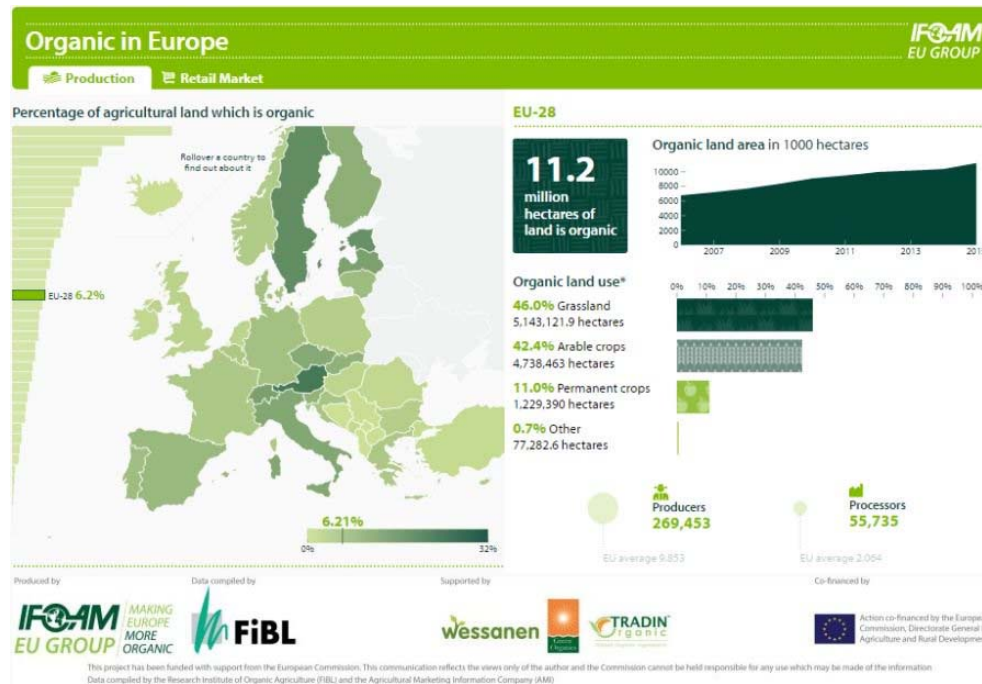
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## Resources

- «The World of Organic Agriculture» at [www.organic-world.net](http://www.organic-world.net)
- Slides and infographics at [www.organic-world.net](http://www.organic-world.net)
- [Twitter.com/fiblstatistics](https://twitter.com/fiblstatistics)
- Interactive maps at [www.organic-world.net](http://www.organic-world.net)
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Indicator	World	Leading countries
Countries with data on certified organic agriculture	2016: 178 countries	
Organic agricultural land	2016: 57.8 million hectares (1999: 11 million hectares)	Australia (27.1 million hectares) Argentina (3.0 million hectares) China (2.3 million hectares)
Share of total agricultural land	2016: 1.2 %	Liechtenstein (37.7 %) French Polynesia (31.3 %) Samoa (22.4%)
Further, non-agricultural organic areas (mainly wild collection)	2016: 39.9 million hectares	Finland (11.6 million hectares) Zambia (6.7 million hectares) India (4.2 million hectares)
Producers	2016: 2.7 million producers (1999: 200'000 producers)	India (835'000) Uganda (210'352) Mexico (210'000)
Organic market size	2016: 89.7 billion US dollars (more than 80 billion euros) (2000: 17.9 billion US dollars) Source: Ecovia Intelligence	US (43.1 billion US dollars; 38.9 billion euros) Germany (10.5 billion US dollars; 9.5 billion euros) France (7.5 billion US dollars; 6.7 billion euros)
Per capita consumption	2016: 12.1 US dollars (11.3 euros)	Switzerland (304 US dollars; 274 euros) Denmark (252 US dollars; 227 euros) Sweden (218 US dollars; 197 euros)
Number of countries with organic regulations	2017: 87 countries	
Number of IFOAM affiliates	2017: 1'003 affiliates from 127 countries	India - 111 affiliates; Germany - 88 affiliates; United States- 63 affiliates; China - 56 affiliates

## Europe: Area trends 2016

In Europe, **13.5 million hectares were organic in 2016** (European Union: 12.1 million hectares). With more than 2 million hectares, Spain continues to be the country with the largest organic area in Europe, followed by Italy (1.8 million hectares) and France (1.5 million hectares).

The organic land increased by almost one million hectares in Europe and in the European Union, representing **an increase of 6.7 percent in Europe** and 8.2 percent in the European Union. Growth was higher than in 2015 and substantially higher than in the first years of the current decade. In the decade 2007-2016, organic agricultural land increased by two thirds.

**Organic farmland in Europe constitutes 2.7 percent of the total agricultural land** and 6.7 percent in the European Union. In Europe (and globally), Liechtenstein has the highest organic share of all farmland (37.7 percent) followed by Austria, the country in the European Union with the highest organic share of agricultural land (21.9 percent).

## Europe: Operator trends 2016

There were more than **370'000 organic producers in Europe** (European Union: almost 300'000), and the largest numbers were in Turkey (almost 68'000) and Italy (more than 64'000). While the number of producers grew by 7 percent in Europe (10 percent in the European Union) in 2016, growth was 76 percent in Europe and 58 percent in the European Union during 2007-2016.

There were **almost 66'000 organic processors in Europe** and almost 63'000 in the European Union. Almost 4'700 importers were counted in Europe and almost 4'000 in the European Union. Particularly strong growth was noted for importers, which increased by double digits in both Europe and the European Union. The country with the largest number of processors was Italy (almost 17'000), while Germany had the most importers (almost 1'600).

## Retail sales trends:

**Organic retail sales in Europe were valued at 33.5 billion euros** (30.7 billion euros in the European Union). The European Union represents the second largest single market for organic products in the world after the United States.

**The European organic market recorded a growth rate of 11.4 percent** (European Union: 12 percent), which is the second time retail sales have shown a double-digit growth rate since the financial crisis. Among the key markets, the highest growth was observed in France (22 percent). In the decade 2007-2016, the value of European and European Union markets has more than doubled.

**European consumers spent 41 euros on organic food per person** (European Union: 61 euros). Per capita consumer spending on organic food has doubled in the last decade. The Swiss spent the most money on organic food (274 euros per capita).

Globally, European countries account for the highest organic shares of total food sales as a percentage of their respective food markets. **Denmark has the highest organic market share (10.5 percent).**

Source: FiBL 2018