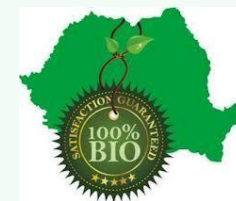


Organic sector in ROMANIA



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Romanian agriculture

The contribution of agriculture in GDP is

≈ 6%

Agriculture engages 30% of the active population working

Total agricultural area is 14.8 mil ha (61.8% the country surface) comprising

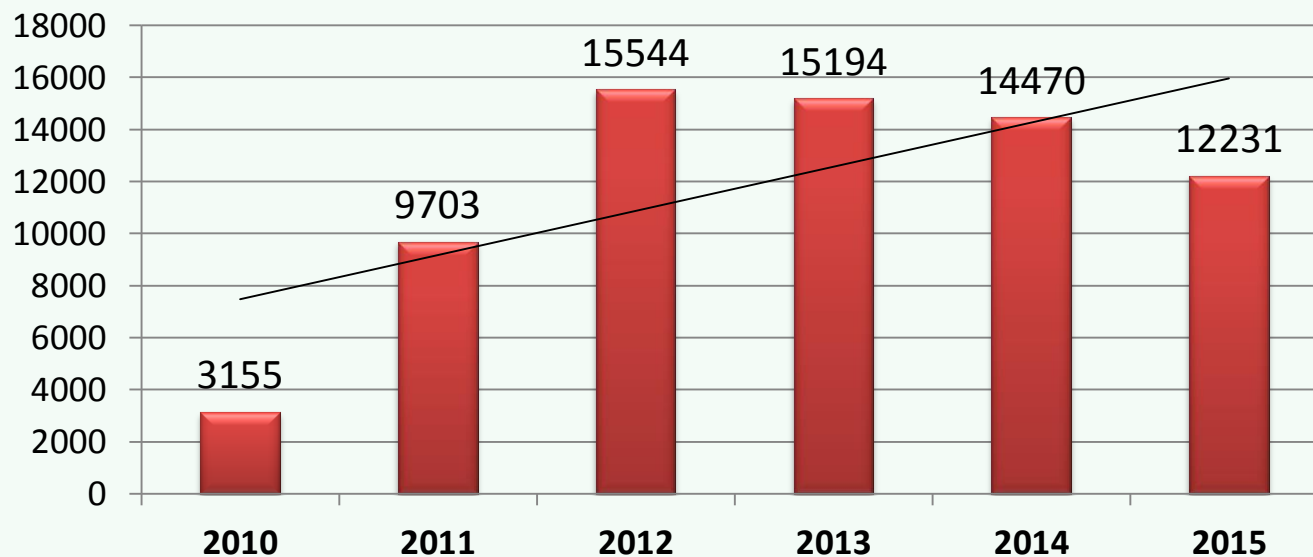
- 9.4 mil ha arable land (63.9%)
- 3.3 mil ha pastures (22.4%)
- 1.5 mil ha meadows (10.2%)
- 218.000 ha vineyards (1.5%)
- 206.000 ha orchards and nurseries (1.4%)



Evolution of the Romanian operators certified in organic agriculture

- 387 % increase of the operators number working in organic agriculture in the last 5 years
- Slight decrease from 2012 by 2016 after a 5 times growth in 2 years from 2010 to 2012

