

KEY INDICATORS

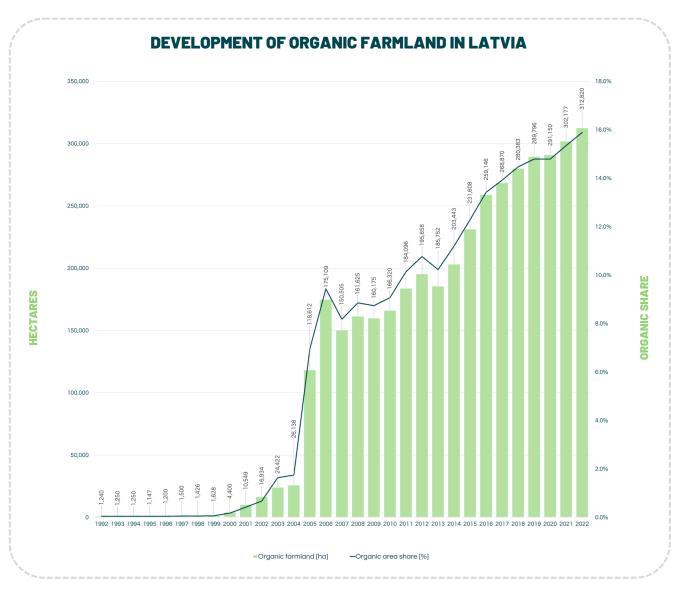
Latvia had 312,820 hectares (2022) and 15.9% of its farmland under organic management, ranking third among the EU-13 states in terms of organic area share (after Estonia and Czechia). Growth from 2001-2022 was almost fortyfold and thus considerably higher than in the European Union. Only older retail sales data is available for Latvia, indicting that 1.5% of the market was organic in 2017.

ORGANIC FARMLAND	2001	2022
Area* (Share of Total Farmland)	10,549 ha (0.4%)	312,820 ha (15.9%)
Area Growth from 2001 to 2022	2,865.3	3%
ORGANIC LAND USE & AQUACULTURE	2001	2022
Arable Land* (Share of Total)	N/D	160,777 ha (12.1%)
Permanent Crops* (Share of Total)	N/D	3,880 ha (42.2%)
Grassland* (Share of Total)	N/D	137,520 ha (22%)
Aquaculture Production (Share of Total)	N/D	12 MT (1.6%) (2021)
ORGANIC OPERATORS	2001	2022
Producers (Share of Total)	219 (0.2%)	3,904 (5.7%)
Aquaculture Producers	N/D	0
Processors	N/D	384
Importers	N/D	10
ORGANIC RETAIL SALES	2001	2017
		51 M€ (1.5%)
Retail Sales (Share of Total)	N/D	(, . ,
Retail Sales (Share of Total) Per Capita Consumption	N/D N/D	
		6.3 €

 $Source: FiBL\ survey\ based\ on\ national\ data\ sources,\ Eurostat\ and\ TRACES/European\ Commission\ in\ the\ framework\ of\ the\ Organic\ Targets\ 4EU\ project$



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Source: FiBL-AMI Survey based on Eurostat, Nic Lampkin





CAP ORGANIC POLICY SUPPORT

The Latvian CAP Strategic Plan provides for a 40% increase in land area, and a larger increase in expenditure, reflecting an increase in payments per ha but with no differentiation between conversion and maintenance payments. A particular innovation in the Latvian CSP is an eco-scheme specifically targeted at using agro-ecological practices on organic farms. Organic farming support is budgeted to take 35% of environmental support and 10% of total CAP expenditure in the 2023-2027 period.



CONVERSION & MAINTENANCE	2018	2027
Land Area Supported (Change from 2018)*	261 kha	368 kha (+41%)
Share of Total Agricultural Area Supported*	13.5%	18.8% (+39%)
Share of Certified Organic Area Supported (Change)*	93%	N/D
Expenditure per Year*	28 M€	52 M€ (+88%)
Expenditure per Hectare Supported*	107€	142 € (+33%)



SHARE OF CAP RESOURCES	CAP EXP. 2023-2027 OR	GANIC SHARE*	
Organic Farming Support (P2)*	255 M€	100%	
Eco-Schemes (P1)	438 M€		
Agri-Environment, Climate, Welfare (P2)	287 M€	35.2%	
Total CAP Expenditure	2,467 M€	10.3%	
	*including	in-conversion and fully organic land	

CAP ORGANIC CONVERSION AND MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS FOR DIFFERENT LAND USES

INDICATOR	YEAR	FUND	GRASSLAND	ARABLE CROPS	HORTICULTURE	FRUIT CROPS
Conversion Support	2019	P2	97	117	399	485
(€/ha)	2023	P2 (P1)	138	97	518	518
Change from 2019 to 2023			+42%	-17%	+30%	+7%
Maintenance Support	2019	P2	97	117	399	485
(€/ha)	2023	P2 (P1)	138	97	518	518
Change from 2019 to 2023 +42% -17% +30% +7				+7%		
Conversion Support Higher than Maintenance		2019	0%	0%	0%	0%
		2023	0%	0%	0%	0%

P1(Pillar 1) European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF); P2 (Pillar 2) European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and national co-financing
- P1 for a targeted Eco-scheme: agro-ecological practices for organic farms paying an additional 56€/ha



NATIONAL ORGANIC ACTION PLAN

Latvia first had a national organic action plan in 2003, but since then no further plan has been implemented until the current one. The OAP target of 25% of agricultural area by 2030 represents almost a two-fold increase on the 2018 area, but also a significant increase on the 2027 CAP target. Organic aquaculture is a specific focus of the plan.

TARGETS

	PERIOD	LAND AREA TARGET	OTHER TARGETS
Previous Action Plan	Not applicable	No recent plan	No recent plan
Current Action Plan	2023-30	25% of UAA by 2030	8% of total agricultural output by 2030

KEY ACTIONS

PREVIOUS ACTION PLAN (N/A) **CURRENT ACTION PLAN (2023 - 2030) PRODUCTION** Balanced development of sub-sectors; encourage conversion and new No recent plan entrants; investment aid for organic aquaculture Investment aid for local, small-scale processing; improve communication and **MARKETS** co-operation between producers and other sectors; promote short marketing No recent plan chains; include organic in green public procurement; promote exports; implementation of regulations, sustainability standards, digital technologies Public education, promotion initiatives incl bioregions; individual and group advice, information seminars and conferences; access to education, training for INFORMATION producers, processors, other professionals; include organic in vocational/higher No recent plan education courses; research to enhance genetic biodiversity and productivity; assess climate and environmental impacts; develop organic aquaculture; international networking; access to digital market data

AQUACULTURE

The organic share of total aquaculture production in Latvia is just over 1%. Latvia was not included in our analysis of the EMFF (2014-2020) and EMFAF (2021-2027) operational programmes and the Multi-annual National Strategic Plan for Aquaculture. Financial support for organic aquaculture investments, facilitating certification and research and development are featured in the current national organic action plan. As the funding is project specific and there is no ring-fenced organic budget, statistics on organic aquaculture support expenditure are not available.



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