

2017 EDITION OF THE YEARBOOK THE WORLD OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

In the [Organic-world.net website](http://Organic-world.net) the 2017 Edition of the yearbook [The World of Organic Agriculture](#) presenting the latest data on organic agriculture worldwide and market trends is available in pdf version for all interested actors.

This book, edited by Helga Willer and Julia Lernoud of the [Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL](#) (Switzerland) in cooperation with [IFOAM-Organics International](#), has been launched on February 2017 at BIOFACH world organic trade fair in Germany.

The study contains reports on the organic sector and emerging trends (data per end of 2015) and shows that the positive growth seen in the past years continues:

- More farmers cultivate organically, more land is certified organic, and 179 countries report organic farming activities. In 2015, 2.4 million organic producers were reported. India continues to be the country with the highest number of producers, followed by Ethiopia and Mexico.
- A total of 50.9 million hectares were organically managed at the end of 2015, representing a growth of 6.5 million hectares over 2014, the largest growth ever recorded. Australia is the country with the largest organic agricultural area (22.7 million hectares), followed by Argentina (3.1 million hectares), and the United States of America (2 million hectares). The countries with the largest share of organic agricultural land of their total farmland are the Liechtenstein (30.2 percent), Austria (21.3 percent), and Sweden (16.9 percent). In eleven countries 10 percent or more of all agricultural land is organic.
- The global market for organic food have reached 81.6 billion US dollars in 2015. The United States is the leading market, followed by Germany, France and China. In 2015, most of the major markets showed double-digit growth rates. The highest per capita spending was in Switzerland and Denmark has the highest organic market share (8.4 percent of the total food market).

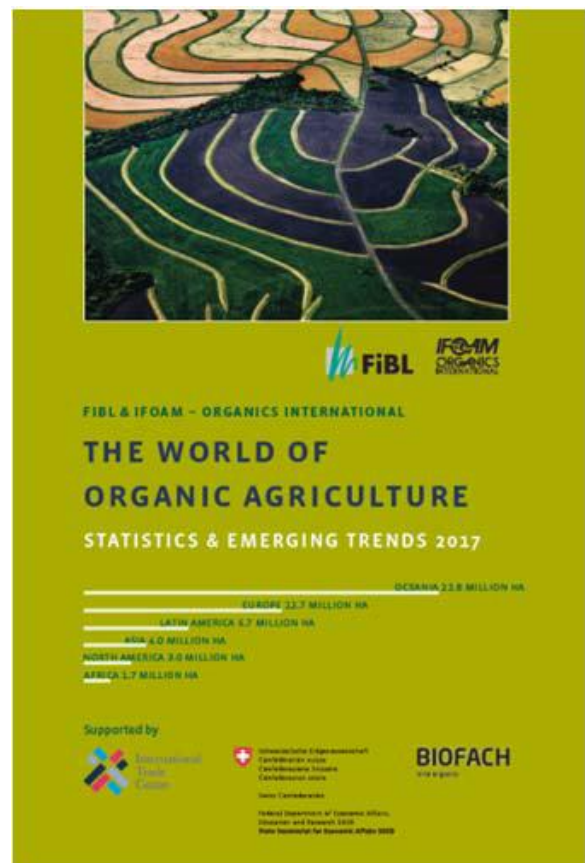
The data on organic agriculture is collected annually by the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) in collaboration with many partners and more than 200 experts from all parts of the world.

To know more

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The study is inspired by the vision 2030 defined by IFOAM for the future development of organic farming:

- Organic contributes to the resolution of the future challenges of global agriculture.
- Organic agriculture becomes the preferred land use system in rural areas worldwide.
- Organic agriculture secures food and ecosystems through eco-functional intensification.
- Organic agriculture produces healthy food in a fair way for the well-being of all.

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