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Abstract: In this work it explains the actual situation of organic production and marketing in Spain, studying and analyzing their evolution in the last decade of anterior century and in the first years of the new millennium. In Spain, organic production began in 70's with pioneers in Catalonia, Murcia Region and other zones. It was in 90's when it was observed a great increase in organic surfaces. A very interesting and critic date is that at the moment, more of 80% of organic products it is exporting to other European countries, USA and others foreign markets, and it is necessary a new marketing strategies and innovations to structure the organic market, give a new information to consumers, improve the investment in relation between retailers and this consumers, and improve the perception of utilities of this products. In some countries as is the case of Spain, the consumers don't have enough information about the characteristics of organic products, organic food and organic production methodologies. They must to know all information along the benefits of organic production methodologies and their implications in environment conservation, biodiversity protection, food quality and safety, and this task must be provided by the new marketing strategies and actions.

Key Words: Marketing Innovation, Organic Products, Quality and Safety Food, Organic product marketing.

1. Introduction.

As it is known, increased consumer awareness of food safety issues and environmental concerns has contributed to the growth in organic farming over the last decades and years. As it is known too, the organic production is related with rural sustainable development. Sustainable development must encompass food production alongside conservation of finite resources and protection of the natural environment so that the needs of people living today can be met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (Brundtland Commission, 1987).

Organic farming, as defined by regulation, is a way of production process, which excludes the use of synthesised chemical and aggressive products. It is based on a global concept, which relies on value such as health, respect of environment and protection of biodiversity, authenticity, animal care and welfare, social life, and other healthy aspects.

In European Union, as it is known, among the reforms in the CAP that began in the late 1980s to today, came recognition of the key role that organic farming could play in meeting revised objectives, such as reducing surpluses, promoting quality goods and integrating environmental conservation practices and animal welfare into agriculture and animal production. For organic farming to enjoy the confidence of consumers, however, it was evident that stringent regulation covering production and quality would be necessary, as well as measures to prevent fraudulent claims to organic status. Today's consumers in European Union are increasingly calling for access to information on how their food is being produced - from farm to fork - and are looking for reassurance that due care with regard to safety and quality has been exercised at each step in the process.

The objective of Rural Sustainable Development requires farmers to consider the effect that their activities will have on the future of agriculture and how the systems they employ shape the environment. As a consequence, farmers, consumers and policy makers have shown a renewed interest in organic farming. But the critic point is the

consumers and all citizens. Some countries as is the case of Spain, the consumers don't have enough information about the characteristics of organic products, organic food and organic production methodologies. They must to know all information along the benefits of organic production methodologies and their implications in environment conservation, biodiversity protection, food quality and safety, and this task must be provided by marketing strategies and actions.

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2. Objectives of this work.

Along this paper, it wants to carry out a panoramic vision of organic production and marketing in Spain, relating this production with world and European scenarios, and institutional organizations. This work is based in European Project proposed by CEDEFOP, the research carried out in recent Organic Congress in Spain (SEAE, 2004), and a Meeting about Agriculture and Environment (CTFC, 2006).

Then, the objectives of this work are:

a. To study and explain the Worldwide organic production scenarios, IFOAM institution and European organic production data and policy.

b. To know and analyze the benefits and utilities of organic production methodologies and their implications in environment conservation, biodiversity protection, soil conservation, and food quality and safety.

c. To study and analyze the origin and evolution of organic production in Spain, to explain the characteristics of Spanish organic production and marketing, and to study and analyze the consumer behaviour and some marketing strategies to improve the organic products consumption.

We can highlight the works of Aubert (1970), Altieri (1985), Altieri et al. (1986), Albardiaz et al. (1988), Carrol et al. (1990), Dabbert (1994), Gracia et al. (1998), Isart (1996, 97, 98 and 99), Colom et al. (2000).

3. The Worldwide organic production scenarios and IFOAM.

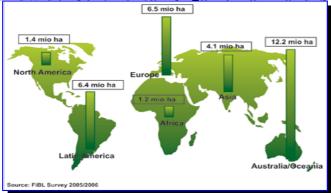
In this paragraph it will present the scenarios and land surfaces of organic production around all world countries. Also, it will explain the IFOAM international movement of organic agriculture and the European policy for the organic production.

3.1. Worldwide Organic Production.

The International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), the Swiss Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL, the Foundation Ecology & Farming (SÖL), presented in February 2005 the new study on "The World of Organic Agriculture. Statistics and Emerging Trends 2005" at the BioFach fair 2005 in Nuremberg (Germany), the world leading fair for organic food. According to the study, currently more than 26 million hectares of farmland are under organic management worldwide. This is more than two million hectares more than in the previous year. Helga Willer of FiBL explained that this is an increase of almost 10%. In terms of organic land, Australia leads pack with 11,3 million hectares, followed by Argentina with 2,8 million hectares and Italy with more than 1 million hectares. Regarding the share of organic farmland in comparison with the total agricultural area, Austria, Switzerland and Scandinavian countries lead the way. In Switzerland for example more than 10% of the agricultural land is managed

organically.

