



# Organic production in the Republic of Serbia



**Republic of Serbia**  
**Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management**

# LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- **Law on Organic Production**  
(Official Gazette of the RS, No 30/10 and 17/19)
- **Rulebook on the control and certification in organic production and organic production methods**  
(Official Gazette of the RS, No 95/2020 and 24/21)
- **Rulebook on documentation submitted to an authorized control body for the purpose of issuing a conformation, as well as on conditions and method of sale of organic products**  
(Official Gazette of RS, No 88/16)



# AUTHORIZED CONTROL BODIES IN 2020

For performance of control and certification in organic production, the Ministry may authorize control body that:

- has been registered in the Register of economic entities;
- which possess the Act of accreditation issued by the competent accreditation body of the Republic of Serbia, in accordance with SRPS ISO/IEC 17065;
- meets the requirements regarding technical equipment and staff qualifications.

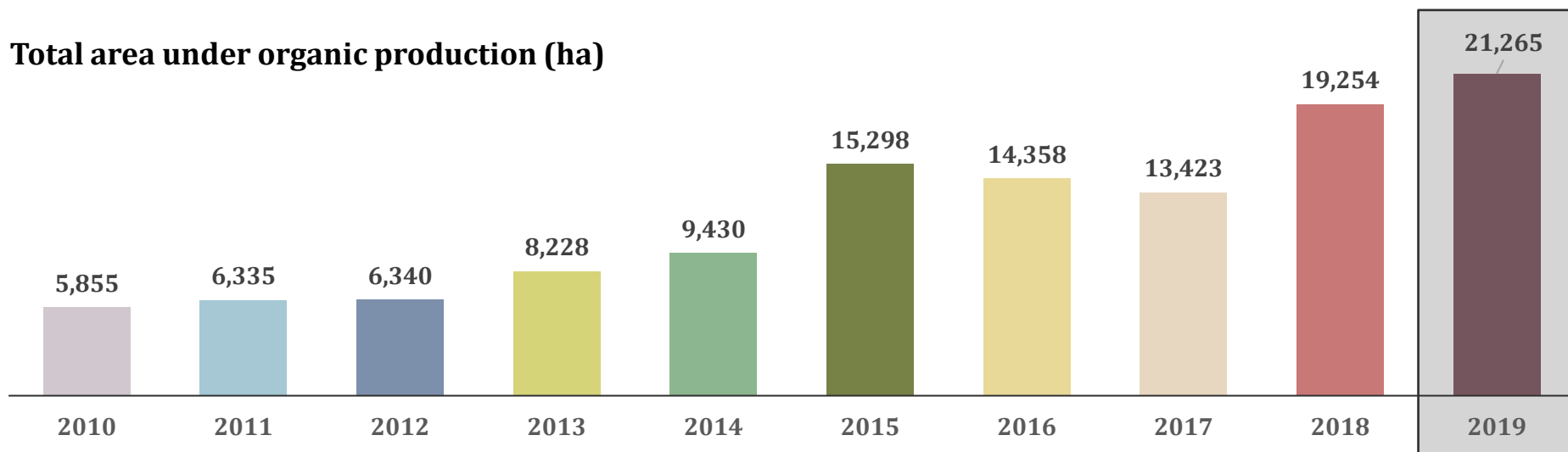
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| 1 |    | ORGANIC CONTROL SYSTEM DOO,<br>Суботица             | 4 |    | ECOCERT BALKAN DOO, Београд |
| 2 |   | ECOVIVENDI DOO, Београд                             | 5 |    | TMS CEE DOO, Београд        |
| 3 |  | CENTAR ZA ISPITIVANJE<br>NAMIRNICA CIN DOO, Београд | 6 |  | SGS DOO Beograd, Београд    |



# AREA UNDER ORGANIC PRODUCTION

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Arable land (ha)	2,783	3,007	5,364	5,355	7,999	13,398	12,929	11,875	13,723	15,915
Pasture and meadows (ha)	3,071	3,327	976	2,873	1,549	1,900	1,429	1,548	5,531	5,350
Share of areas under organic production in total UAL (%)	0,17	0.18	0.18	0.24	0.27	0.44	0.42	0.39	0.55	0.61

## Total area under organic production (ha)





# ORGANIC PLANT PRODUCTION

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Cereals</b>	2,522	2,273	2,829	4,252	4,607	3,662	3,614	4,788
<b>Industrial plants</b>	541	673	1,228	2,674	2,918	2,291	1,962	2,226
<b>Vegetables</b>	114	107	154	171	184	230	199	184
<b>Fodder crops</b>	663	595	1,204	1,440	1,349	1,211	1,336	1,797
<b>Fruits</b>	1,416	1,484	2,208	2,895	3,531	4,056	5,883	5,324
<b>Medicinal and aromatic herbs</b>	28	133	61	71	113	115	193	261
<b>Other</b>	80	90	316	1,895	227	312	536	1,332
<b>Total arable land</b>	5,364	5,355	7,999	13,398	12,929	11,874	13,723	15,915
<b>Meadows/pastures</b>	976	2,873	1,549	1,900	1,429	1,548	5,530	5,349



