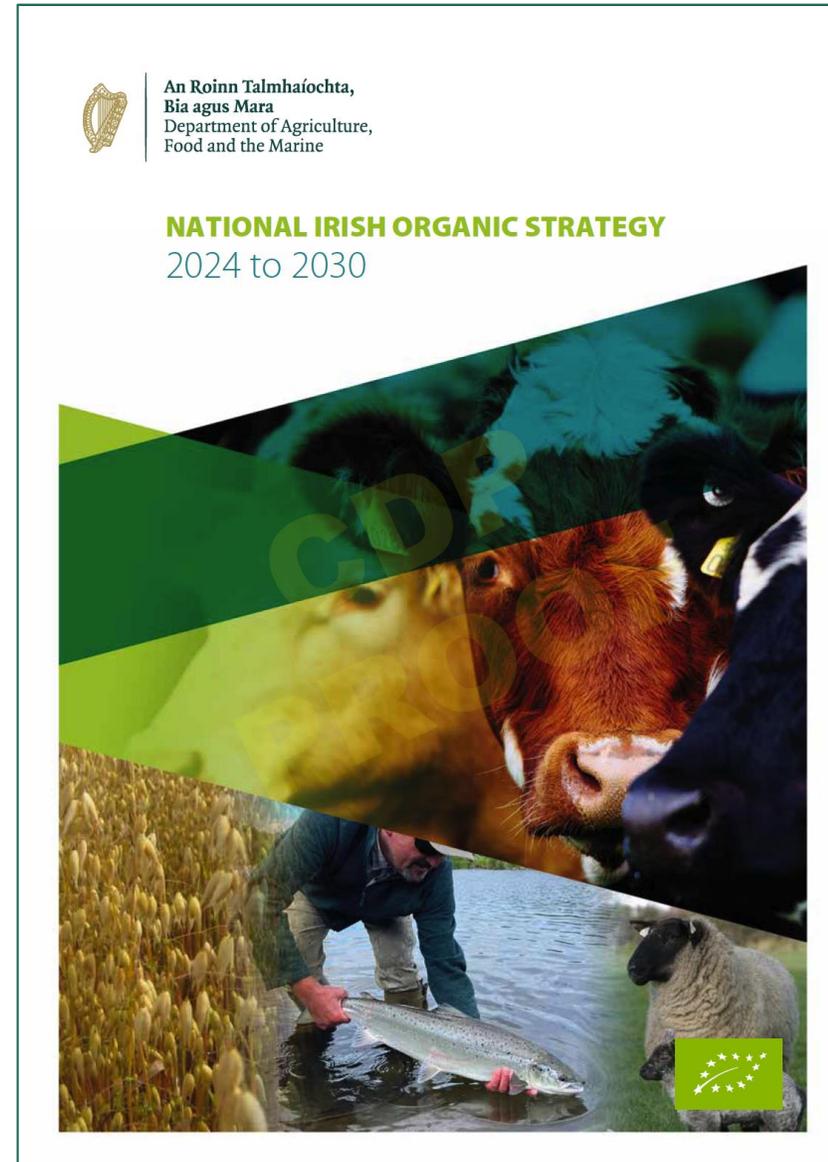


# AXIS II Increasing supply of organic products

Nature & Organic Unit

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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# Ireland – Organics is a growing sector

Land farmed organically  
has trebled over last three  
years to 5% of total

Number of farmers  
has more than trebled over  
the period (5,000)





04 January 2024

'Knowledge gap' in organic conversion to be addressed in new research project



A new research project, which is a collaboration between Teagasc and UCD, and supported by funding from the Department of Agriculture,

# Recent Progress



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What does  
success look  
like?