Figure 1. Worldwide Continental Organic Farmland Surface, 2005



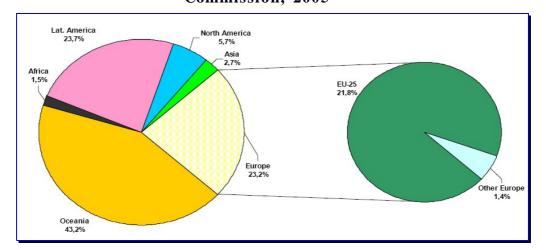
Per continents and also in terms of organic land, Oceania leads with 12,2 million hectares; the second and third positions are for Europe with 6,5 million hectares and Latin America with 6,4 million hectares; the fourth position is for Asia with 4,1 million hectares, and the last positions are for North America with 1,4 million hectares and finally Africa with 1,2 million hectares.

In 2003, the market value of organic products worldwide reached 30 billion Euro, the largest share of organic products being marketed in Europe and North America. In upcoming years, Bernward Geier of IFOAM expected ongoing growth of the market and organic land area, also due to an increased support of governments and development organizations.

Table 1. Organic Farming Surfaces Worldwide

Orgai	nic Hectares	Organie	Hectares	Orga	nic Hectare
Australia	11,300,000	Latvia	48,000	Croatia	3,53
Argentina	2,800,000	South	45,000	Philippines	3,50
,		Africa		Azerbaijan	2,77
italy	1,052,002	Netherlands	41,865	Senegal	2,50
USA	930,810	Estonia	40,890	Pakistan	2,00
Brazil	803,180	Indonesia	40,000	Luxemburg	3,00
Uruguay	760,000	New Zealand	40,000	Belize	1,8
Germany	734,027	Norway	38,176	Honduras	1,70
Spain	725,254	Kazakhstan	36,882	Algeria	1,4
UK	695,619	Tunisia	33,500	Jamaica	1,3
Chile	646,150	Colombia	33,000	Bosnia Herzegovina	1,1
France	550,000	Japan	29,151	Liechtenstein	96
Canada	516,111	Ireland	28,514	Lebanon	7:
Mexico	400,000	Belgium	24,163	Malaysia	6
	,	Lithuania	23,289	Bulgaria	4:
Bolivia	364,100	Slovenia	23,280	Sudan	4:
Austria	328,803	Dominican Rep.	22,151	Malawi	3:
China	298,990	Morocco	20,040	Syria	2
Czech Rep.	254,995	Zambia	20,000	Suriname	2:
Greece	244,455	Ghana	19,460	Iran	2
Ukraine	240,000	Rep. of	18,936	Fiji	20
weden	207,488	Korea		Benin	19
Bangladesh	177,700	Egypt	17,000	Albania	1
_	,	Venezuela	16,000	Mauritius	1
Denmark	165,148	Sri Lanka	15,215	Cyprus	1
Finland	159,987	Serbia/Mon- tenegro	15,200	Madagascar	1
Peru	150,000	Guatemala	14,746	Guyana	1
Uganda	122,000	Costa Rica	13,967	Togo	!
Portugal	120,729	Thailand	13,900	Nepal Zimbabwe	
Hungary	113,816	Nicaragua	10,750	Laos	
witzerland	110,000	Cuba	10,445	Malta	
Turkey	103,190	Cameroon	7,000	Bhutan	
-		Russia	6,900	Jordan	
Paraguay	91,414	Vietnam	6,475	SUM	26,458,27
Kenya	90,000	Iceland	6,000		20,100,2
india	76,326	Israel	5,640		
Romania	75,500	Panama	5,111	Source: SOEL Su 2005	irvey, Februa
Ecuador	60,000	El Salvador	4,900	2005	
Tanzania	55,867	Papua New Guinea	4,265		
5lovakia	54,478				
Poland	49,928				

Figure 2. Proportions in Worldwide organic land. Source: EU Commission, 2005



3.2 The IFOAM International Institution.

The International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) is a grassroots and democratic organization that currently unites 750 member organizations in 108 countries. In order to achieve its mission and address the complexity of the various components of the organic agricultural movement worldwide, IFOAM has established official committees and groups with very specific purposes, from the development of standards to the facilitation of organic agriculture in developing countries.

The IFOAM General Assembly serves at the foundation of IFOAM. It elects the World Board for a three year term. The World Board appoints members to official committees, working groups and task forces based upon the recommendation of the IFOAM membership, and IFOAM member organizations also establish regional groups and sector specific interest groups.

- The IFOAM World Board has established the following official structures:
- The Norms Management Committee, which includes members of the Standards Committee and the Accreditation Criteria Committee.
- The Development Forum, which works towards the development of organic agriculture in developing countries.
- The Program Strategy Committee of the "IFOAM Growing Organic" Program.
- The Africa Organic Service Center and the FAO Liaison Office.
- Various Working Groups and temporary Task Forces.
- IFOAM Regional Groups.

