

KEY INDICATORS

With 100,653 hectares (2024), Belgium had an organic area share of 7.4%, thus below the European Union average of 11.1%. Organic farmland increased by 348.3% from 2001 to 2024, slightly faster than the European Union average of 282%. Regarding organic retail sales, organic food worth 1.288 million euros was sold in Belgium in 2024, constituting 3.9% of all retail sales.



ORGANIC FARMLAND

2001

2024

Area* (Share of Total Farmland)	22,452 ha (1.5%)	100,653 ha (7.4%)
Area Growth from 2001 to 2024	348.3%	



ORGANIC LAND USE & AQUACULTURE

2001

2024

Arable Land* (Share of Total)	3,137 ha (0.5%)	37,648 ha (4.3%)
Permanent Crops* (Share of Total)	330 ha (2.0%)	1,966 ha (9%)
Grassland* (Share of Total)	18,796 ha (3.6%)	61,039 ha (12.8%)
Aquaculture Production (Share of Total)	N/D	N/D



ORGANIC OPERATORS

2001

2024

Producers (Share of Total)	694 (1.1%)	2,610 (7.3%)
Aquaculture Producers	N/D	N/D
Processors	620	1,947
Importers	63	359



ORGANIC RETAIL SALES

2001

2024

Retail Sales (Share of Total)	125 M €	1.288 M€ (3.9%)
Per Capita Consumption	12.2 €	112 €
Retail Sales Growth from 2001 to 2024	930 %	
Imports	N/D	308,606 MT

Source: FiBL survey based on national data sources, Eurostat and TRACES/European Commission in the framework of the OrganicTargets4EU project

*In conversion and fully organic



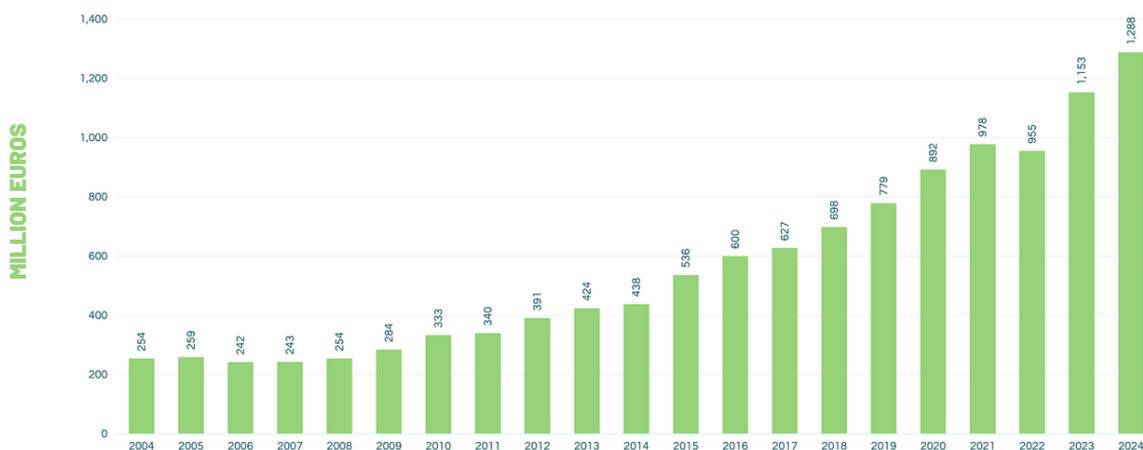
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DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIC FARMLAND IN BELGIUM



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

DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIC RETAIL SALES IN BELGIUM



Source: FiBL-AMI Survey based on national data sources, LV, Biowallonie

CAP ORGANIC POLICY SUPPORT

Belgium is the only EU Member State to have separate regional CAP Strategic Plans, for Flanders and Wallonia. Some combined results for the two regions are presented here, but the emphasis on organic farming is very different in the two regions, with Flanders aiming to support 5% of its agricultural area as organic by 2027, and Wallonia 18%, giving a combined average of 12%, double the 2018 supported area. Flanders has introduced a flat-rate, P1-funded maintenance scheme, involving substantial reductions in payments per ha, especially for horticulture and fruit production. At the same time, conversion payments have been increased substantially, resulting in values several multiples of the maintenance payment. Wallonia has increased some payments, but rates for horticulture have fallen. Wallonia pays a flat rate €150/ha extra during conversion, both in the current and previous periods. The overall effect is an increase in average expenditure per ha and a substantial increase in total expenditure.



