

ORGANIC (ECO) PRODUCTION AND MARKETING IN THE ITALY.

Current Market and Statutory Environment.

1. Legislative Framework.

In Italy, is enforced the decree of 20 February 2007, that is the modification of decree of the 5 December 2006, relative one to the organisms of control, authorizes to the senses of the decree legislative 17 March 1995, n. 220, that they have the obligation of communication to the Agriculture Ministry (MIPAAF) of the variations of the own structure and documentation of system.

This decree, is based on the EC regulations n. 2092/91 of the Council of the 24 June 1991 and successive modifications and/or relative integrations to the organic method of production of agricultural products and to the indications of such method on the agricultural products and the alimentary commodities;

Following the art. 1 of the decree legislative n. 220 of 17 March 1995, the MIPAAF is the authority for the scientific control and the technical coordination of administrative activity and inherent the application of the communitarian regulation in matter of organic agriculture, of which to Reg. (the EC) n. 2092/91 of the 24 June 1991 and successive modifications and integrations.

The control organisms, of which to the organic certification bodies (see the below list), are authorized from the Ministry to exercise the control on the activity of the agricultural production, the preparation and the import of products obtained according to the method of organic agriculture, are held to transmit to the same Ministry copy of documents inherent modifications to their structure or documentation of system (charter, handbook of the quality, slowly type of control, operating procedures and instructions, directory and resumes of the assigned technical staff to the activity of control) within fifteen days from the formal approval of such modifications. The Ministry within thirty days from the reception of the documentation expresses just the opinion.

2. Organic Certification bodies and standards

The **Italian certification bodies** approved by DEFRA through ACOS are listed in the following table.

Name	Code (Min. IT)	Address	Phone/Fax	Email
ABC – Fratelli Bartolomeo s.s.	ABC	Via Roma, 45 700025 – Grumo Appula - Bari	Tel: +39 080 3839578 Fax: +39 080 3839578	Email: abc@abcitalia.org abc.italia@libero.it Website: www.abcitalia.org
ANCCP – Agenzia Nazionale Certificazione Componenti e Prodotti S.r.l.	ANC	Via Rombon, 11 20134 Milano	Tel: +39 02 2104071 Fax: +39 02 210407218	Email: anccp@anccp.it Website: www.anccp.it
Bioagricert S.r.l.	BAC	Via deio Macabraccia, 8 40033 – Casalecchio di Reno - Bologna	Tel: +39 051 562158 Fax: +39 051 564294	Email: info@bioagricert.org Website: www.bioagricert.org
BIOS S.r.l.	BSI	Via Monte Grappa, 37/C, 26063 Marostica - Vicenza	Tel: +39 0424 471125 Fax: +39 0424 478947	Email: info@certbios.it Website: www.certbios.it/
BIOZOO –S.r.l.	BZO	Via Chironi, 9 07100 - Sassari	Tel: +39 079 276537 Fax: +39 1782247626	Email: info@biozoo.org Website: www.biozoo.org/
CCPB – Consorzio per il Controllo dei Prodotti Biologici	CPB	Via Jacopo Barozzi, 8 40126 Bologna	Tel: +39 051 6089811 Fax: +39 051 254842	Email: ccpb@ccpb.it Website: www.ccpb.it
Certiquality – Istituto di Certificazione della qualità	CTQ	Via Gaetano Giardino, 4 20123 Milano	Tel: +39 02 8069171 Fax: +39 02 86465295	Email: certiquality@certiquality.it Website: www.certiquality.it
CODEX S.r.l.	CDX	Via Duca degli Abruzzi, 41 95048 Scordia, Catanzaro	Tel: +39 095 650716 Fax: +39 095 650356	Email: codex@codexsrl.it Website: www.codexsrl.it/
Ecocert Italia S.r.l.	ECO	Corso delle Provincie, 60, 95127 Catania	Tel: +39 095 318433 Fax: +39 095 311589	Email: info@ecocertitalia.it Website: www.ecocertitalia.it
Ecosystem International Certificazioni S.r.l.	ECS	Via Monte San Michele, 49 – 73100 Lecce	Tel: +39 0832 318433 Fax: +39 0832 311589	Email: info@ecosystem-srl.com Webmail: www.ecosystem-srl.com/
ICEA – Istituto per la Certificazione Etica e Ambientale	ICA	Strada Maggiore, 29 40125 Bologna	Tel: +39 051 2728986 Fax: +39 051 232011	Email: icea@icea.info Webmail: www.icea.info
ICS – Control System Insurance S.r.l.	ICS	Viale Ombrone, 5 – 58100 Grosseto	Tel: +39 0564 417987 Fax: +39 0564 410465	Email: info@bioics.com Webmail: www.bioics.com
IMC – Istituto Mediterraneo di Certificazione S.r.l.	IMC	Via Carlo Pisacane, 32 – 60019 Senigallia - Ancona	Tel: +39 071 7930179 Fax: +39 071 7910043	Email: imcert@imcert.it Webmail: www.imcert.it
Q.C. & I. – International Services s.a.s	QCI	Villa Parigini Loc. Basciano – 53035 Monteriggioni - Siena	Tel: +39 0577 327234 Fax: +39 0577 329907	Email: lettera@gci.it Webmail: www.gci.it
Sidel S.p.a.	SDL	Via Larga, 34/2 – 40138 Bologna	Tel: +39 051 6026611 Fax: +39 051 6012227	Email: sidel@sidelitalia.it Webmail: www.sidelitalia.it

