



Latest Developments on Organic Agriculture

Organic Agriculture and Sustainable Development Goals

Several non-governmental initiatives but also the official the policy makers (i.e Farm to Fork Strategy) are working on how the EU Member States can achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) since 2030. In this [factsheet](#) from IFOAM Organics International it is illustrated how organic farming can help to achieve SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 3: Good Health and Well- Being, SGG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG12: Responsible Consumption and production, SDG 13: Climate Action, SDG 15: Life on Land. Organic agriculture has the potential to contribute ending hunger in the developing countries and to offer food security to the developed countries.

Organic Agriculture Statistics: EU organic area up 34% since 2012

In 2018, the total organically cultivated area in the EU was 13.4 million hectares (7.5% of the total utilised agricultural area). This represents an increase of 34% between 2012 and 2018. The counties with the largest shares of organic area in 2018 were: Austria, Estonia, and Sweden. In each of these countries the organic share was above 20 % of the total agricultural land. Latvia had the largest share of organic population of 'sheep and goats' (35.2 % of Latvia's total sheep and goat population was organic) and second highest share of organic bovines population (24.4 %).

Source and more detailed information: [Eurostat statics](#)

Additionally, click [here](#) to download the 'World of Organic Agriculture: Statistics and Emerging Trends 2020' from FiBL.

Organic Agriculture in Egypt

Sekem started a while ago a project called "economy of love" using "true cost accounting" to show the real comparison between organic and conventional agriculture. An interesting report realized in May 2020 (version 2) with the title 'The Future of Agriculture in Egypt: Comparative Study of Organic and Conventional Crop Production Systems in Egypt' is now published. The study is prepared by the Carbon Footprint Center in cooperation with Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development. Egyptian agriculture is depended on cotton, maize, potatoes, rice, and wheat. Therefore, those strategic crops were analyzed for their profitability and performance under different systems (organic vs conventional).

Click [here](#) to download the full report.

Is Food Security A Relevant Argument Against Environmental Measures In The EU?

Critical review of the perception of the topic and method policy makers trying address food security in the EU. According to the article, EU has more important issues to address such as food waste, overconsumption and obesity resulting in health problems.

Read the full article at the website of [ARC2020](#)

LiveWheat Project

The Organic Research Centre manage the farm-based organic wheat variety trials network (LiveWheat).

The project targets to build on the outcomes of the H2020 funded Liveseed project, and further focus on wheat varieties including on-farm trials, collect and analyse data, establish network of relative stakeholders and distribute the knowledge

More information: [here](#)

Events

Webinar: “How to produce your own farm video to enhance knowledge exchange” will be held on July 9th 2020, from 10.30 AM to 12.00 PM (CET).

Thomas Alföldi from FiBL will demonstrate affordable equipment for realising good quality videos. He will share his experience of what to consider when planning, filming and editing videos.