



Slow growing poultry Availability of organic pullets organic poultry meat production

Civil Dialogue Group on organic production

24 October 2023

Organic poultry

- Statistics: Eurostat database organic livestock poultry and chicken heads; organic poultry meat
- [Database - Eurostat \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat)
- Legislation: Reg (EU) 2018/848 and Reg (EU) 2020/464
- Summary of annual notifications received from MS in OFIS 2 on slow growing poultry for organic meat production and availability of organic pullets (notifications received in 2023 for the year 2022)

Statistics from eurostat: organic livestock live poultry heads

Time frequency	Annual										
Live animals	Live poultry										
Unit of measure	Head (animal)										
	TIME	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021				
GEO (Labels)											
European Union - 27 countries (from 2020)		39,839,728	:	:	:	:	:				
Belgium		2,701,320	3,305,490	4,096,098	4,592,154	5,109,020	:				
Bulgaria		3,926	3,122	2,176	2,260	3,530	:				
Czechia		41,808	43,675	49,675	54,174	50,079	:				
Denmark		2,569,163	3,856,284	3,506,802	3,349,215	3,932,411	:				
Germany		6,777,569	:	:	:	8,562,076	:				
Estonia		28,423	28,797	36,212	36,315	37,784	:				
Ireland		134,221	150,890	161,816	192,376	202,748	:				
Greece		242,371	244,914	252,280	258,751	305,757	:				
Spain		605,511	830,100	1,030,745	1,826,581	1,965,505	:				
France		14,636,658	17,128,499	20,181,495	22,713,723	e 23,844,564	e				
Croatia		3,388	2,174	1,870	1,523	4,918	:				
Italy		4,636,012	3,027,604	3,482,435	:	4,364,477	:				
Cyprus		19,146	19,627	24,330	23,720	20,324	:				
Latvia		31,180	34,131	37,417	45,296	47,264	:				
Lithuania		7,342	13,459	16,719	10,108	12,208	:				
Luxembourg		30,710	30,365	32,528	33,982	38,942	:				
Hungary		77,520	106,292	83,538	131,367	95,349	:				
Malta		0	0	0	0	0	:				
Netherlands		2,902,870	3,306,422	3,733,888	3,926,491	3,890,171	:				
Austria		2,282,384	2,401,195	2,594,068	2,840,750	3,134,238	:				
Poland		250,931	291,716	349,697	484,153	696,153	:				
Portugal		42,391	48,160	57,548	64,630	56,226	:				
Romania		63,254	:	83,859	126,875	171,391	:				
Slovenia		101,340	104,940	93,145	96,641	87,972	:				
Slovakia		5,311	3,876	5,340	5,863	5,332	:				
Finland		226,906	258,650	312,202	335,538	341,101	:				
Sweden		1,418,073	1,412,488	1,411,540	1,395,620	1,371,403	:				

Statistics from eurostat: organic livestock broilers heads

Time frequency		Annual							
Live animals		Broilers							
Unit of measure		Head (animal)							
	TIME 2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
GEO (Labels)									
European Union - 27 countries (from 2020)	:	:	:	:	:				
Belgium	2,167,775	2,639,764	3,269,147	3,683,472	4,196,697				
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0				
Czechia	22,554	26,357	27,960	30,550	29,912				
Denmark	933,916	1,867,564	1,385,765	1,296,635	1,472,756				
Germany	1,184,745	:	:	:	1,307,470				
Estonia	4,543	4,975	5,092	4,565	7,025				
Ireland	:	22,281	:	27,496	32,906				
Greece	:	:	:	:	:				
Spain	251,170	362,900	387,457	968,820	1,016,218				
France	9,728,125	11,372,916	12,921,180	14,165,410	e 14,146,395				e
Croatia	150	29	85	23	7				
Italy	:	:	:	:	:				
Cyprus	11,035	11,465	13,976	8,553	6,385				
Latvia	:	:	:	4,611	9,743				
Lithuania	0	:	3,394	0	3,659				
Luxembourg	16,200	15,700	15,350	15,000	14,900				
Hungary	:	:	:	:	:				
Malta	0	0	0	:	:				
Netherlands	:	84,509	99,866	136,197	190,977				
Austria	980,699	1,132,177	1,248,722	1,390,986	1,533,377				
Poland	36,337	38,299	36,078	21,218	:				
Portugal	:	12,094	8,989	10,587	5,076				
Romania	0	:	:	:	27,045				
Slovenia	:	:	:	:	:				
Slovakia	216	:	:	:	:				
Finland	:	:	27,744	23,274	d 20,550				d
Sweden	145,218	171,478	128,435	134,643	148,860				

