

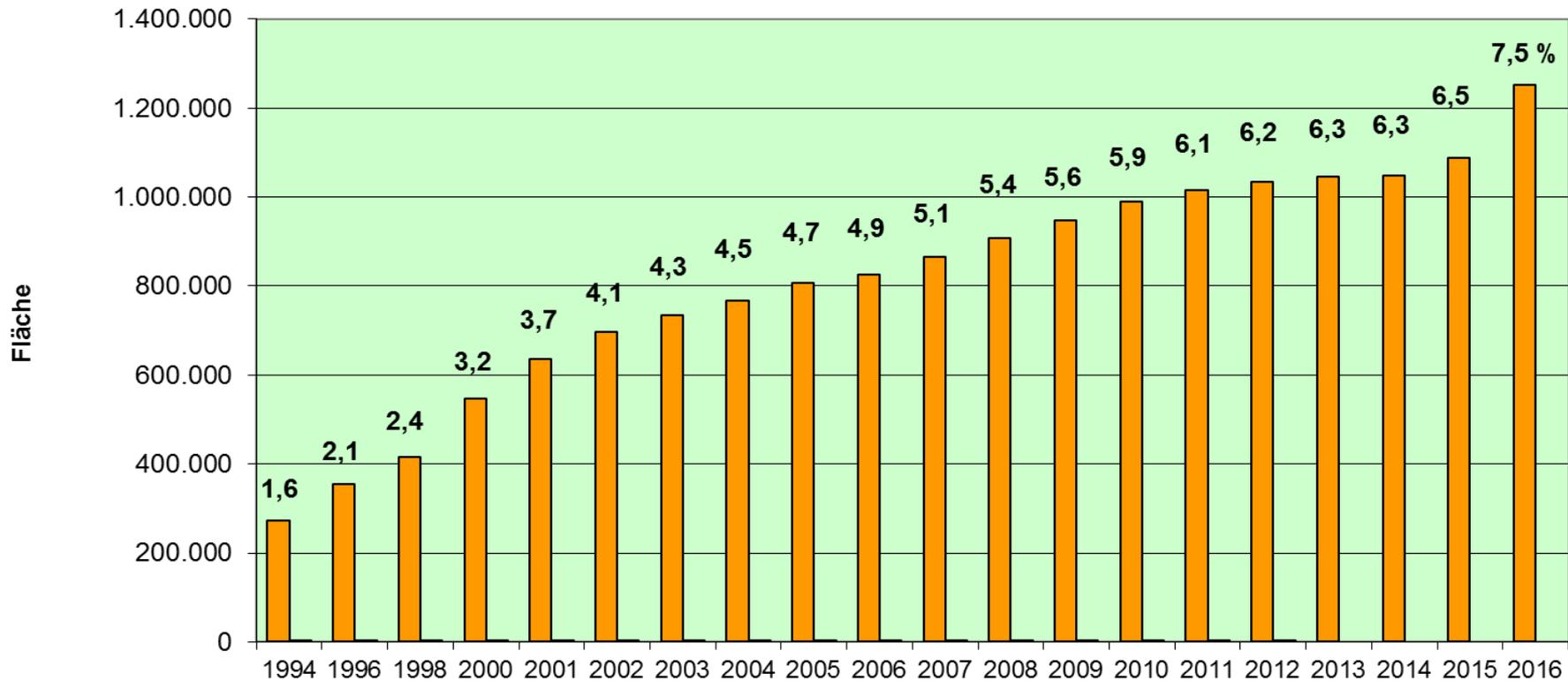


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Organic farming in Germany

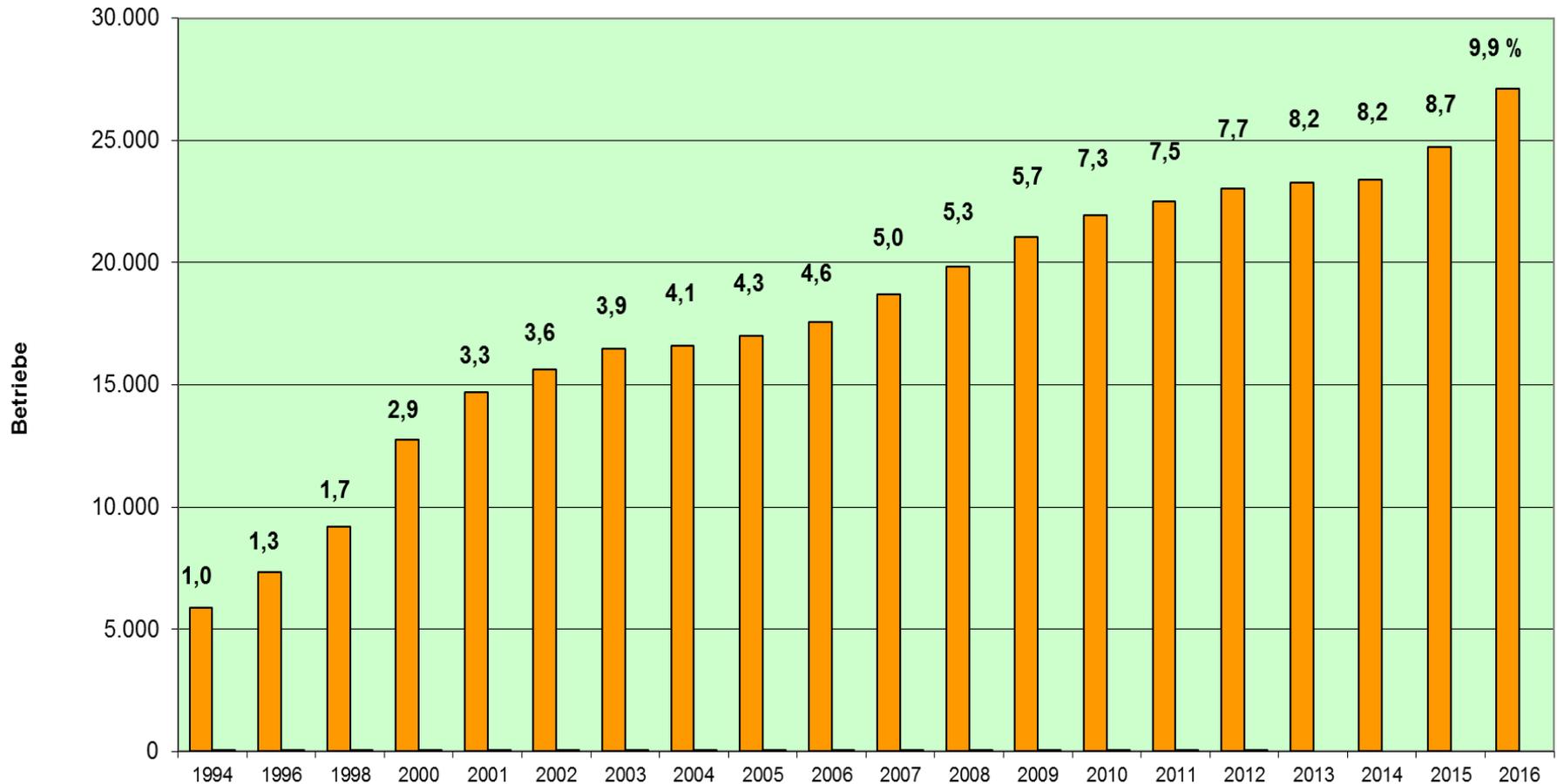
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Area under organic farming in Germany (total hectare) / Percentage of total agricultural area



Quelle: BMEL

Organic farms in Germany / Percentage of total number of farms



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Consumer expenditures for organic food in Germany (billion EUR)

