

KEY INDICATORS

With 1,140,510 hectares, Greece had an organic area share of 21.7% in 2023, which was higher than the EU average of 11.1%. (Data for 2024 were not available at the time of publication). Growth from 2001-2023 was more than 35-fold. Retail sales data from Greece are not provided on a regular basis. Available data show that in 2021, organic retail sales constituted 66 million euros or 0.3% of all retail sales.



ORGANIC FARMLAND

2001

2023

| | | |
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| Area* (Share of Total Farmland) | 31,118 ha (0.4%) | 1,140,510 ha (21.7%) |
| Area Growth from 2001 to 2024 | 3,565% | |



ORGANIC LAND USE & AQUACULTURE

2001

2023

| | | |
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| Arable Land* (Share of Total) | 4,248 ha (0.2%) | 523,399 ha (29%) |
| Permanent Crops* (Share of Total) | 18,451 ha (1.6%) | 234,162 ha (18.8%) |
| Grassland* (Share of Total) | 4,013 ha (0.1%) | 382,950 ha (17%) |
| Aquaculture Production (Share of Total) | N/D | 9,898 † (7.6%) (2022) |



ORGANIC OPERATORS

2001

2023

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Producers (Share of Total) | 6,680 (0.8%) | 58,691 (11.6%) |
| Aquaculture Producers | N/D | 12 |
| Processors | 390 | 1,727 |
| Importers | 4 | 52 |



ORGANIC RETAIL SALES

2001

2024

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Retail Sales (Share of Total) | 16 M€ | 66 M€ (0.3%) (2021) |
| Per Capita Consumption | 1.4 € | 5.9 € |
| Imports | N/D | 13,400 † |

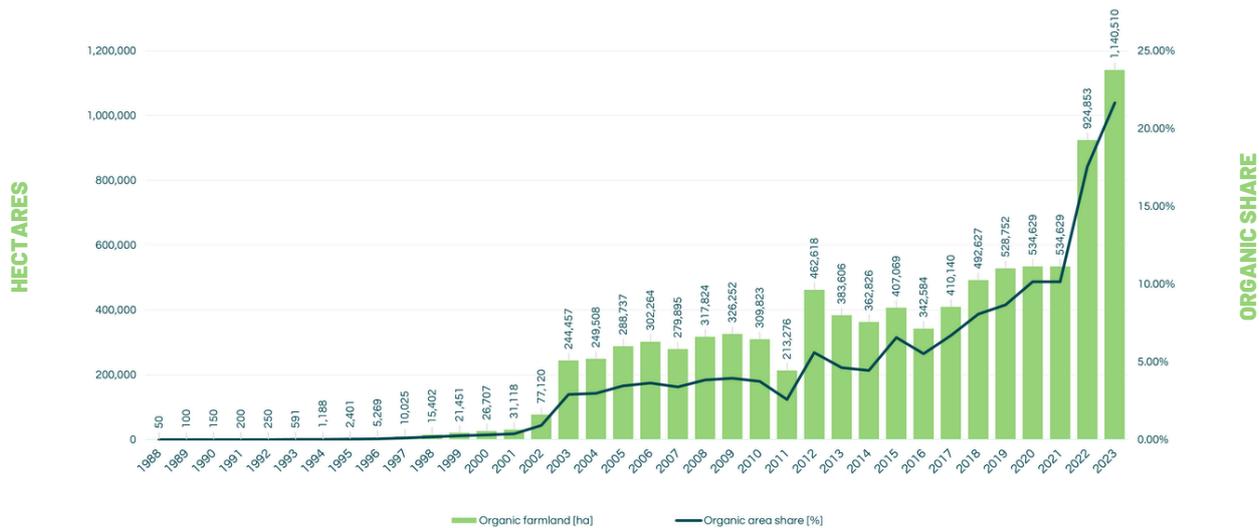
Source: FiBL survey based on national data sources, Eurostat and TRACES/European Commission in the framework of the OrganicTargets4EU project