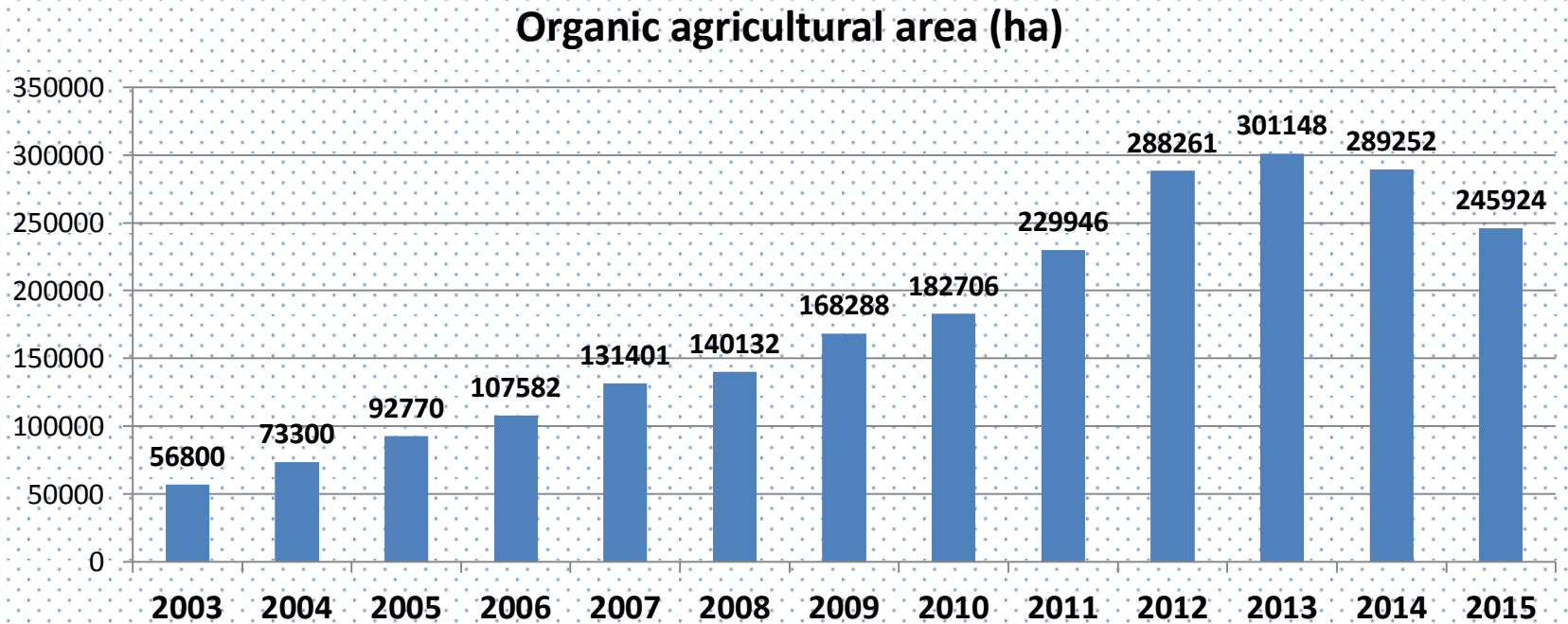
Number of operators certified in organic agriculture



Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, RO

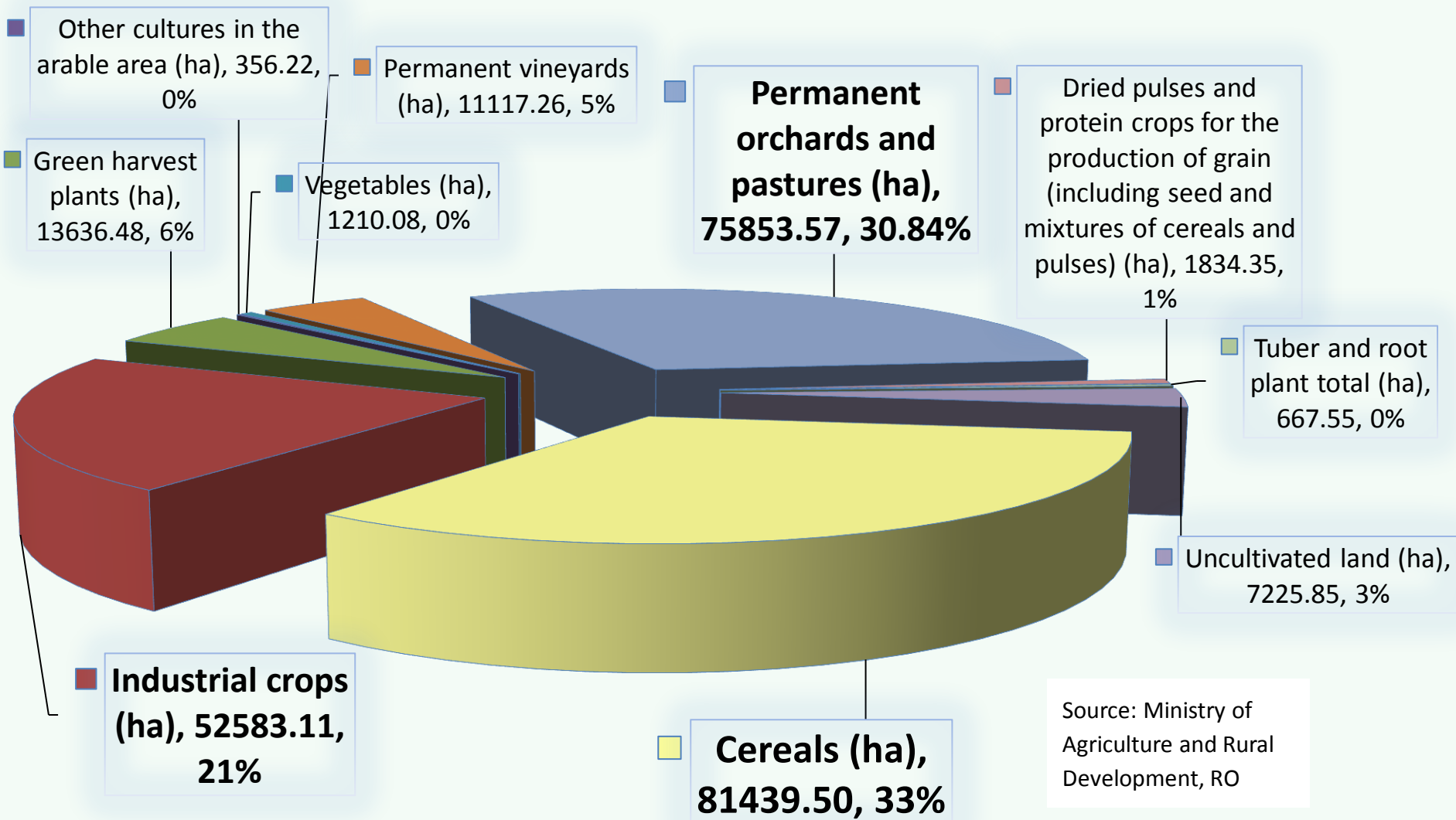
Dynamics' of organic agriculture area

- Constantly increase from 2003 to 2013 (5.3 times)
- Romania occupies the 17th place in the World concerning the arable land per capita (0.5 ha/habitant) and 9th place in EU concerning the organic agri area according to the data published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, for 2015 .
- Organic area in 2015 represent 1.66% of total agricultural area in Romania



Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, RO

Distribution of main organic crops in Romania (2015)



Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, RO

Past, current status and future of organic agriculture in Romania

- Organic farming is one of the sectors registering a high growth rate and potential in recent years, although it still plays a marginal role, considering the small organic production quota out of the total volume of foodstuff production.
- Demand of certified organic products on the market exceeds the supply, considering what the European farmers are producing at the moment.
- Most certified organic farming operators do not process the raw material, but sell it as such. Therefore, Romanian organic sector is highly export-oriented. eg: Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Denmark, USA, Japan. More than 100 mil eur/year is actual market.
- Top-selling products: Cereals (wheat and maize), vegetables, honey and wine, wild mushrooms and berries from the mountains.

Past, current status and future of organic agriculture in Romania

- The growing demand for healthy food among the middle class increase the internal consumption. In the last years, bigger retailers start selling on organic stands and also have been opened several dedicated stores. Unfortunately, only 20% of the organic products in the local markets are autochthonous.
- The consumption of organic products in Romania is $\approx 0.5\%$ of the total food selling volume, and only 1% of the organic production obtained in Romania is consumed internally, the rest of 99% being exported to other countries where is processed.



Past, current status and future of organic agriculture in Romania

- The legislation is up-to-date and follows EU Regulation (EC). Organic producers must be certified by one of the registered control bodies. There is a national logo for organic products, which is owned by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. It can be used for products that comply with the Romanian Organic legislation.



- Common Agricultural Policy includes financial instruments meant to support the conversion from the conventional to certified organic production. It also provides annual financing for the plots of farmland under organic crop.

ORGANIZATIONS in the field of ORGANIC AGRICULTURE



BIO-ROMANIA-The association of organic operators

Asociația Operatorilor din Agricultură ecologică BIO ROMÂNIA

www.bio-romania.org



Bio poultry association Romania

Asociația Bioavicultorilor din România – BIOAVIROM,

București; www.bioavirom.ro



Romanian Association for Sustainable Agriculture

Asociația Română pentru Agricultură Durabilă, Fundulea, jud. Călărași

www.agriculturadurabila.ro



Organic Farmers Association of Romania „BIOTERRA”

Asociația bioagricultorilor din România „BIOTERRA”, jud.

Cluj; www.bioterra.org.ro

Organic Farmers Association of Moldova

Asociația Bioagricultorilor din Moldova „BIOMOLD”, Bacău



EcoR partner Association, Bucharest

Asociația EcoR Partener, București



National Federation of Organic Agriculture

Federația Națională a Agriculturii Ecologice

www.fnae.ro

Romanian Association of applied organic agriculture

Asociația Română De Bioagricultura Aplicativa - Ferma Ecologica Familială, județul Arad



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