

THE WORLD OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE 2026

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The latest figures and the statistical yearbook [The World of Organic Agriculture: Statistics & Emerging trends 2026](#) were presented in February 2026 at BIOFACH, the world's leading trade fair for organic food in Nuremberg, Germany. The book features contributions from representatives of the organic sector worldwide, addressing topics such as the global market for organic food, organic imports, regulations, and policies. It provides insights into current and emerging trends in organic agriculture across various regions. Data were provided by 183 countries.

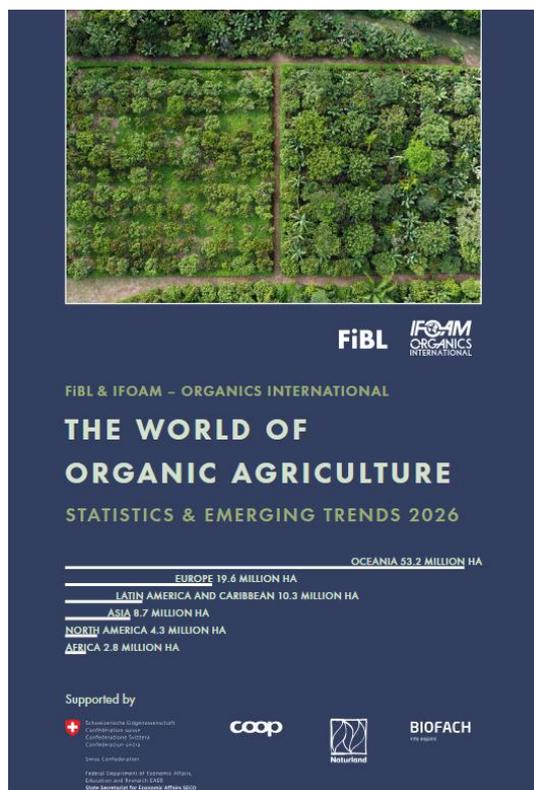
The yearbook shows that in 2024, global retail sales of organic food and drink rose to 145.0 billion euros, underlining resilient consumer demand in major market. At the same time, the global organic farming area remained close to 99 million hectares, providing continuity in the production base.

The 2026 edition of the yearbook "The World of Organic Agriculture" was jointly published by [The Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL](#) and [IFOAM Organics International](#). The annual survey on global organic agriculture is supported by the [Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs \(SECO\)](#), the [Sustainability Fund of Coop Switzerland](#), and [NürnbergMesse](#), the organizer of BIOFACH trade Fair.

[The yearbook The World of Organic Agriculture - Statistics and Emerging Trends 2026](#) (350 pages) presents the results of the annual survey on organic agriculture worldwide and has numerous tables, graphs, maps and infographics. Data were collected from 183 countries. It includes reports from experts on the organic sector and information on emerging trends across all regions and selected countries. It also provides background information on standards and legislation, policy support, and the global market for organic food.

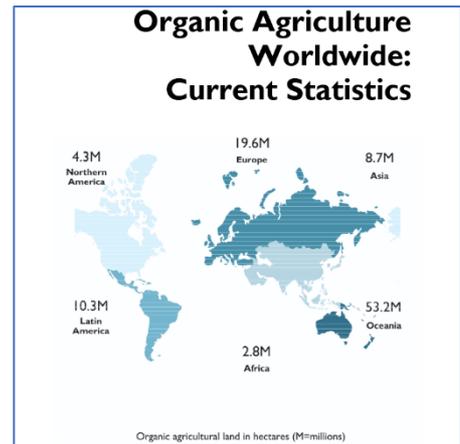
The report highlights, among others, the following impact findings:

- The latest global organic agriculture data for 2024 point to a largely stable sector. Organic farmland reached 98.9 million hectares (2.1 percent of total farmland) and was stable, with a slight decline compared to 2023 (-0.2 percent). International trade strengthened: combined imports of organic products into the EU and the United States totaled nearly 5.9 million metric tons in 2024 (+12.3 percent).
- In 2024, almost 98.9 million hectares of agricultural land were organic (including in-conversion areas). The regions with the largest organic agricultural land areas were Oceania (53.2 million hectares, more than half of the world's organic agricultural land) and Europe (19.6 million hectares, accounting for 19.8 percent of global organic farmland). Latin America followed with 10.3 million hectares (10.4 percent), followed by Asia with 8.7 million hectares



(8.8 percent), North America with 4.3 million hectares (4.4 percent), and Africa with 2.8 million hectares (2.8 percent).

- In 2024, the global number of organic producers increased to 4'844'872, representing an increase of 535'992 producers (+12.4 percent) compared to 2023. Asia continued to lead with 2'711'499 producers, followed by Africa (1'365'579), Europe (490'637), and Latin America (238'179).
- Consumers are spending more on organic food and drink across key markets, sending a clear signal to producers, processors, and retailers that demand remains resilient. The global retail sales of organic food and drink rose to 145.0 billion euros in 2024 (an increase of 6.9 billion euros). In 2024, the United States remained the largest market (60.4 billion euros), followed by Germany (17 billion euros) and China (15.5 billion euros). Switzerland recorded the highest per capita consumption worldwide at 481 euros per person and the highest organic market share globally at 12.3 percent of total food sales in 2024. Combined organic imports into the EU and the United States reached 5.9 million metric tons, reflecting strong market pull and increasingly connected supply chains (up 12.3 percent). The largest exporters to the EU and U.S. markets were Mexico, Ecuador, and Canada.



The editors of the yearbook highlight that “Global demand for organic products continues to grow, driven mainly by consumer concern for health and the environment, despite shifting political narratives on climate change. While demand is strongest in developed markets, emerging economies such as China and India are showing strong growth potential, supported by rising consumer awareness. Sustaining this momentum requires strengthening the supply side, especially as traditional development aid for organic farming is declining. IFOAM Organics International is addressing these challenges through leadership programmes, policy advocacy, and partnerships in Africa and Asia. Looking ahead, a new global financing model and strong collaboration among farmers, researchers, businesses, and policymakers will be essential to position organic agriculture at the center of future food systems”.

[The Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL](#) is one of the world’s leading institutes in the field of organic agriculture. Its locations are situated in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Hungary and France. FiBL’s strengths lie in its interdisciplinary research, innovations developed jointly with farmers and the food industry, solution-oriented development projects and rapid knowledge transfer from research into practice. [The FiBL webpage presents the full series of the World of Organic Agriculture yearbooks, produced and distributed since 2011.](#)

[Founded in 1972, IFOAM Organics International](#) is a membership-based organization working to bring true sustainability to agriculture across the globe.

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THE WORLD OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE
STATISTICS & EMERGING TRENDS 2025

| Region | Land (Million HA) |
|---------------|-------------------|
| EUROPE | 19.3 MILLION HA |
| ASIA | 8.7 MILLION HA |
| AMERICA | 14.6 MILLION HA |
| AFRICA | 2.8 MILLION HA |
| OTHER AMERICA | 2.3 MILLION HA |
| OCEANIA | 53.2 MILLION HA |

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| Region | Land (Million HA) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| EUROPE | 18.8 MILLION HA |
| ASIA | 8.7 MILLION HA |
| AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN | 9.3 MILLION HA |
| AFRICA | 2.7 MILLION HA |
| OCEANIA | 53.2 MILLION HA |

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