

Germany: Organic development

Main livestock species: **Cattle, poultry, sheep, pigs**

Certified Land area in 2003: **734 027 ha (4.3%)**

Number of producers in 2003: **16.476 (4.2%)**

*of which livestock producers are: about **80%***

Certification bodies: **private**, controlled by the government
(9 national associations, covering 61% of farms, 74% of land area)

National organic farming support introduced: **1985 (funding/ha)**

Value of the retail market: **3.2 Bill. €**

Gross margin related to livestock: **659 €/ ha (40% of farm income)**
(16% related to plant production, 24% direct payments)

Germany: Standards

National regulation introduced: ***demeter* in 1954**,

No additional national regulation beside EC-Reg.

Key differences of private code's of practice to EC-Reg.:

- Conversion of the whole farm, not single sectors
- Shortcut in the transitional period concerning the use of conventional feedstuffs

Problems areas in organic livestock:

- High level concerning diseases and bio security risks
- Lack of adequate premium prices to cover the additional efforts and costs
- Lack of expertise in advisory service, in marketing and consumer organisations