CONVERSION & MAINTENANCE

2018

2027

Land Area Supported (Change from 2018)*	80 kha	163 kha (+105%)
Share of Total Agricultural Area Supported*	5.9%	12% (+104%)
Share of Certified Organic Area Supported (Change)*	89%	N/D
Expenditure per Year*	19 M€	46 M€ (+138%)
Expenditure per Hectare Supported*	243 €	281 € (+16%)



SHARE OF CAP RESOURCES

CAP EXP. 2023-2027 ORGANIC SHARE*

Organic Farming Support (P1/P2)*	160 M€	100%
Eco-Schemes (P1)	606 M€	16.4%
Agri-Environment, Climate, Welfare (P2)	368 M€	
Total CAP Expenditure	3,831 M€	4.2%

P1 for maintenance in Flanders from 2023

*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 (€/ha)	2023	F:P2 W:P2***	F:390 W:365	F:900 W:585	F:1700 W:585	F:1700 W:1110
	2026	F:P2* W:P2***	F:390 W:480	F:900 W:480	F:1700 W:680	F:1700 W:1060
Change from 2023 to 2026			F:0% W:32%	F:0% W:-18%	F:0% W:16%	F:0% W:-5%
Maintenance Support (€/ha)	2023	F:P1 W:P2****	F:118 W:215	F:118 W:435	F:118 W:435	F:118 W:960
	2026	F:P1** W:P2	F:100 W:280	F:100 W:280	F:100 W:480	F:100 W:860
Change from 2023 to 2026			F:-15% W:30%	F:-15% W:-36%	F:-15% W:10%	F:-15% W:-10%
Conversion Support Higher than Maintenance	2023	F:P2 W:P2	F:+231% W:+70€	F:+663% W:+34€	F:+1341% W:+34€	F:+1341% W:+16€
	2026	F:P2/1 W:P2	F:+290% W:+71€	F:+800% W:+71€	F:+1600% W:+42€	F:+1600% W:+23€

F: Flanders; W: Wallonia; Fund: P1 (Pillar 1) European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF); P2 (Pillar 2) European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and national co-financing

*Flat rate 300 €/ha for first 5 ha, then as shown, then 50 €/ha over 70ha, control costs refunded in addition

** Additional payment of 100 €/ha for extensive grazing available, control costs refunded in addition

*** Conversion payments 150 €/ha higher than maintenance for all land types in 2023, 200 €/ha higher in 2026

**** Degressive payments, reduced by 40% > 60 ha, for fruit rate for 3-14 ha shown, reduced by 50% >14 ha; market gardening <3ha 4000 €/ha



NATIONAL ORGANIC ACTION PLAN

As with the CAP Strategic Plans, there are separate action plans in Flanders and Wallonia with different targets, in part reflecting the dominant land uses in each region, with more arable land in Flanders. Flanders has had a total of five organic action plans since 2000, Wallonia's first was in 2013. The Wallonia action plan is currently being evaluated.

TARGETS - FLANDERS

	PERIOD	LAND AREA TARGET*	OTHER TARGETS
Previous Action Plan	2018-22	> 1.1% of UAA by 2022	-
Current Action Plan	2023-27	5% of UAA, farms and livestock by 2027	5% of market and procurement by 2027

KEY ACTIONS - FLANDERS

PREVIOUS ACTION PLAN (2015 - 2022)



CURRENT ACTION PLAN (2023 - 2027)