## Organic is viewed by farmers, food producers and policy makers as:

- Playing an important role in safeguarding the future of Ireland's agri-food sector
- Nurturing the natural environment
- Meeting evolving consumer needs

**Sector contributes significant value to rural communities by delivering €750 million in output annually (€200m today)**



# Ambitions by category



**BEEF**

Potential to reach 12,000 tonnes provided leakage can be reduced to 10%



**LAMB**

If leakage can successfully be reduced output could reach 3,000 tonnes by 2030



**DAIRY**

Potential to double by 2030 to over 40 million litres



**POULTRY**

Dominated by eggs. Potential to grow from 4% market share to 6% by 2030



**TILLAGE**

Potential for tillage area to more than double by 2030



**HORTICULTURE**

Addressing import challenge & building grower capability to service retail is key



**AQUACULTURE**

Further growth potential to build on Ireland's position as leading EU producer.





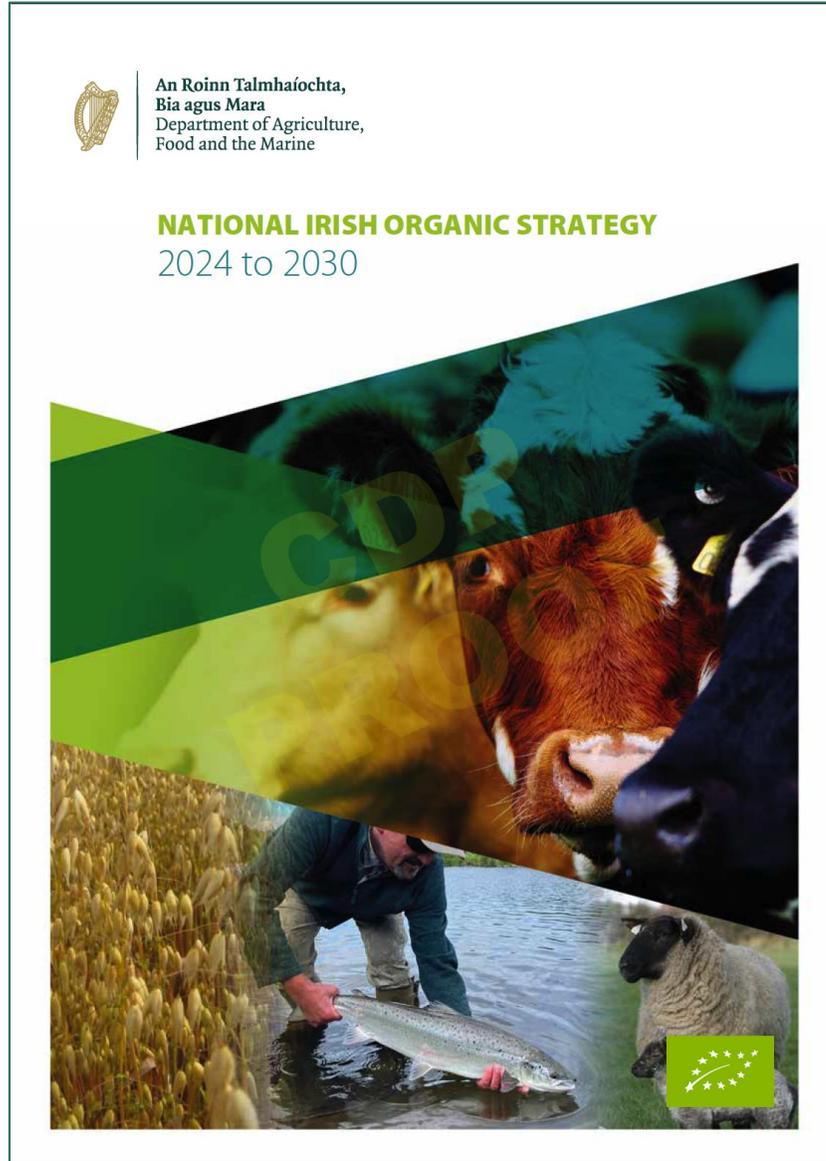
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## Issues that need to be addressed

- Double funding with agri env schemes
- Potential to use organic food for EU school schemes
- Cost of animal feedingstuffs
- Practicality of processing small volumes of organic products



# National Organic Strategy 2024 - 2030



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