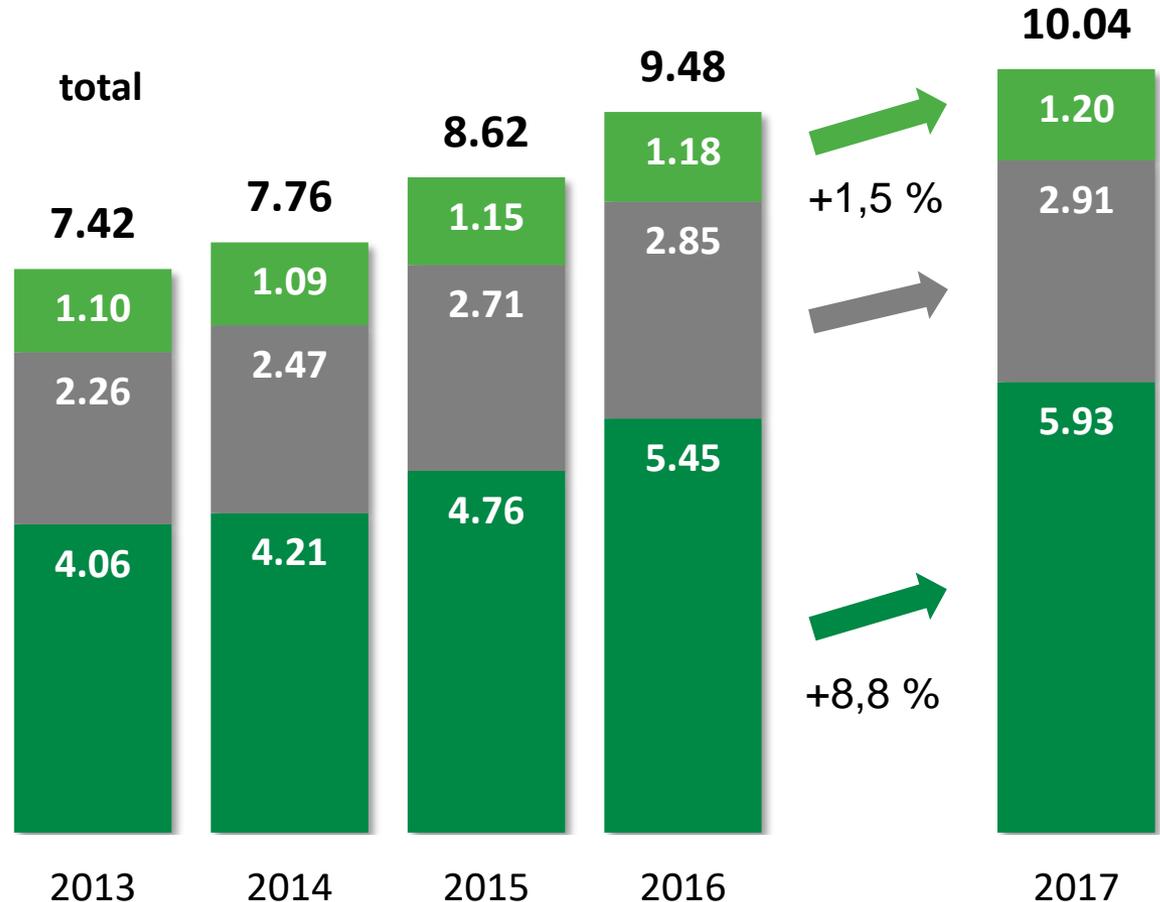


Other

Bakeries, butcher shops, online trader, fuel stations etc.

Organic wholesalers

Retailers



Stimulate supply and demand

- Germany has by far largest demand for organic products in the EU, second place worldwide behind USA.
- Sales volume of organic products (2016): 9,48 billion Euro, equals 5,0 % of total food sales volume in Germany (2015: 4,7 %).
- Growth rate builds on retailer (selling 58 % of organic food); important: discounter.
- 30 – 50 % of total market volume in Germany is imported.



“Organic Farming – Looking Forwards” strategy

- developed in a participatory approach over 2 years
- Presented in February 2017 by Federal Minister for Food and Agriculture
- 20 percent organic agriculture target in Germany’s National Sustainability Strategy (until 2030)
- 24 measures in **5 action areas**
- two programmes for implementation, 2019 and onwards: 36 million EUR/year

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Design a future-focused, coherent legal framework



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Simplify access to organic farming



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Improve performance in organic agriculture systems



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Fully utilise and increase potential demand



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Reward environmental services in an appropriate way



Political instruments to support organic farming in Germany

- Create reliable legal framework (**revision of EU legislation on organic production**)
- **Support** introduction and maintenance of organic farming **with public funds**
- **Support processing and marketing** of organic products
- Federal Organic Farming Scheme and other forms of sustainable agriculture (**BÖLN**)
- **Bio-Siegel** (German organic production logo)
- **Federal Organic Farming Competition**



Grants for promotion of organic farming methods, (payments per hectare) 2016-2019

(in brackets: payment per hectare in 2013)

Type of culture	Introduction	Maintenance
Vegetable growing	590 € (480 €)	360 € (300 €)
Arable land	250 € (210 €)	210 € (170 €)
Grassland	250 € (210 €)	210 € (170 €)
Land under permanent crops or nursery crops	950 € (900 €)	750 € (720 €)

Grants are agreed in Joint Task for the Improvement of Agricultural Structure and Coastal Protection (GAK). The Länder may increase or lower the amounts listed by up to 30%. EU, the federal government and the Länder are financing together.



Support processing and marketing of organic products

- GAK also promotes the improvement of the processing and marketing of quality products, including organically produced agricultural products.
- The support covers the following measures: foundation of and actions taken by producer groups, investments for the processing and marketing of agricultural products (quality products) and co-operations (collaboration).



Federal Organic Farming Scheme and other forms of sustainable agriculture (BÖLN)

- In 2002, the Federal Organic Farming Scheme was set up to improve the general conditions for organic farming. In 2010, the Scheme was extended to include other forms of sustainable agriculture .
- A range of different measures for all areas of the production chain are included under this general aim: from agricultural production, data collection, and processing to trade, marketing and consumers.
- The program started with € 35 million annually, went down to € 17 million annually in 2013; 2019 onwards: € 30 million per year.
- **Focus:** support of research & development and knowledge-transfersowie von Aktivitäten zum Wissenstransfer (mehr als 50 % der Mittel).



Federal Organic Farming Scheme and other forms of sustainable agriculture (BÖLN)

- Since the start of the program, projects have been supported with a funding volume of some € 138 million:
- more than 1,000 research projects
- more than 50 measures, including a knowledge transfer and advanced training programs with several hundred one-day and multi-day seminars for representatives of the entire value-added chain, were devised and implemented
- five support guidelines provided support for
 - 1,880 stalls at trade fairs,
 - 157 information and sales promotion projects and
 - more than 570 holdings either in the lead-up to or during their conversion to organic farming



Bio-Siegel (German organic production logo)

- Introduction in 2001 through national Eco-labelling Act
- marks any products subject to the EU legislation on organic farming
- voluntary use, notification of first use at national authority.
- can be used together with private labels.
- 5,000 users of the label have notified the labelling of 77,449 products.
- is used together with EU-organic-logo (since July 2010).



For more information on organic farming in Germany please visit the following websites:

www.bmel.de

Homepage -> a strong agricultural sector ->

Sustainability and organic farming -> Organic Farming in Germany

www.oekolandbau.de

www.bundesprogramm.de

Many thanks for your attention!



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