Statistics from eurostat: organic animal products poultry meat

Dataset:	Organic production of animal products [ORG_APROD__custom_7748622]									
Last updated:	27/09/2023 23:00									
Time frequency	Annual									
Agricultural products	Poultry meat									
Unit of measure	Tonne									
	TIME	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020
GEO (Labels)										
Belgium		3,252		3,960		4,904		5,525		6,295
Bulgaria		0		12		0	n	2		4
Czechia		113		112		167		197		191
Denmark		:	n	:	n	:		:		:
Germany		:		:		:		:		:
Estonia		12		14		29		35		21
Ireland		:		223		:		323		262
Greece		:		:		:		:		:
Spain		944		1,238		1,289		1,921		2,775
France		16,077		18,142		23,039		25,179		25,977
Croatia		4		3		2		2		1
Italy		:		:		:		:		:
Cyprus		:		23		:		17		13
Latvia		:		:		:		:		:
Lithuania		:	c	:	c	:		:		c
Luxembourg		:	n	:	n	:	n	:		:
Hungary		:		:		:		:		:
Malta		0		0		0		:		:
Netherlands		623	e	575	e	679	e	926	e	1,299
Austria		:		:		:		:		:
Poland		:		:		:		22		:
Romania		0		1		:		:		4
Slovenia		:		:		:		:		:
Slovakia		0		:		:		:		:
Finland		180		:	n	:	n	:		:
Sweden		1,523		1,667		1,217		1,333		1,420

Regulation (EU) 2018/848: slow growing strains

Annex II Part II Livestock production rules

1.9.4. For poultry

1.9.4.1. Origin of animals

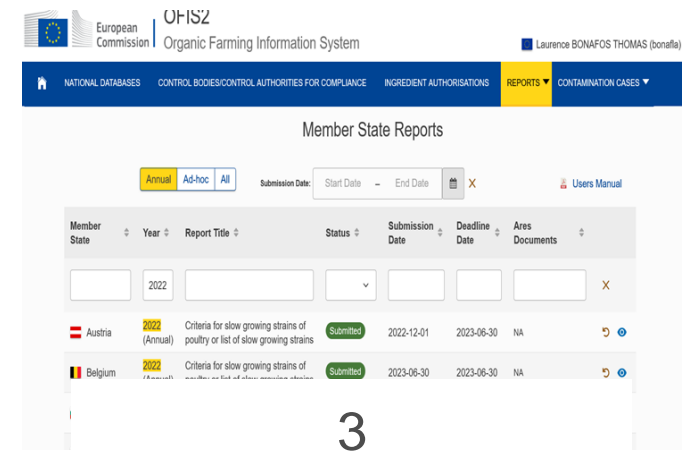
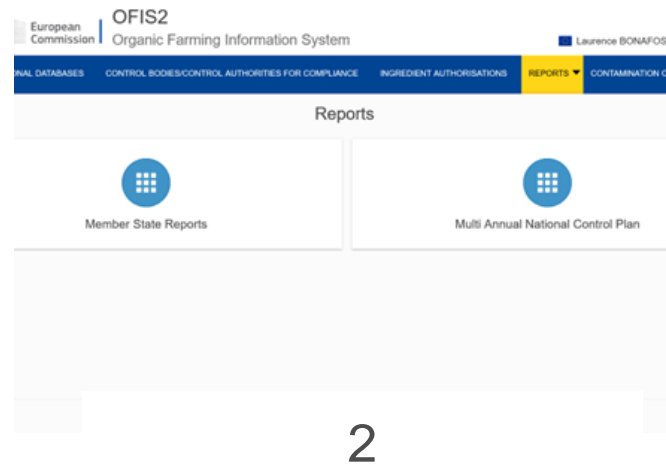
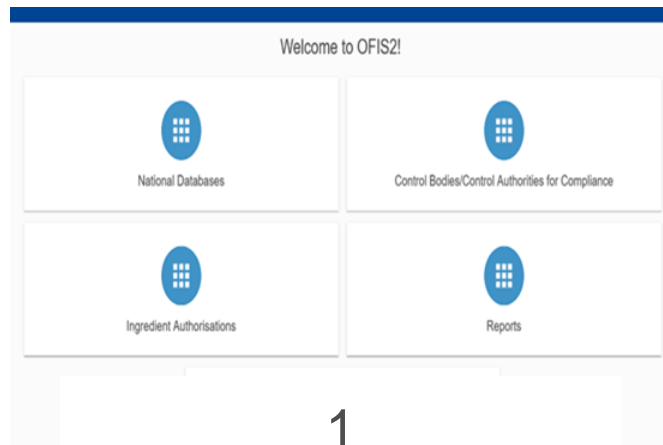
To prevent the use of intensive rearing methods, **poultry shall either be reared until they reach a minimum age or else shall come from slow-growing poultry strains adapted to outdoor rearing.**