The Government Relations Committee, which works with governments worldwide to advance the interests of IFOAM. IFOAM member organizations have also established professional bodies such as the IFOAM Organic Trade Forum, the Organic Retailers Association, the IFOAM Aquaculture Group and the IFOAM Forum of Consultants and initiatives like the Farmers' Group.

3.3. The IFOAM Program 2008.

The IFOAM Program 2008 describes the goals and work plan for the period 2005-2008 of the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements. The World Board offers this program to the IFOAM General Assembly of 2005 for debate and consideration. At the General Assembly 2002, the World Board presented the first such program, which was extensively discussed at the Assembly.

After the General Assembly the World Board did some changes to the Program as a result of the GA debate. During this current term of office, the World Board has formulated IFOAM's mission and worked from that with strategic planning resulting in five goals for the Federation. This document lays down these goals, the more precise objectives for how to contribute to the goals and indicate some activities and targets. Based on the Program, more detailed plans are made by the World Board and the staff.

In order to fulfil its mission, five goals were set by the World Board for the medium term, which the Program 2008 contributes to:

- 1. IFOAM builds the global platform for the organic movement.
- 2. IFOAM develops, communicates and defends the principles of organic agriculture.
- 3. IFOAM advocates and facilitates the adoption of organic agriculture.
- 4. IFOAM promotes the development of organic markets.
- 5. IFOAM ensures an effectively managed organization with sufficient and sustainable resources.

The IFOAM's mission is leading, uniting and assisting the organic movement in its full diversity. His goals are the world wide adoption of ecologically, socially and economically sound systems that are based on the principles of Organic Agriculture.

3.4. Origin of Organic Farming in Europe. Benefits of the Organic Production.

At the beginning of the XXth century, in Germany, in Switzerland, and in the United Kingdom, raised the first movements for a "biodynamic" or "organic" agriculture. In all countries, organic farming was born from two parallel movements which started in the sixties thanks to:

- producers willing to react to the increasing development of intensive agriculture mechanized, using all types of chemical inputs (fertilizers, pesticides, hormones, ...) and industrializing breeding.
- consumers aware of products containing more and more colorants, preservatives, pesticides, hormones, etc., who made dangers against the health.

Three are the thought currents that should be mentioned in the origin of these alternative agricultures (they contain links among the agriculture, the nature and the ecological balances):

- The Biodynamic Agriculture appeared in Germany in 1924 thanks of the impels of Rudolf Steiner:
- The Organic Agriculture (organic farming), born in England, starting from the theses developed by Sir Howard in their work "Agricultural Testament" (1940);
- The Biological Agriculture, developed in Switzerland by Hans Peter Rusch and H. Muller, similar with bases to the previous one.

In other hand, the Japanese M. Fukuoka, inspired to final of the 70's the birth of the Permaculture or Natural Agriculture, based on the minimum human intervention. Today, it studs the Agro-ecology, term that it is promoted and coined in Latin America (some Latin-Americans Universities).

In the 80-90s, this segment was structuring and concretizing, and it improved with news public regulations. The specifications and private logos are replaced by a national or regional logos, officially recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture of each countries and European regulation.

In short, the very important rules and benefits for the Organic Farming methods and technical are:

- Producing high nutritive quality food in sufficient quantity.
- Working in harmony with natural ecosystems rather than dominate them.
- Promoting and diversifying biological cycles, while respecting micro-organisms, fauna and flora of soils, cultures, and cattle.
- Maintaining and improving in the long term soil fertility.
- Using as much as possible natural and renewable resources at a local level.

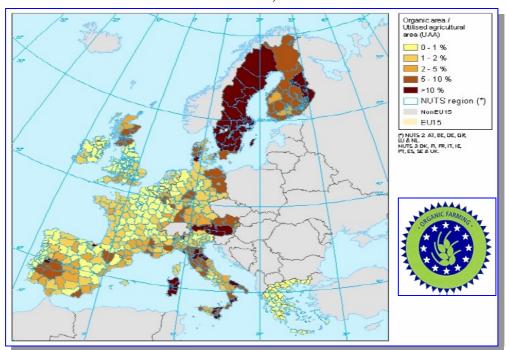
- Settling auto-sufficient agricultural systems as far as organic matter and nutritive elements are concerned.
- Breeding the animals by giving us life conditions that enable them to express their specific behaviours and caring to animal welfare.
- Avoiding any form of pollution that may result from a farming practice.
- Maintaining genetic diversity of farming systems, of their environments, including the protection of wild plants, and give them a safe and secure work environment.
- Care about the impact of agricultural techniques on environment and social life.

3.5. Some organic production data in Europe.

Organic and in-conversion land area in Europe (the EU 25, plus four applicant countries and the EFTA countries) reached 6.4 million hectares (2.9 per cent of UAA) on 181,900 holdings in 2004. The total land area in enlarged EU 25 represents now over 6 million ha on 155,000 holdings. The trends vary among the individual countries, e.g. organic land area increased in Greece and Austria, whereas it declined in Denmark, Italy and the UK. In Portugal, the increase was over 70 per cent; there were also large increases in some new EU member states, e.g. over 60 per cent in Poland and over 80 percent in Lithuania and Latvia.