*In conversion and fully organic



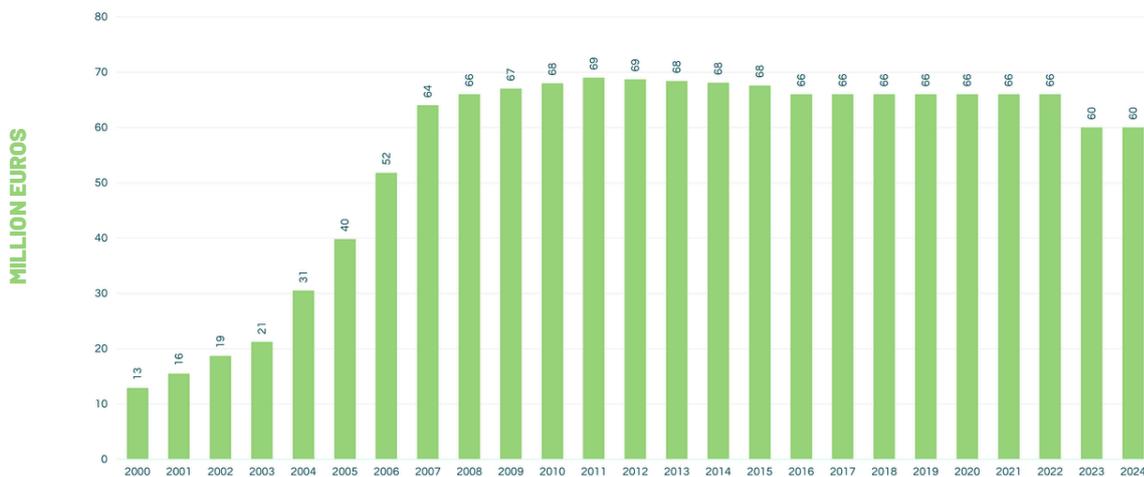
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DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIC FARMLAND IN GREECE



Source: FiBL-AMI Survey based on Eurostat, Greece Ministry of Agriculture, Nic Lampkin

DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIC RETAIL SALES IN GREECE



Source: FiBL-AMI Survey based on national data sources. (Updates not available for every year)

CAP ORGANIC POLICY SUPPORT

The Greek CAP strategic plan gives high importance to organic farming, with 50% of environmental support payments and 11% of total CAP expenditure allocated to conversion under Pillar 2 and maintenance of organic farming under Pillar 1. It foresees a 3.4-fold increase in the supported organic area, from 4.7% in 2018 to 16% of UAA in 2027, but with a reduction in average expenditure per ha despite higher payment rates for some individual crops. The CSP targets an increase in certified organic land to 25% of UAA by 2030. With only 50% of certified organic land supported in 2018, in part due to eligibility and funding restrictions, this may imply a continuation of this situation, or a further substantial increase in supported area later in the decade. Since the CAP Strategic Plan was agreed, significant legal concerns concerning subdivisions of common land and Greek agricultural support payments, including organic farming, have been raised by the EU, which leaves the current situation uncertain. Organic maintenance payments in 2024 were suspended, and reintroduced in 2025 only for fully-converted farms.



CONVERSION & MAINTENANCE

| | 2018 | 2027 |
|--|---------|-----------------|
| Land Area Supported (Change from 2018)* | 248 kha | 846 kha (+140%) |
| Share of Total Agricultural Area Supported* | 4.7 % | 16% (+140%) |
| Share of Certified Organic Area Supported (Change)* | 50% | N/D |
| Expenditure per Year* | 97 M€ | 259 M€ (+167%) |
| Expenditure per Hectare Supported* | 390 € | 306 € (-22%) |



SHARE OF CAP RESOURCES

CAP EXP. 2023-2027 ORGANIC SHARE*

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|--|-----------|-------|
| Organic Farming Support (P2)* | 1,487 M€ | 100% |
| Eco-Schemes (P1) | 2,175 M€ | 50.4% |
| Agri-Environment, Climate, Welfare (P2) | 777 M€ | |
| Total CAP Expenditure | 13,293 M€ | 11.2% |