# ORGANIC LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

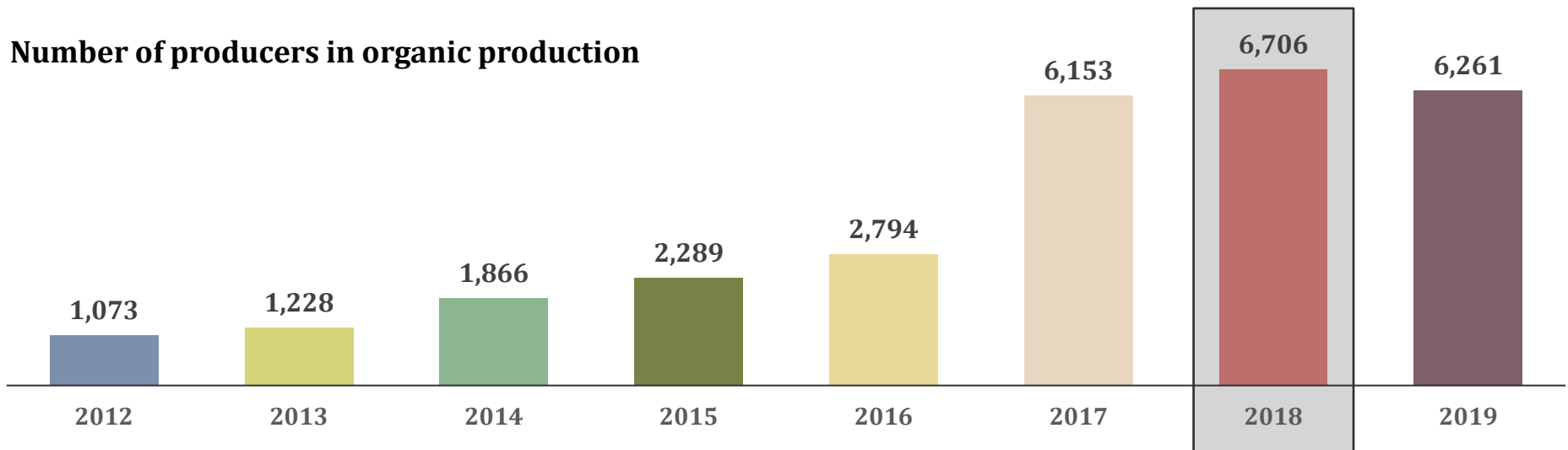
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Sheep	2,837	4,031	3,153	4,848	4,378	4,665	5,138	6,099
Pigs	206	175	76	232	283	87	284	315
Cattle	1,428	2,176	2,726	2,746	2,895	3,094	3,594	3,556
Goats	211	946	1,154	1,686	1,406	2,048	1,486	536
Poultry	2,034	1,390	1,140	1,380	3,158	4,415	6,735	17,751
Donkeys	7	21	17	20	2	47	/	/
Horses	66	210	173	218	165	177	114	88
Bee Society	961	1,940	894	2,504	2,878	2,307	3,061	9,969



# NUMBER OF PRODUCERS IN ORGANIC PRODUCTION

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of certificate holder	237	258	291	334	390	434	500	534
Number of cooperators	836	970	1,575	1,955	2,404	5,719	6,206	5,727

Number of producers in organic production



# EXPORT OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Export value (in million €)	3.74	10.7	11.2	19.6	18.9	23.1	27.4	29.7	<b>37,5</b>

- The highest value being achieved by export to Germany (**EU 11 mill. €**).
- Than USA (€ 5,8 mill), The Netherlands (€ 5 mill), Canada (€ 2,3m), France (€ 2,5 mill), Italy (3,1mill), Poland (€ 2.3 mill).
- By type of product, the highest value was achieved by exporting organic fruit products: frozen raspberries (€ 21,5 mill ), frozen blackberries (€ 3,5 mill ) and frozen cherry (€ 1,2 mill ).





# PROJECT

## IPA project

February 2018 - February 2021

Strengthening capacities for implementation and further development of the legislative framework in the field of organic production and food quality policy.

- **I result**

Harmonization of the national legislation in the field of Organic Farming Sector with EU regulations.

- **II result**

Establishment of more efficient control system for organic production.

- **III result**

Improvement of knowledge in the field of organic production (Official Gazette of RS, No 88/16).



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# SUBSIDIES FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION

## Plant production

- Payments per area;
- 550 % more than the amount for conventional plant production;
- Producer has an obligation to have organic production areas for 3 years.

## Livestock production

- Payments per head/hive;
- For organic milk per liter;
- 40% more than amount for conventional livestock production.

## Refunding the costs of control and certification

- 50%;
- 65 % for areas with difficult working conditions in agriculture.



# NATIONAL LABELS FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTS



**ПРОИЗВОД  
ИЗ ПЕРИОДА  
КОНВЕРЗИЈЕ**

- Only certified organic products may be labelled 'ORGANIC PRODUCT', the national logo and the code / logo of the authorized control body that has carried out the control and certification of the product.

- The indication "PRODUCT FROM THE CONVERSION PERIOD" and the code / logo of the authorized inspection body may label a product of plant origin from the conversion period containing only one ingredient of agricultural origin after the expiration of one year from the beginning of the conversion period.







# Thank you for your attention...

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