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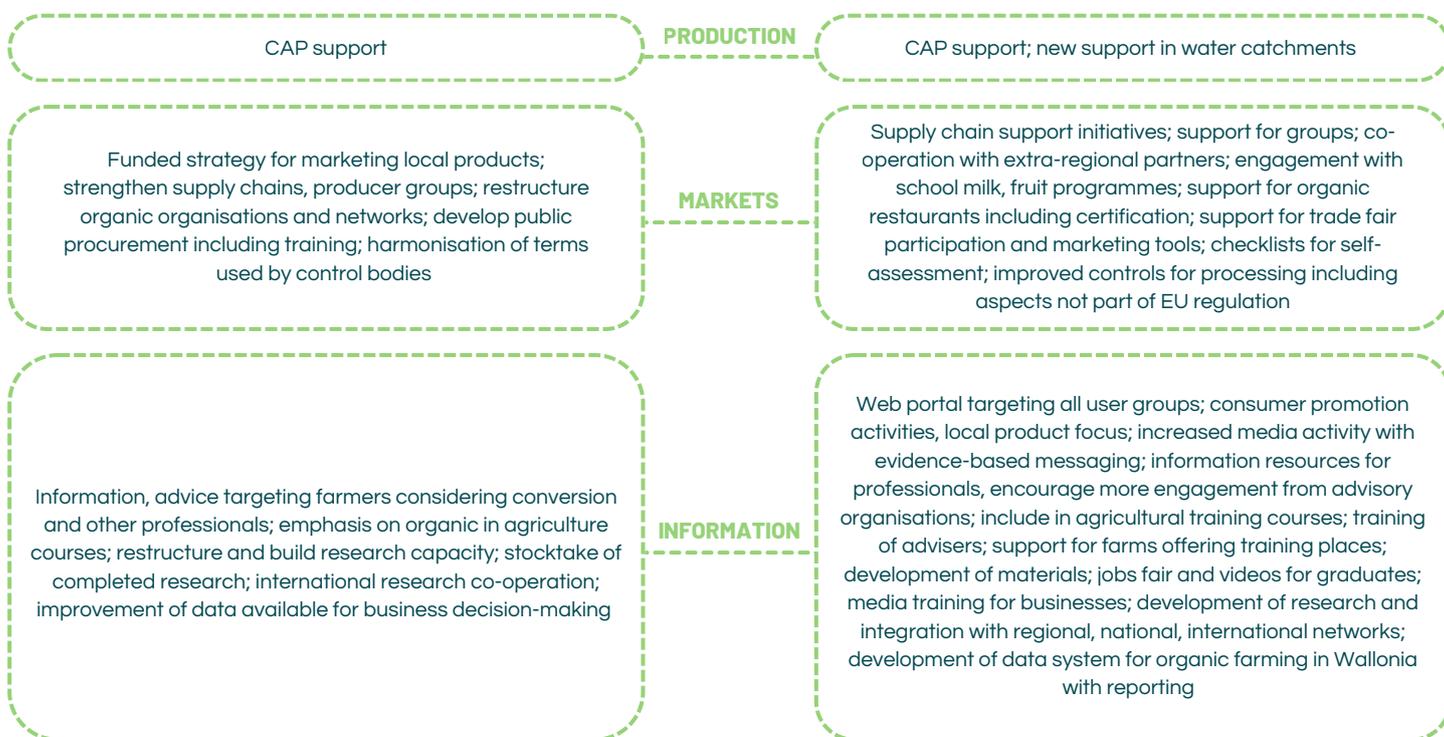
TARGETS - WALLONIA

	PERIOD	LAND AREA TARGET*	OTHER TARGETS
Previous Action Plan	2013-20	14% of UAA by 2020	3% of market by 2020
Current Action Plan	2021-30	30% of UAA by 2030	15% of market by 2030

KEY ACTIONS - WALLONIA

PREVIOUS ACTION PLAN (2013 - 2020)

CURRENT ACTION PLAN (2021 - 2030)



AQUACULTURE

The organic share of total aquaculture production in Belgium is over 5%. Belgium 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. Aquaculture is not specifically mentioned in either the Flanders or Wallonia action plans. As the funding, if any, is project specific and there is no ring-fenced organic budget, statistics on organic aquaculture support expenditure are not available.

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