Figure 3. Share of organic land (UAA) in EU15 at regional level.

Commission, 2001



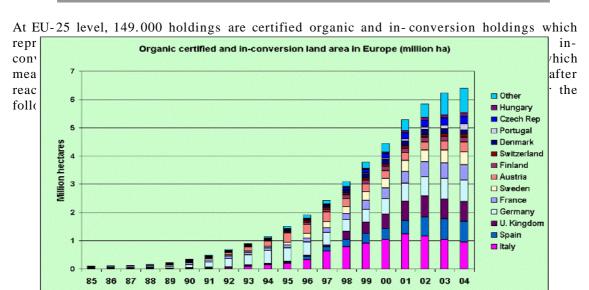


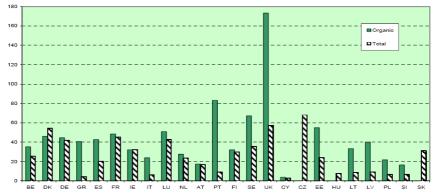
Table 2. Certified and policy-supported organic and in-conversion land area in Europe (ha). 1985- 2004. Source: University of Wales.

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Austria	5,880	7,000	8,400	•	4	6	0	0	82	7	5	9	5	9	5	0	0	4	3	6
Belgium	500	700	972	1,000	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,700	2,179	2,683	3,385	4,261	6,818	11,744	18,515	20,667	22,410	24,874	24,163	23,563
Cyprus															30	52	100	166	500	1,018
							17,50	15,37	•						110,75	•	218,11	•	254,99	263,79
Czech Rep					260	3,480	7	1		15,818	14,127	17,022	20,239	71,620	6	9	4	6	5	9
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France	45,000	50,000	0	0	0	0	5	0	9	94,806	3	4	6	2	0	1	0	5	0	0
Germany-			33,04	42,39	54,29	90,02	158,4	202,3	246,4	272,13	309,48	354,17	389,69	414,29	452,32	546,02	632,16	696,97	734,02	767 , 89
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Hungary							2,500	5,400	6,400	8,630	12,325	9,300	19,625	21,565	32,609	47,221	79,177	1	6	0
Ireland	1,000	1,100	1,300	1,500	3,700	3,800	3,823	5,101	5,460	5,390	12,634	20,496	18,687	24,411	29,360	27,231	30,017	29,754	28,514	30,670
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Italy	5,000	5,500	6,000	9,000	0	8	0	0	7	0	4	5	9	8	8	377	640	212	002	1
Latvia								1,240	1,250	1,250	1,147	1,200	1,500	1,426	1,628	4,400	10,549	16,935	24,480	48,000
Lithuania									148	267	582	1,118	1,568	4,006	3,995	4,709	6,469		23,289	42,000
Luxembourg	350	400	412	450	550	600	634	500	497	538	571	594	618	744	888	1,068	2,006	3,121	3,004	3,100
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Spain	2,140	2,500	2,714	3,000		•	•	•		17,208	24,079	5	5	5	7	2	9	5	4	2
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Norway	90	114	246	312	534	1,578	2,444	3,225	3,778	4,520	5,768	7,897	11,706	15,581	18,774	20,523	26,673	32,546	38,179	41,036
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EU																				
applicants																				
Bulgaria															12	286	539	566	2,038	2,050
Romania											980	1,000	1,000	5,000	10,000	17,438	28,800	43,850	57,205	60,000
													No	No	No	No	No			
Croatia								100	50	50	120	120	data	data	data	data	data			
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Turkey						1,037	3,000	6,077	5,216	5,196	10,000	15,250	18,000	25,000	44,558	59,984	57,001	55,000	. 0	0
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Applicants	0	0	0	0	0	1,037	3,000	6,177	5,266	5,246	11,100	16,370	19,000	30,000	54,570	77,708	86,340	99,416	3	. 0
			13823	16969	231.8	345.7	493,9	703.0	908.8	1,148,	1,512,	1,907,	2,423,	3,099,	3,788,	4,448,	5,277,	5,843,	6,220,	6,403,
EU29 & EFTA	105230	118418	0	9	62	35	24	42	35	890	159	701	890	698	381	364		739	667	674

In the EU-25, the average organically cultivated area per holding at 40 ha was significantly larger than the average area of conventional holdings at 15 ha of UAA. Compared to the average conventional holding, organic holdings are particularly large in two Southern Member States, Greece and Portugal (9 times larger), where it might be influenced by relatively high share of olive groves. Organic producers' holdings in the United Kingdom (173 ha) were also considerably larger than on EU-25 average. However, in the Member States with the most important share of organic holdings, e.g. Austria, Finland, and Denmark, the difference is less important with the exception of Sweden where organic holdings are also significantly larger than conventional ones.

