

Organic agriculture in Bulgaria

Total certified organic area – 0.21% of the total agricultural land in the country

Wild fruits, mushrooms and herbs 27880ha certified area

Organic productive units – 368 including:

- Hot- house production: 12 hot houses with total area of 206 ha certified agricultural land
- Production of seeds and seedlings: 5 certified farms with 5 crops – strawberry, lavender, essential oil rose, fennel, raspberry
- Plant growing farms – 77 of which 56 certified and 21 in process of transition to organic

Animal breeding farms:

5 which include 3 types of animals – cattle, sheep, goats (total 722 animals)

Bees:

258 beehives – 23508 certified bee families;

11 farms in process of transition with total of 375 bee families

Bee products – honey 924t, wax 45t, bloom dust 7t, propolis 7t.

Domestic market

- The organic agriculture products trade is at a starting stage. The part of the products sold on the Bulgarian market is below 5% of the total products produced.
- Organic products with reasonable sales and advertisement – baby food of the Austrian company “Hipp”, biodynamic “Sun Val”

Export

Over 90% of certified organic production produced at the moment is exported to West European countries:

- Essential oil products and dried herbs
- Vegetables – conserved and fresh
- Honey and bee products
- Wild herbs, fruits and mushrooms

*The data concerning OA condition in Bulgaria is taken from the National plan for OA which is currently in a process of development (www.balkanbiocert.com)