3. Organic Market and Production Statistics.

From the complete analysis of the data supplied to the Ministry of the Alimentary and Forest Agricultural Political from the Organisms of Control (OdC) operating in Italy to 31 December 2006, on the base of the elaborations of the SINAB (System of National Information on Biological Agriculture), turns out that the operating ones of the field are 51,065 of which: 45,115 producers; 4,739 transformers; 194 importers; 1.017 others. Regarding the data reported to the 2005 a total increase of 2,42% is found. The distribution of the operating ones on the national territory sees Sicily and Calabria between the regions with greater presence of biological companies (Table 1, Figures 1-3). The interested surface (Figure 4), in conversion or entire converted to biological agriculture, turns out, to one before esteem, par to 1.148.162 hectares, with an increment of 7.60% regarding the previous year. The main productive guidelines interest forages, pastures, and cereals, than in theirs entirety they represent 70% approximately of the surface to biological agriculture. It follows, in order of importance, the invested surface to olives. For the productions animals, distinguished on the base of the main productive type, the data evidence a general increment of the number of heads (Table 2). The activity of control, exercised from the OdC, has been realized in 62.566 inspecting visits, with withdrawal of money and analysis of 4.694 champions.

Table 1. Number of operating for activity and region

Region	Producers	Coaches	Importers	Others	Total at 31/12/06	Total at 31/12/05	Diff., % 05-06
Valle d'Aosta	68	7	0	2	77	79	-2.53
Molise	215	35	0	10	260	293	-11.26
Friuli V.G.	279	90	4	5	378	398	-5.03
Liguria	324	68	10	14	416	449	-7.35
Trento-Bolzano	776	159	7	4	946	862	9.74
Lombardia	823	435	30	49	1,337	1,339	-0.15
Sardegna	1,334	63	1	19	1,417	1,602	-11.55
Abruzzo	1,247	141	3	43	1,434	1,499	-4.34
Umbria	1,377	112	7	21	1,517	1,482	2.36
Veneto	974	456	34	62	1,526	1,551	-1.61
Campania	1,277	201	4	46	1,528	1,433	6.63
Piemonte	2,087	333	20	82	2,522	2,726	-7.48
Marche	2,490	171	2	37	2,700	2,762	-2.24
Lazio	2,436	278	3	44	2,761	2,818	-2.02
Toscana	2,249	422	19	175	2,865	2,841	0.84
Emilia R.	3,053	679	38	128	3,898	4,050	-3.75
Basilicata	4,817	62	0	19	4,898	4,937	-0.79
Puglia	5,211	395	7	51	5,664	6,109	-7.28
Calabria	6,566	165	0	80	6,811	4,178	63.02
Sicilia	7,512	467	5	126	8,110	8,451	-4.04
TOTALE	45,115	4,739	194	1,017	51,065	49,859	2.42

Table 2. Livestock Number in Italy

Livestock Type	Livestock Numbers		Difference 05-06 %
	2006	2005	
Cattle	222,752	222,516	0.09
Sheep	852,115	738.737	15.35
Pigs	29,736	31,338	-5.11
Poultry	1,571,310	977,537	60.74
Goats	90,591	86.537	4.68
Horses	7,026	7,397	-5.02
Rabbit	2,343	1,293	81.21
Bees (number of stream beds)	85,489	72,241	18.34
Other animals	1,834	3,271	-43.93