Figure 5. UAA per holding in EU-25, 2003 (ha). Source: EU Commission, 2004



In 2003, Italy had the largest number of organic holdings, 44 000 or 31% of EU-25 total, followed by Austria with 19 000, Spain and Germany with about 17 000 each. Five Member States had a share of organic holdings in total holdings above 3%, i.e. Austria 9.5%, Denmark 7.2%, Finland 6.6 %, Germany 4.0% and Sweden 3.8% in 2003. Looking historically, more or less the same Member States were already above the EU average (0.4%) in 1993 but the ranking was different: Austria (4.6%), Finland (1.8%), Sweden (1.7%), Denmark (1.0%) and Germany (1.0%). Over the period 1999-2003 the highest annual increase in number of holdings was noticed in the United Kingdom (13%), Spain (11%), Luxembourg (11%), Portugal (11%) and France (10%). The number of holdings slightly decreased in Austria over this period.

3.6. Organic Production Policy in European Union. Regulation and Control.

The EU's Agenda 2000 reform package included much greater emphasis on rural development, making this the 'second pillar' of the common agricultural policy (CAP), with respect for the environment at its core. The reform package requires Member States to adopt appropriate environmental protection measures relating to all types of agriculture. Farmers are now expected to respect certain basic environmental standards without any financial compensation and the 'polluter-pays' principle is being applied. However, the agri-environment measures under the rural development programs offer farmers payments for environmental commitments that go beyond good farming practice. Organic farmers are entitled to claim agri-environmental premiums since it is recognized that this particular farming system benefits the environment. In addition, organic farming can be promoted through investment aid in the area of primary production, processing and marketing. With all of these provisions in place, the framework of rural development policy is likely to contribute considerably to the expansion of organic farming. To understand the role and operation of organic farming within EU farm policy, it needs to be seen within a range of different contexts, including:

- consumers' concerns;
- quality assurance and regulation;
- the extent of organic farming in the EU today;
- the role of integrated farming;
- organic farming and rural development.

Organic farming and integrated farming also represent real opportunities on several levels, contributing to vibrant rural economies through sustainable development. Indeed, new employment opportunities in farming, processing and related services are already evident in the growth of the organic sector. As well as the environmental advantages, these farming systems can bring significant benefits both to the economy and the social cohesion of rural areas. The availability of financial support and other incentives for farmers to convert to organic production is designed to help the sector grow still further and to support associated businesses throughout the food chain.

Among the reforms in the CAP that began in the late 1980s came recognition of the key role that organic farming could play in meeting revised objectives, such as reducing surpluses, promoting quality goods and integrating environmental conservation practices into agriculture. For organic farming to enjoy the confidence of consumers, however, it was evident that stringent regulation covering production and quality would be necessary, as well as measures to prevent fraudulent claims to organic status. Today's consumers are increasingly calling for access to information on how their food is being produced - 'from farm to fork' - and are looking for reassurance that due care with regard to safety and quality has been exercised at each step in the process. Regulations have therefore been introduced to ensure the authenticity of organic farming methods, which have evolved into a comprehensive framework for the organic production of crops and livestock and for the labelling, processing and marketing of organic products. They also govern imports of organic products into the EU.

The first regulation on organic farming (Regulation EEC N° 2092/91) was drawn up in 1991 and, since its implementation in 1992, many farms across the EU have converted to organic production methods. Where farmers wish to claim official recognition of their organic status, the conversion period is a minimum of two years before sowing annual crops and three years in the case of perennials. In August 1999 rules on production, labelling and inspection of the most relevant animal species (i.e. cattle, sheep, goats, horses and poultry) were also agreed [Regulation EC N° 1804/1999]. This agreement covers such issues as foodstuffs, disease prevention and veterinary treatments, animal welfare, husbandry practices and the management of manure. Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and products derived from GMOs are explicitly excluded from organic production methods.

The regulations also include imports of organic agricultural products from third countries whose organic production criteria and control systems have been recognised by the EU as equivalent. Farm inspections are carried out at least once a year and spot checks are also undertaken. Sanctions for infringements of any of the rules include instant removal of the right to claim organic status for the product concerned, with stricter penalties imposed for more serious breaches. Meticulous record keeping is required, including, for livestock farmers, complete records of their livestock management systems.

4. The Origin and Evolution of Organic Farming in Spain.

Organic farming in Spain came up in the 70's in Catalonia, Murcia Region and other zones. Small farms, basically promoted by young people converted in the middle of the 70's. The first important project of a noteworthy group of members was the conversion of the Calasparra (Murcia) rice co- operative. An important evolution was in the late 80's, but has grown tremendously since years 90's, with the number of producers expanding considerably. In 1991, there were only 4,235 hectares planted to organic products, while in 1998 there were 269,465 ha., and 352.164 ha. in 1999. Since 1997 (152.105 ha.), area devoted to organic farming has been more doubled. At the moment (2005), the certified and in-conversion surface are 807.569 hectares, and the great grown was since 1995. Similarly, greater health awareness has resulted in expansion of demand for quality and "natural" and "healthy" products. However, consumption of organic products in Spain remains relatively limited, with organic foods estimated to account for less than 1 percent of total of the total food market. Organic production is certified by authorities, in each of Spain's Autonomous Regions, and also by other private institutions.

