

# UK: Organic Development

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Livestock species:

**Dairy, beef, sheep, pigs, poultry.**

Certified Land area in 2003: **695,619 ha**

Number of producers in 2003: **4,017**

*of which livestock producers: n/a*

No of flocks: *Dairy: **650**; Sheep: **1250**; Beef: **1580**;  
Pigs: **220**; Layers: **350**; Table birds: **180**.*

Certification bodies: **11 private bodies**

National organic farming support introduced: **1994**

Value of the retail market: **1.4 billion Euro (2002)**

Value of the livestock market: **approx. 30 %**

# UK: Standards

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National regulation introduced:

**UKROFS standards introduced in 1987,  
completely revised in 2002**

Topics regulated: **All**

Key differences to EU Regulation 2092/91:

- **Requirement for health plans**
- **Additional environmental guidance**
- **Some differences in the livestock area**

Problems areas organic livestock:

- **Implementation and monitoring of health plan requirements and lack of formalised monitoring of animal welfare**
- **Poultry standards: flock size, definition of flock, lack of breeding and rearing standards, definition of land-based system, genuine outdoor access**
- **Choice and definition of suitable breeds**