Figure 1 – Number of PRODUCERS per region

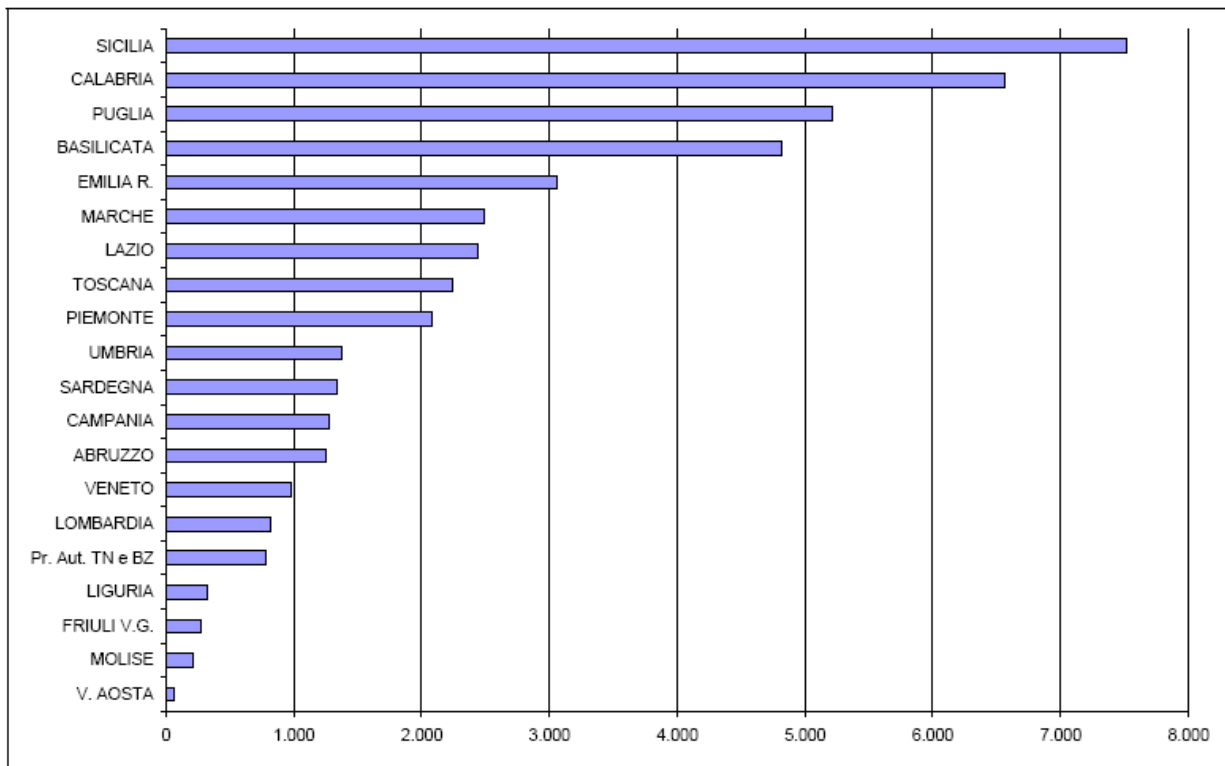


Figure 2 – Number of COACHES per region

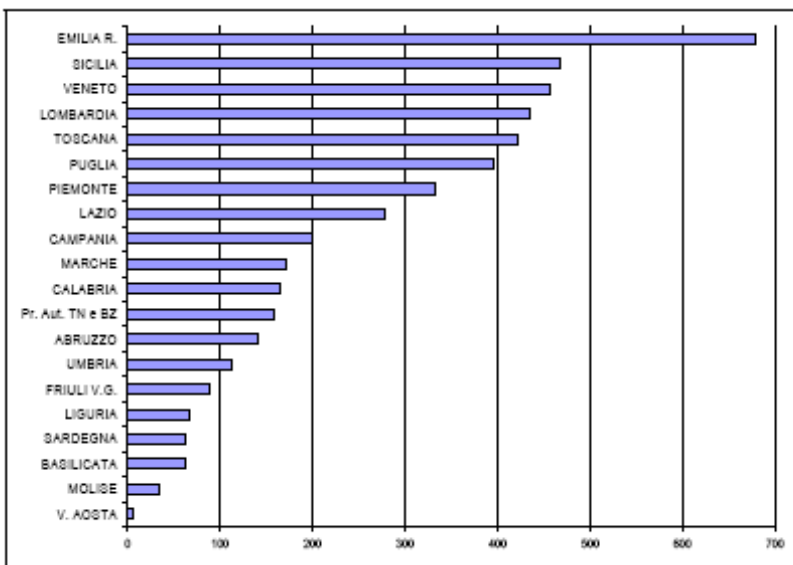


Figure 3 – Number of IMPORTERS per region

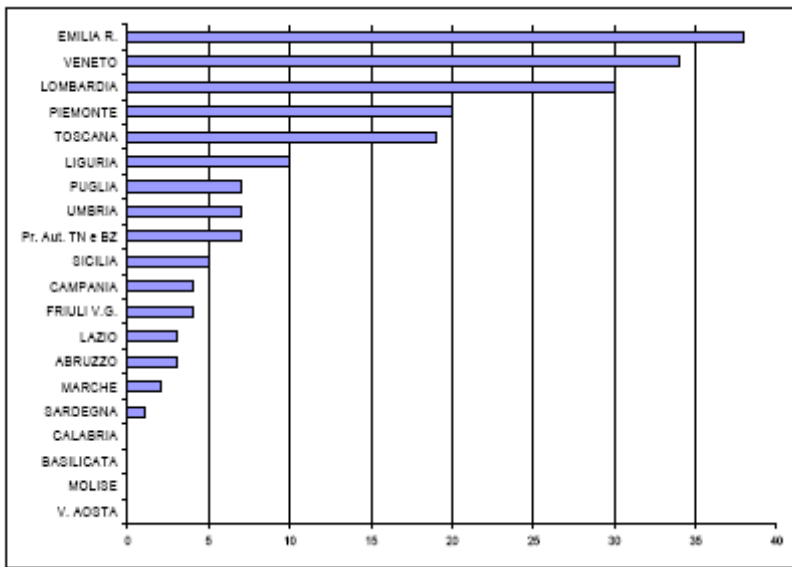


Figure 4 – Surfaces and crops in organic farming