Figure 6. Evolution of Organic Surface (ha) and Number of Operators in Spain Period 1991- 2005. Source: Ministry of Agric., Fish. and Food, and Control Authorities



In year 2005, Spain had 15.693 organic farmers that worked in organic land of 807.569,27 hectares, 1.764 processors and distributors, 52 organic products importers, and 17.509 of total operator in organic production and distribution. In year 2004 and EU-25, Spain it occupied the third position in organic surface (733.182 ha), following Italy (954.361 ha) and Germany (767.891 ha).

Spain is composed by 17 Autonomous Communities (Regions, Nut II). At this regional level and it concerns to organic land surface, leads Andalucia with 403.361,15 hectares (nearly 50% of total Spanish surface), followed by Aragon with 74.219,66 hectares, Extremadura with 67.378,53 hectares, Castilla- La Mancha with 64.691,13 hectares and Catalunya with 54.188,49 hectares. The others regions have less than 31.000 ha, as Comunidad Valenciana 30.793,71 ha, Navarra 28.002,10 ha, Murcia Region 21.890,62 ha, Baleares Islands 15.993,05 ha, Castilla y Leon 12.152,72 ha. Regions in last positions have less than 10.000 hectares.

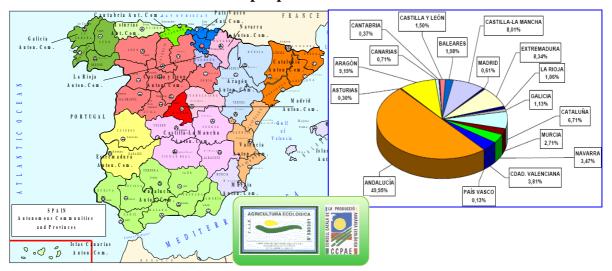
Table 3. Regional Organic Production, Process and Distribution in Spain, 2005

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Food (MAPA), and Control Authorities

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Autonomous	Organic	Processors	Organic	Total	Organic
Communities	Producers	and	Importers	Operators	Surfaces (ha)
		Distribut.			
ANDALUCÍA	5.159	320	4	5.483	403.361,15
ARAGÓN	752	94	-	846	74.219,66
ASTURIAS	94	34	-	128	2.409,93
BALEARES	312	84	-	396	15.993,05
CANARIAS	609	46	-	655	5.759,97
CANTABRIA	85	14	-	99	3.023,80
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	1.074	76	-	1.150	64.691,13
CASTILLA Y LEÓN	217	82	-	299	12.152,72
CATALUÑA	683	369	28	1.080	54.188,49
EXTREMADURA	3.608	61	1	3.670	67.378,53
GALICIA	370	55	-	425	9.156,36
MADRID	74	44	3	121	4.916,80
MURCIA	725	122	3	850	21.890,62
NAVARRA	580	87	3	670	28.002,10
LA RIOJA	283	61	-	344	8.582,05
PAÍS VASCO	136	50	1	187	1.049,20
COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA	932	165	9	1.106	30.793,71
TOTAL NACIONAL	15.693	1.764	52	17.509	807.569,27

Figure 7. Spanish Autonomous Communities and organic farming

proportions.



Related to organic farming producers, it leads Andalucia too with 5.159, followed by Extremadura 3.608, Castilla- La Mancha 1.074, Comunidad Valenciana 932 and Aragón 752 producers. In other hand, it concerns to processers and distributors leads Catalunya with 369, followed by Andalucia with 320, Comunidad Valenciana with 165, Region of Murcia with 122 and Aragón with 94 processors and distributors. In next table 4 it presents the detail of organic lands per tipus of crops.

Table 4. Organic crops per Spanish Autonomous Communities, year 2005.

