8.5% of total EU agricultural land is under organic farming (2019)
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**PRODUCTION**

The area under organic farming has increased by almost 66% from 8.3 million hectares in 2009 to 13.8 million hectares in 2019.

Producers receive price premiums of up to 150% on organic products compared to conventional.

There are over 343 858 organic producers and over 78 240 organic processors in the EU in 2019.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

Organic farmland has 30% more biodiversity.

Organic farming is beneficial to pollinators.

Organic farmers limit the use of artificial fertilisers, herbicides and pesticides.

Organic farming plays an important role in improving animal welfare.

**CONSUMPTION**

Retail sales of organic products increased by over 145% from €18 billion to €41 billion in 2009 – 2019.

Even more people recognise the EU logo: 56% in 2020 compared to 27% in 2017.

Around 80% of people believe that organic products are more environmentally friendly and respect higher animal welfare standards.

1Eurobarometer 504 (2020)

2European Commission 2020

3Eurobarometer 504 (2020)