

AXIS II Increasing supply of organic products

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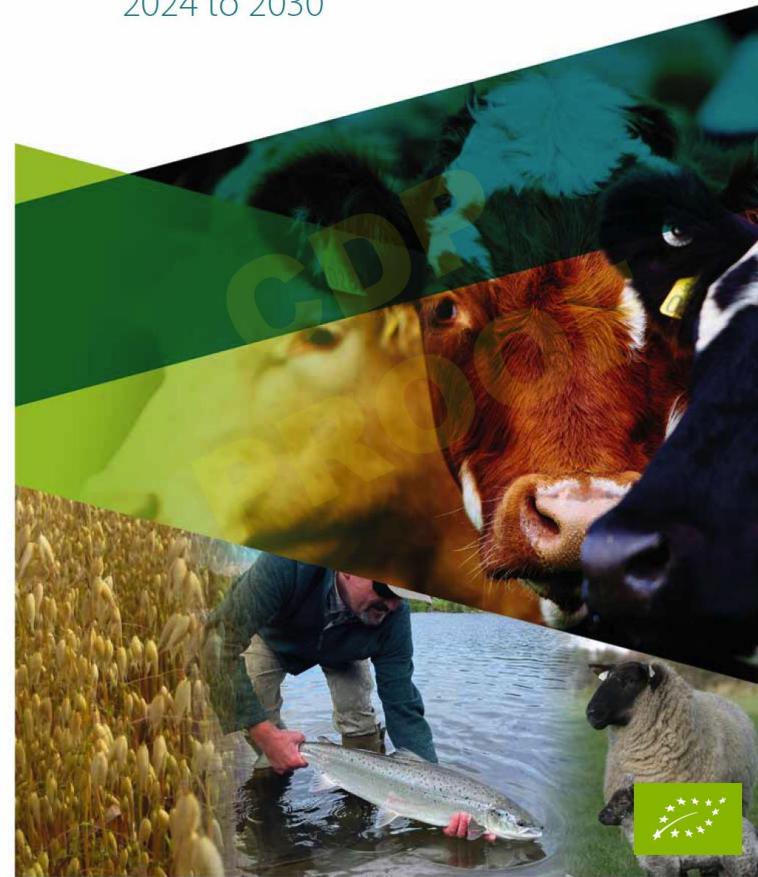
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NATIONAL IRISH ORGANIC STRATEGY 2024 to 2030



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)





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'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

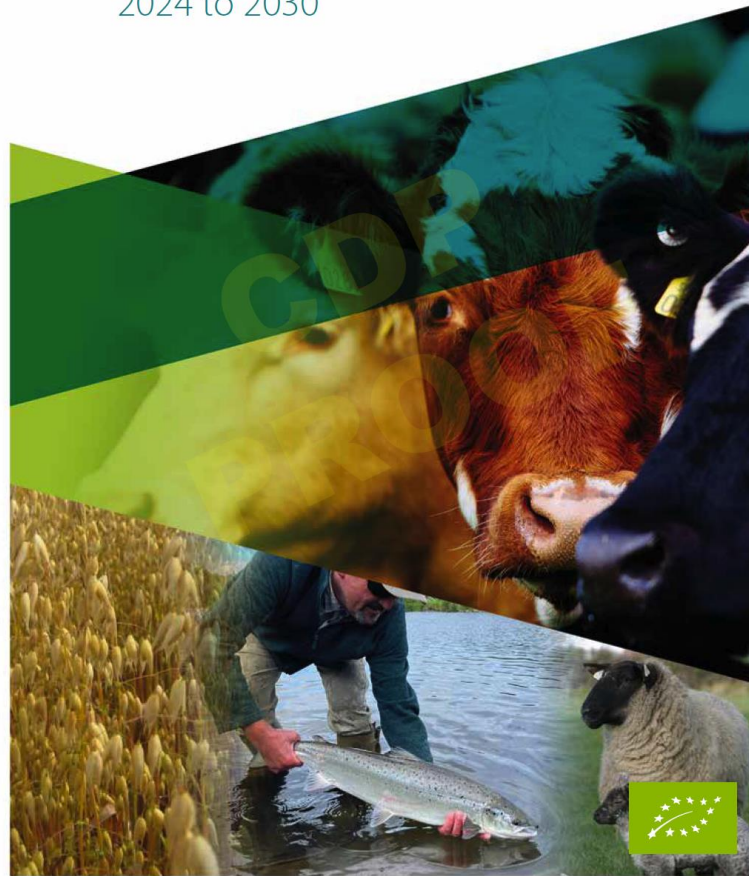


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