Source: MAPA

Autonomo us Communit	C rop 1	Cr op 2	Cr op 3	C rop 4	C rop 5	C rop 6	Cr op 7	C rop 8	C r 9	10	C rop 11	Cr p 12	Cr p 13	C r 1 4	TOTAL
У															
ANDALUCÍA	16.208,51	1.492,56	1.233,96	499,07	41.515,99	497,92	19.844,27	532,76	12.862,75	148.816,25	155.767,00	1.425,29	4,72	2.660,10	403.361,15
ARAGÓN	31.198,82	110,21		223,49	1.435,03	311,47	750,46		173,16	701,89	6.847,29	29.672,95	2.773,00	21,89	74.219,66
ASTURIAS	10,83	10,89		91,25			6,91		0,21	62,92	2.226,92				2.409,93
BALEARES	1.715,97	74,99	38,28	89,44	280,32	129,05	2.205,25		15,62	5.476,14	5.853,92	113,00	0,50	0,57	15.993,05
CANARIAS	133,60	162,04	27,60	21,63		411,44	84,53	102,06	27,99	3,12	3.958,74	825,65		1,57	5.759,97
CANTABRIA	39,08	58,44		33,46			1,36				2.891,46				3.023,80
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	14.382,61	147,61		115,34	8.622,00	4.942,14	3.896,78		221,37	657,75	3.294,28	25.610,86		2.800,39	64.691,13
CASTILLA Y LEÓN	4.770,51	70,51		11,84	8,40	484,12	80,8		38,44		5.525,13	1.226,85		8,84	12.152,72
CATALUÑA	1.943,00	223,00	13,10	112,00	2.412,00	1.227,00	829,00		38,00	12.339,00	32.472,00	2.522,00	8,37	50,02	54.188,49
EXTREMADURA	8.771,25	30,35		1.056,67	32.823,96	304,25	1.660,59	0,60		586,65	19.133,16	3.009,40		1,65	67.378,53
GALICIA	168,08	45,64		299,80		34,94			26,08	915,79	7.606,82	43,38	0,72	15,11	9.156,36
MADRID	766,27	38,38		7,25	373,27	216,48	5,53			2.017,06	1.265,21	227,33	0,02		4.916,80
MURCIA	3.748,36	813,79	183,48	375,18	1.281,43	3.752,75	7.106,46		301,84	742,14	26,36	3.550,67	8,16		21.890,62
NAVARRA	9.544,81	101,45		60,92	252,80	977,72	231,69		72,58	3.849,70	4.976,65	7.864,57	31,77	37,44	28.002,10
LA RIOJA	337,75	141,87		81,49	479,53	269,42	673,83			388,37	6.119,19	84,32		6,28	8.582,05
PAÍS VASCO	112,31	80,76		86,12		79,29				11,61	664,62	12,76	0,14	1,59	1.049,20
CDAD. VALENCIANA	2.461,78	251,55	313,58	400,75	2.000,47	2.352,59	4.055,63		850,40	8.238,63	9.610,72	256,79	0,82		30.793,71
TOTAL NACIONAL	96.313,54	3.854,04	1.810,00	3.565,70	91.485,20	15.990,58	41.360,37	635,42	14.628,44	184.807,02	268.239,47	76.445,82	2.828,22	5.605,45	807.569,27

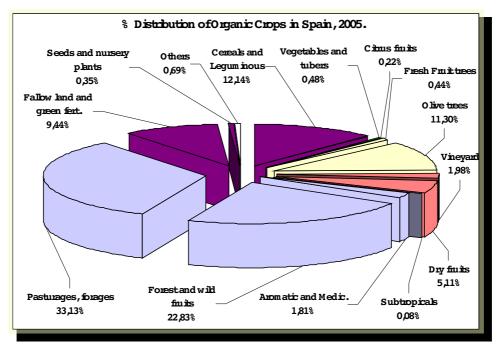
Crop 1: Cereals, leguminous; Crop 2: Vegetables, tubers and root vegetables; Crop 3: Citrus fruits; Crop 4: Fresh Fruits; Crop 5: Olive Tree; Crop 6: Vineyards; Crop 7: Dry fruits; Crop 8: Subtropical plants; Crop 9: Aromatic and medicinal plants; Crop 10: Forest and wild fruits; Crop 11: Forage and pastures; Crop 12: Fallow land, green fertilizer; Crop 13: Seeds and nursery plants; Crop 14: Other crops.

It concerns to surfaces per tipus of crop, forages and pastures leads with 268.239 ha, followed by forest and wild fruits with 184.807 ha, cereals and leguminous with 96.313 ha, and olive trees with 91.485 ha.

Spain is much more of a producer than a consumer, in terms of organic farming and production. The natural conditions of our country (relatively moderate use of agri-

chemicals, numerous ecosystems and a favourable climate for early-cultivation) have promoted the introduction of organic agriculture, but until now there was no home market with stable trade structures. More of three-quarters of the production (for the most part typical Mediterranean crops) are exported, mainly to central and northern European countries and USA.

Figure 8. %Distribution of Spanish organic crop. Year 2005. Source: MAPA



Spanish organic livestock, year 2005, presents 1.879 holdings. Bovine holdings leads with 45% (847), followed by Lamb holdings with 24% (445), after Poultry holdings with 8% (148), Goats with 7% (132), Beekeepers 7% (131) and Swine holdings with 5% (100). Finally, small animals (others) holdings with 4% (76). Look at Table 5 the Spanish organic animal farming.

