



## Study on organic farming in Europe

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The material shows that the statistical organic farming is practiced in many countries in the world and is constantly increasing. Organic agriculture has grown rapidly in the world in the last few years and is practiced according to the latest monitoring in about 135 countries in the world in 2006 over 110 countries in 2003. The paper presents data on the situation of organic agriculture in Europe, with emphasis on organic cultivation area and the number of organic farms in Europe. In 2003, over 26 million hectares were grown organically by at least 558,449 farms in the world, compared with the year 2004 when 22.8 million hectares were cultivated in 398,804 organic farms. According to the latest monitoring since 2006, around 30.4 million hectares are cultivated in the system by 718,744 organic farms, this area is 0.65% of total agricultural area, and since 2005, decreasing, 30.55 million hectares are cultivated in the system by 633,891 organic farms. According to the latest monitoring since 2006, in Europe approximately 7.4 million ha are cultivated in organic system (1.6% of the agricultural area) in more than 200,000 farms and the European Union (UE27) are cultivated 6.8 million hectares (4.0% of the agricultural area) 180,000 farms.