



Organic production in Norway

Status 2009



First organic farm:

- 1931, still existing



1st year of inspection:

- 1986, Debio

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Figure 1: Organic acreage (ha), 1991-2008

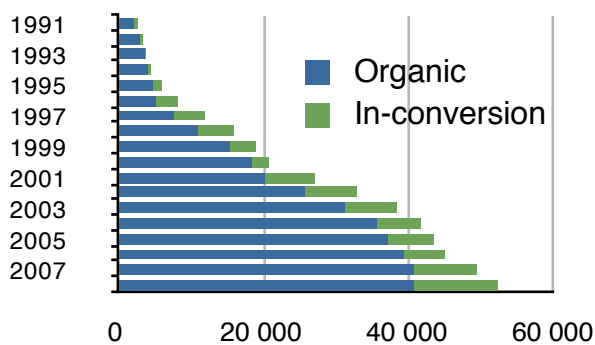
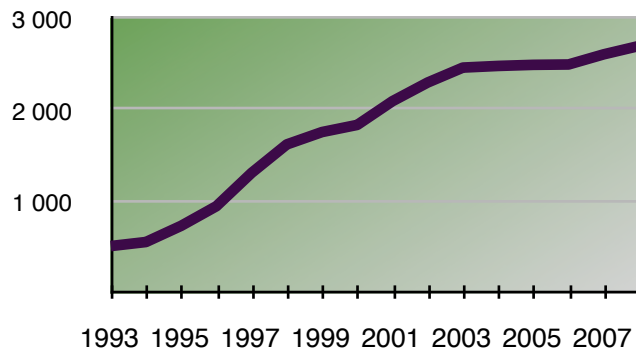


Figure 2: Number of organic farms



In 2008, the organic area comprised **3,9 %** of total agriculture area (**5,1 %** inclusive in-conversion area).

Table 1: Organic crop production 2008

Crop categories	Acreage [ha]
Meadow / grassland	33 742
Pasture-land, in field	8 173
Green manure	663
Grain	8 164
Legumes	105
Seed production	299
Potatoes	231
Vegetables, field grown	235
Fruit and berries	193
Other	354

Table 2: Certified organic livestock 2008

Dairy cows	6 487
Cattle, other	14 345
Pigs	1 946
Sheep	40 145
Goats	799
Laying hens	119 323
Broiler	19 496
Turkeys	6 350
Bee hives	1 132

Inspection body:	Debio, appointed by the Norwegian Food Authority
Education:	MSc Agroecology (Norwegian Life Science University), BSc in ecological agriculture, vocational training in organic farming
Research:	Bioforsk (Norwegian Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research) and several other institutes
Export:	not significant

Present policy and market environment for the Norwegian organic sector:

- Official target of 15 % organic production and consumption by 2015.
- Organic farming receives public subsidies for conversion, crop and livestock production.
- New government organic agriculture action plan as of 2009.
- Worth of organic market 2008: approx. NOK 1bn., equals EUR 115mn.
- Organic market share retail: 1,3 % (2008)
- Organic market growth slowing down or stagnating as of 2009 due to financial crisis.