ORGANIC FARMING: EUROPE’S SOUTH PRODUCES, NORTH CONSUMES

Organic farmland in three countries in southern Europe accounts for 44.9% of the total across the EU, but when it comes to the consumption of organic products, northern countries top the list.

SHARE OF TOTAL ORGANIC AREA

According to official data, the amount of organic farmland in the EU increased by 18.7% between 2012 and 2016. Analysts estimate that Spain, Italy, France and Germany represent over half of the EU’s total organic farmland (54.4%).

WHAT DO WE PRODUCE?

- 45.1% Pasture and meadows (for organic livestock)
- 44.0% Arable crops (cereals, fresh vegetables, green fodder and industrial crops)
- 10.9% Permanent crops (fruit trees and berries, olive groves and vineyards)

CONSUMPTION

The EU was the world’s second biggest single market in 2016 in organic retail sales (£30.7 billion) after the US (£38.9 billion), followed by China. In the EU, Germany has the largest market for organic food (£9.5 billion).

**Per capita consumption**
- Switzerland: 274 euros
- Denmark: 222 euros
- Sweden: 197 euros
- Germany: 110 euros

**Organic share of total market**
- Denmark: 9.7%
- Luxembourg: 8.6%
- Switzerland: 8.4%
- Germany: 5%