





# Organic farming in Estonia

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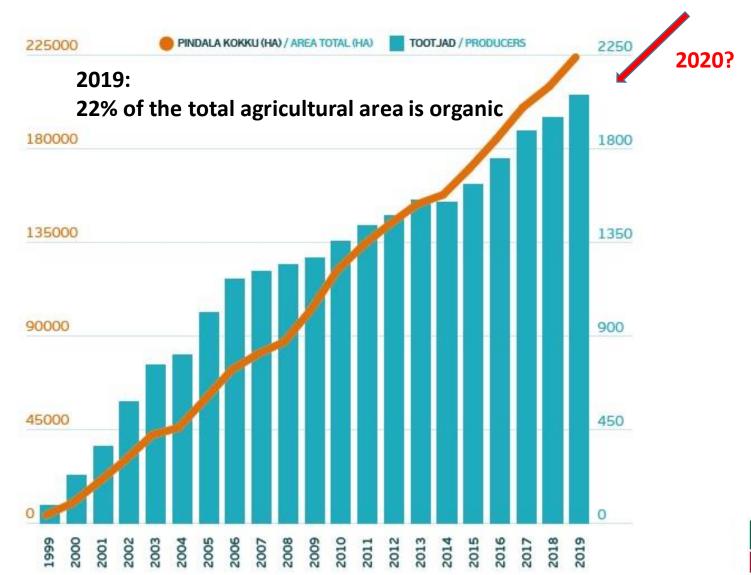


### Organic farming in Estonia 2019

- Organic land area has more than doubled in the last ten years, reaching 224,161 ha (+7%), representing ca 22% of the total agricultural area in 2019.
- This percentage makes Estonia one of the three leading countries in the EU by the share of organic area together with Austria and Sweden.
- In total, 2060 farms were involved in organic farming.
- In addition, there are 104,305 ha of wild collection area.



## Area of organic land (ha) and number of organic farms 1999–2019





#### Best organic producer 2020





Ehe Mesi OÜ, beekeeper





#### **Best organic drink 2020**

I place – Öun Drinks; rhubarb-spruce sparkling drink

U place – Jaanibanso: Cassis blackcurrant

II place – Jaanihanso; Cassis blackcurrant sparkling wine 2018



#### **Best organic food 2020**

I place – Eco Flora; dried tomatoes in extra virgin olive oil

II place – Kolotsi Farm; white bleu cheese from goat's and cow's milk

III place – Koplimäe Organic Farm; organic rye-chocolate cookies



## Long-term programme of knowledge transfer in organic farming 2016-2020

- Training days for farmers, processors and caterers
- Demonstration trials and their presentation events
- Presentation events in organic enterprises
- Study groups
- Study trips in Estonia and abroad
- Information materials
- Internet portal <a href="www.maheklubi.ee">www.maheklubi.ee</a> provides all the information on events, published materials and other actual topics to the organic sector.



