THE EVOLUTION OF THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN ROMANIA

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Abstract

Organic farming promotes agricultural practices that meet societal demand for environmentally friendly activities as well as rising consumer demand for organic products. It is widely regarded as an agricultural alternative aimed at food production through the use of natural processes and substances, while simultaneously limiting environmental impact. Recently, a clear trend of increasing consumer preference for organic food products has been observed, prompting producers and agricultural systems to adapt to this demand by adopting organic farming practices. Against this backdrop, this paper aims to analyze the evolution of organic farming in Romania over a 15-year period (2010–2025)-specifically regarding the organically cultivated area and crop structure—while also considering the global context of the organic agricultural sector. The analysis highlights significant growth in the organically cultivated area during this period, driven primarily by permanent grasslands and industrial crops.

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