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## Press Release

# More than 26 Million certified organic hectares worldwide

## IFOAM, FiBL and SÖL present new facts and figures about organic farming at the BioFach fair

**Bonn/Frick/Bad Dürkheim/Nürnberg, 23.02.2005 - The International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), the Swiss Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL, the Foundation Ecology & Farming (SÖL), Germany, will present the new study on “The World of Organic Agriculture – Statistics and Emerging Trends 2005” at the BioFach fair 2005 in Nuremberg, the world leading fair for organic food. Conducted with the support of the fair organizers NürnbergMesse, the study will be presented on Friday, 25.02.2005, at 10 am (Room Brüssel).**

According to the study, currently more than 26 million hectares of farmland are under organic management worldwide. This is more than two million hectares more than in the previous year. Helga Willer of FiBL explains that this is an increase of almost ten percent.

In terms of organic land, Australia leads pack with 11.3 million hectares, followed by Argentina (2.8 million hectares) and Italy with more than one million hectares. Regarding the share of organic farmland in comparison with the total agricultural area, Austria, Switzerland and Scandinavian countries lead the way. In Switzerland for example more than ten percent of the agricultural land is managed organically.

In 2003, the market value of organic products worldwide reached 25 billion US\$, the largest share of organic products being marketed in Europe and North America. In upcoming years, Bernward Geier of IFOAM expects ongoing growth of the market and organic land area, also due to an increased support of governments and development organisations.

This global study about organic farming will be presented for the 6<sup>th</sup> time at BioFach. Apart from the impressive collection of figures and illustrations, the study features a updated chapter on the market situation and emerging trends for several continents. Furthermore, the chapters on standards and certification include a wealth of new information. A new chapter on organic farming and sustainability was added.



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## Order and Download

Published in English, the study can be ordered at a cost of 16 Euros (+postage) through IFOAM and FiBL (see addresses above).

The full study can be downloaded at a cost of 8 Euros via the internet at:

- [www.ifoam.org](http://www.ifoam.org)
- <http://shop.fibl.org>, order number 1365

Chapter 2 of the study „Current Status of Organic Farming World-Wide“ summarizing the main results and the global organic statistics can be downloaded free of charge at [www.orgprints.org/4297](http://www.orgprints.org/4297).

## Graphics and Pictures

Graphics and pictures are available via [www.soel.de/oekolandbau/weltweit.html](http://www.soel.de/oekolandbau/weltweit.html).

## The study

Helga Willer and Minou Youssefi (Hrsg.): The World of Organic Agriculture 2005 - Statistics and Emerging Trends. 7<sup>th</sup> revised edition, February 2005, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), DE-Bonn. 186 Seiten, 16,00 EUR, Download 8 Euro, ISBN 3-934055-51-6

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