The competent authority shall define the **criteria of slow-growing strains or draw up a list of those strains and provide this information to operators, other Member States and the Commission.**

- **Where slow-growing poultry strains are not used by the farmer, the minimum age at slaughter shall be as follows:**

- (a) 81 days for chickens;
- (b) 150 days for capons;
- (c) 49 days for Peking ducks;
- (d) 70 days for female Muscovy ducks;
- (e) 84 days for male Muscovy ducks;
- (f) 92 days for Mulard ducks;
- (g) 94 days for guinea fowl;
- (h) 140 days for male turkeys and roasting geese;
- and (i) 100 days for female turkeys
- f) 92 days for Mulard ducks;
- (g) 94 days for guinea fowl;
- (h) 140 days for male turkeys and roasting geese;
- and
- (i) 100 days for female turkeys

OFIS 2



Summary of the notifications received from MS in 2023 on slow growing poultry in organic production

- Report not new for MS as already required under previous legislation
- 27/27 MS reported in OFIS
- Different means used by MS : decree, website, guidelines
- Few changes since last reports



Summary of 27 notifications received from MS in 2023 on slow growing poultry in organic production

- **Minimum ages at slaughter as in Reg 2018/848**
- No organic poultry production or
- No list or criteria used
- **List of slow growing poultry strains adapted to outdoor rearing**
- Autochthonous breeds
- Local breeds
- Specific hybrids
- Variable range of species covered
- **Criteria for slow growing poultry strains**
- Maximum daily growth rates variable between MS mainly for broilers
- Poultry strains with needs to define slow growing (criteria 80% daily growth at peak production) vs poultry strains with no needs to define such criteria

Regulation (EU) 2018/848: organic pullets availability

Article 26(3) Reg 2018/848

3. Member States may also set up systems which allow operators that market [...] organic pullets and that are able to supply those animals in sufficient quantities and within a reasonable period to make public the relevant information on a voluntary basis, free of charge, together with names and contact details.