*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 | VINEYARDS | OLIVES |
|---|------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| Conversion Support (€/ha) | 2019 | P2 | 211 ^a | 72 ^b | 550 ^c | 850 ^d | 669 ^e | 629 |
| | 2023 | P2 | 232 ^a | 216 ^b | 848 ^c | 951 ^d | 856 ^e | 692 |
| Change from 2019 to 2023 | | | +10% | +200% | 54% | +12% | +28% | +11% |
| Maintenance Support (€/ha) | 2019 | P2 | 260 ^a | 70 ^b | 550 ^c | 766 ^d | 586 ^e | 455 |
| | 2023 | P1 | 247 ^a | 120 ^b | 635 ^c | 940 ^d | 657 ^e | 505 |
| Change from 2019 to 2023 | | | -5% | +71% | +15% | +23% | +12% | +11% |
| Conversion Support Higher than Maintenance | 2019 | | -19% | +3% | 0 | +11% | +14% | +38% |
| | 2023 | | -6% | +80% | +34% | +1% | +30% | +37% |

a) sheep, goats (cows higher); b) cereals (maize higher); c) most vegetables (herbs, tomatoes, aubergines higher); d) stone fruit (citrus lower); e) table grapes higher

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

NATIONAL ORGANIC ACTION PLAN

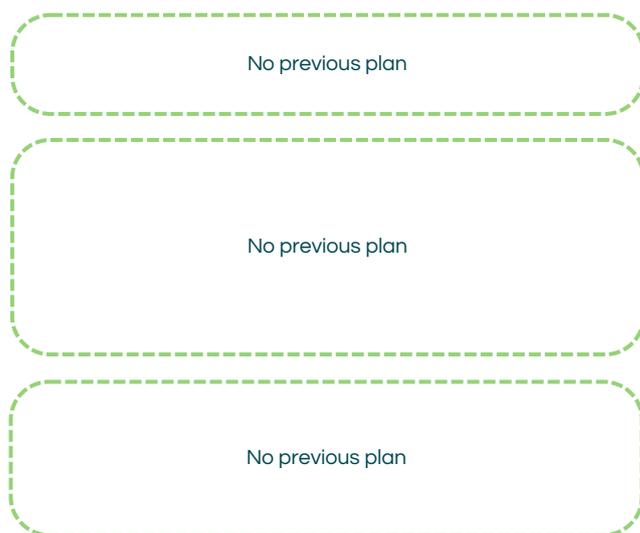
Greece prepared its first action plan for 2021-2030 in response to the EU Organic Action Plan 2021 recommendations. The plan has had limited public attention and it is unclear how much has been implemented.

TARGETS

| | PERIOD | LAND AREA TARGET | OTHER TARGETS |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Previous Action Plan | None | None | None |
| Current Action Plan | 2021-2030 | 25% of UAA by 2030 (CSP) | None |

KEY ACTIONS

PREVIOUS ACTION PLAN (NONE)



CURRENT ACTION PLAN (2021-2030)

PRODUCTION

Producer support payments through RDP, CSP, incl. focus on new entrants; support for producer groups and group certification.

MARKETS

School fruit, vegetables; participation in trade fairs, Agrotica; promotion campaigns for wine, olives, cotton etc.; Ministry, Embassy investigation of target export markets; public procurement for school, university, hospital canteens: simplify administration of organic markets, local actions in bio-districts; reduce VAT on organic products; improve, modernise control system, optional national organic logo; tackle fraud.

INFORMATION

Consumer conferences, information, TV cooking programmes, demonstration farms; school seminars, activities; undergraduate, postgraduate research projects; training programmes, conferences, information actions for farmers; specialist university courses.

AQUACULTURE

The organic share of total aquaculture production in Greece is just over 1%. Organic aquaculture has been supported as part of the EMFF (2014-2020) and EMFAF (2021-2027) operational programmes and the Multi-annual National Strategic Plan for Aquaculture, including investment aids and consumer information. 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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