

Table 1: Development of hectares under organic and conventional management and number of organic farms in Finland from 1989 to 1998 and preliminary figures for the year 1999 (situation at 31<sup>st</sup> of December each year)

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Estimate 2000
<b>Certified organic</b>	1,500	2,291	3,500	8,790	13,332	19,351	23,139	27,218	42,748	83,836	100,084	122,000
<b>In conversion</b>	800	4,435	9,781	7,069	7,008	6,471	21,556	57,338	59,594	42,340	36,581	19,000
<b>Total (organic)</b>	2,300	6,726	13,281	15,859	20,340	25,822	44,695	84,556	102,342	126,176	136,665	141,000
<b>% of total agricultural area</b>	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.1	2.1	4.0	4.9	5.8	6.2	6.4
<b>Number of organic farms</b>	373	671	950	1,305	1,599	1,818	2,793	4,452	4,381	4,975	5,197	5,300
<b>% of all active farms</b>	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.6	2.8	4.6	4.8	5.9	6.1	6.5
<b>Organically grown area per farm (hectares)</b>	6.2	10.1	14.0	12.2	12.7	14.2	16.0	19.0	23.4	25.4	26.3	26.6
<b>Total agricultural area (1000 hectares)</b>	2,229	2,271	2,291	2,271	2,261	2,302	2,145	2,144	2,150	2,192	2,202	2,200
<b>Total number of active farms (1000 farms)</b>	128.0	129.1	126.1	121.3	116.3	114.5	100.0	94.1	90.2	87.5	E85.0	E82.0

Source: Plant Production Inspection Centre (KTTK) (years 1994- ) and Union for Organic Farming (Luomuliitto r.y.) (years 1989 -93). Calculations on land utilisation in the whole country supplied by Information Centre of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Yearbooks of Farm Statistics 1988 -99).