Article 53(6) Reg 2018/848

6. By 30 June of each year, Member States shall make available to the Commission and to the other Member States: (a) information provided [...] if relevant, in the systems referred to in Article 26(3)

Commission regulation (EU) 2020/464

ANNEX III INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY MEMBER STATES AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 25

Article 25 (1) Reg 2020/464

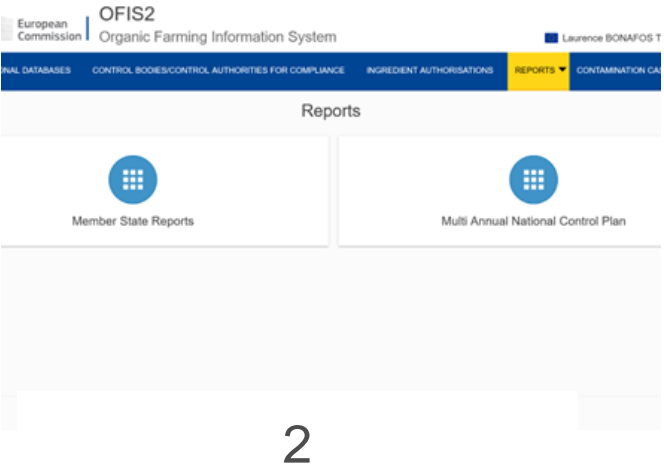
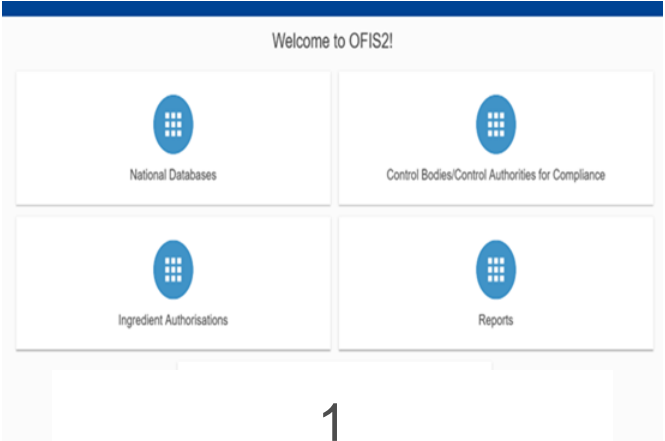
Information to be provided by Member States

1. Member States shall provide the information to be made available pursuant to point (a) of Article 53(6) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 from [...] the systems referred to in Article 26(2) and, **where applicable, in Article 26(3) of that Regulation in accordance with the specifications set out in Part I of Annex III to this Regulation**

Part I: Information from the database referred to in Article 26(1) and the systems referred to in Article 26(2) and, where applicable, in Article 26(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848

5. Where relevant, the information concerning the availability of organic pullets as referred to in Article 26(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 shall include the following: — species and genus (common and Latin name); — breeds and strains — production purposes: meat, eggs, dual purpose or breeding; — quantity (total number of animals) available as estimated by operators; — rearing system (indicate whether multi-tiers); — health status in line with animal health horizontal rules; — number of operators who uploaded information pursuant to Article 26(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on a voluntary basis.

OFIS 2



Bulgaria	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-06-30	2023-06-30	NA		
Cyprus	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-06-30	2023-06-30	NA		
Czechia	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-09-14	2023-06-30	NA		
Germany	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-06-30	2023-06-30	NA		
Denmark	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-08-13	2023-06-30	NA		
Estonia	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-07-07	2023-06-30	NA		
Spain	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-06-30	2023-06-30	NA		
Finland	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-06-29	2023-06-30	NA		
France	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-06-28	2023-06-30	NA		
Croatia	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-06-30	2023-06-30	NA		
Hungary	2022 (Annual)	Information on the availability of organic products	Submitted	2023-06-30	2023-06-30	NA		

3

Summary of notifications received from MS on availability of organic pullets

- 25/27 MS sent information
- Situation variable between MS
- No systems put in place
- No operators
- Few operators
- Pre-orders for future production

Thank you



© European Union 2020

Unless otherwise noted the reuse of this presentation is authorised under the [CC BY 4.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/) license. For any use or reproduction of elements that are not owned by the EU, permission may need to be sought directly from the respective right holders.

Slide xx: element concerned, source: e.g. Fotolia.com; Slide xx: element concerned, source: e.g. iStock.com

