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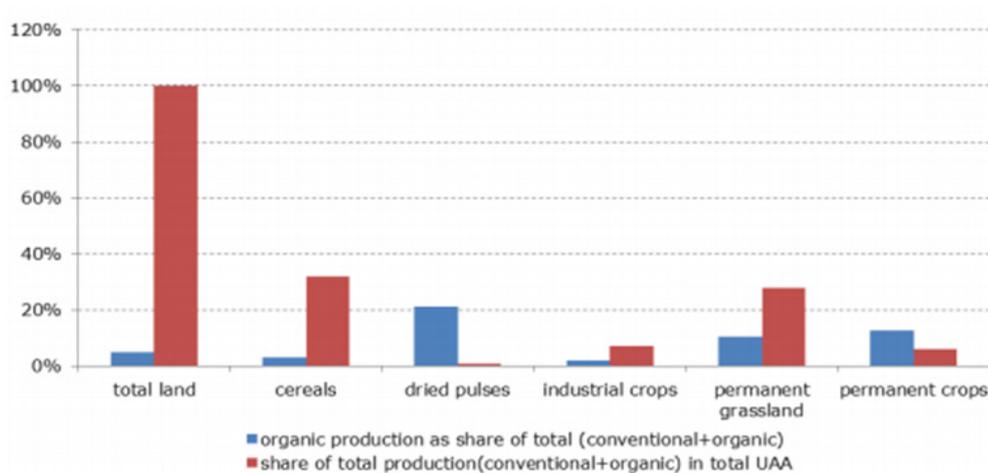
Cereal organic market in Europe

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Organic farming in Europe

The organic farming sector in Europe has rapidly developed in the past years. This increase characterises not only the area under organic farming, but also the number of holdings and of overall organic operators registered in the EU-28. Both animal as well as arable crop and orchard organic production are on an upward trend in the EU Member States. Organic farms are on the average larger than non-organic farms and their holders younger.

In the European Union, organic arable crop and orchard production is important. Though data is scarce on all categories of this type of production, a good share of the organic land is used for permanent grasslands, but also for permanent crops (such as fruit) as well as cereals. organic crops (total) represent 5% of the total area cultivated in the EU-28. Among the arable crops, cereals represent the most important category with 1.4 million ha in 2015, i.e. 14.6% of all EU organic land. This represents 2.5% of the total EU cereal area.



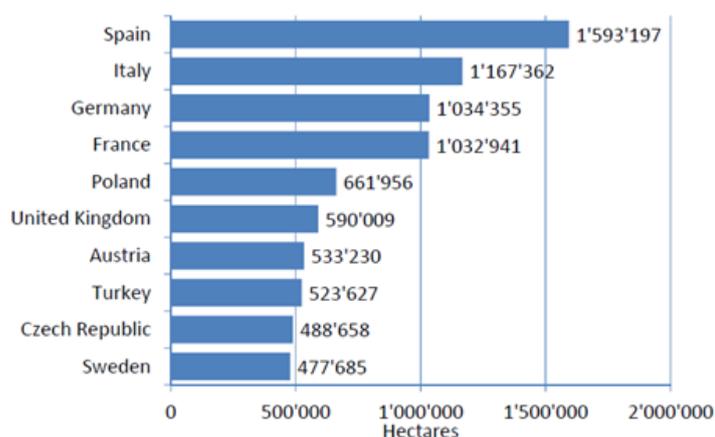
Source: Eurostat data land use statistics and Eurostat data on the basis of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production (online data code: [org_cropr](#))



The 10 countries with the largest organic areas

The largest cereal areas are located in Spain (around 0.2 million ha each), Germany and Italy. France, the largest EU producer of cereals, grew more than 186 000 ha of organic cereals. Poland comes fifth with more than 101 000 ha. Among the constraints that impede the development of arable crops in the organic sector, pest control and management have already been mentioned. Other factors play a role, in particular weed management which, in the case of wheat, is often cited as the main technical difficulty faced in the organic sector as the use of chemical herbicides is prohibited. In addition, a major impediment is probably the absence of resources for development of new cereal varieties, which would not have to be controlled through the use of regular pesticides and fertilisers.

The area under organic agriculture has increased significantly in the last years. In fourteen years, the total (fully converted and in-conversion organic area) have increased from 5.0 million ha to an estimated 11.1 million ha (+6% per year) for the EU-28. Europe has more than doubled the number of hectares of organic land between 1999 and 2012, compared to any other continent.



Source: OrganicDataNetwork Survey 2013 based on national data sources and FiBL-AMI survey 2014

Organic food industry - Europe

The organic food industry in Europe is a lucrative market, with a retail sales value of 29.8 billion euros in 2015. While the well-established Western European market experienced growth of 5.4 percent between 2015 and 2016, Eastern European sales are catching up with a growth rate of 8.8 percent in the same period. Germany is the leading market for organic products in Europe with a 11.4 percent share of global organic sales, followed by France with 7.3 percent. Organic bakery products are made using organic ingredients and cereals. These products are produced as per the specific set of guidelines designed by different food safety organizations in different countries in order to get organic certification

The global Organic Bread Flour market is anticipated to grow at a steady rate and post a CAGR of 10-15%. The global market for organic bakery is projected to reach US\$ 11,000.7 million revenue towards 2022 end. Increasing health-consciousness among consumers is driving the demand for organic bakery products

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