Table 5. Distribution of Organic animal farms by number of holdings. S:MAPA

Spanish	Bov	ine	Lar	nb	Goa	ats		Poul	Ltry			
Autonomous	meat	m	meat	m	m	m	Pork	m	egs	Bees	Othe	TOTAL
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ANDALUCÍA	384		229		52	11	62	9	15	35	3	800
ARAGÓN	2		3				1		1	7		14
ASTURIAS	24	5	8		3					7		4
BALEARES	15	2	63	1	9		27	8	41		1	16
CANARIAS	1		7			1			6	8		2
CANTABRIA	27	2	4					2	6	11		5
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	12	1	9	5	7	1			1	4		4
CASTILLA Y LEÓN	20		3				1			11		3
CATALUÑA	169	3	44		28	2	2	9	11	2	60	33
EXTREMADURA	48		19		1		6		3	3		8
GALICIA	65	17	7		3			3	14	17	1	12
MADRID	6	2				1				8		1
MURCIA			3		1	3		1	3	1	1	1
NAVARRA	7	2	4	3	1				1	1	2	2
LA RIOJA	1					1		2		13		1
PAÍS VASCO	10	8	10	15	2	2	1	3	4	2	7	6
COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA	14		8		2	1		1	4	1	1	3
TOTAL NACIONAL	805	42	421	24	109	23	100	38	110	131	76	1.87

It concerns to organic transformed agro-food related to vegetal production, in table 6 it presents the 1.713 Spanish companies producers of different types of organic transformed products. The first position is for Fresh Vegetables packed, with 281 companies (14%), followed by Wine and Cava sector with 272 companies (13,6%), Olive Oil companies with 226 (11,3%), Bread and derivated with 183 (9,1%), Processed Cereals 109 (5,4%) and the others present less than 100 companies (Dry fruits 78, Aromatic, Medicinal Processed Plants and Species 65, Cooked Food 49, and Cookies, Cakes and Sweets 39).

Table 6. Spanish Organic Processed Agro-food Production, 2005.

Source: MAPA

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ANDALUCÍA	85	14	52	11	7	35	6	17	4	1	58	290
ARAGÓN	13	14	23	12	2	10	1	3	27	1	23	129
ASTURIAS		6	2	1		6	1	1	2		1	20
BALEARES	5	11	3	6	1	8		4	1	3	24	66
CANARIAS		14	16	1	3	3				1	1	39
CANTABRIA			2			3		1				6
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	16	27	4	3	1	2	2	4	1	2	4	66
CASTILLA Y LEÓN		13	1	9	4	10	2	1	7	2	13	62
CATALUÑA	27	45	62	14	11	25	12	21	25	19	70	331
EXTREMADURA	29	5	5	5	1			1			11	57
GALICIA		5	7	2	2	8		5		2	5	36
MADRID	3	8	4	5	1	8	6	3	4	5	3	50
MURCIA	7	19	40	23	15	5		8	10	4	9	140
NAVARRA	5	23	6	13	1	8	1		12	3	6	78
LA RIOJA	5	25	4	4		2	2	1	2		7	52
PAÍS VASCO		8	5	2		12	1			3	5	36
COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA	31	35	45	7	16	38	5	8	14	3	53	255
TOTAL NACIONAL	226	272	281	118	65	183	39	78	109	49	293	1.713

In other hand, related to animal production, the numbers of Spanish companies that produce organic transformed food are 289. Then, the total organic transformed agrofood companies were 2002, in 2005.

5. Reflections about Spanish Organic Marketing and Consumption.

In Spain, it concerns to Control and Certificate of organic production it exist 28 entities called Authorities and Organisms of Control (November 2005). There are 17 Councils or Committees Regulatory entities as private or public organizations related with Agricultural Departments of the 17 Autonomous Communities of Spain, and the rest they are private companies. Also, it exist the CRAE as coordinator institution and autonomous organism of Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Food (MAPA). It is important the Asociación Vida Sana (Healthy Life Association) that promote Conferences and Fairs about Bioculture and Biodynamic and Organic Agriculture and Food. It is important too, the Sociedad Española de Agricultura Ecològica (SEAE) that also promote each year Conferences and Congresses about organic production, distribution, techniques, socioeconomics, etc. At the moment, several Autonomous Communities are adding to Andalucia to make their Organic Strategic Action Plan and include proposals against the anterior and other problems related. For example, Catalonia organized a Congress in 2005 and are finishing the Strategic Plan. Aragon and other regions are also making their strategic plan.

About Consumer profile, there are several types of consumers of organic products in Spain:

- Occasional visitors to special food or herbalist shops to buy a herbal tea and others special food, and as a trial buy an organic products.
- Young people eager to try new products.
- Some minority people made aware in the benefits of the organic foods.
- Medium to high income earners in the 40-50 year age bracket, who are interested in health foods and eating "natural" products, as well as taking supplements or occasionally.
- Parents interested in feeding their babies products.

In our research, it has been detected two main problems related with the Marketing and the Consumption of organic products. On one hand the lack of conscience and of knowledge of the characteristics of the organic products, their benefits and utilities in connection with the quality of the foods, the health and the respect and protection of the environment, and also the perspective negative of high prices of organic products. On the other hand, the no commercial structuring and no appropriate marketing strategy and actions, on the part of companies that are producing and distributing organic products, and also the difficulties to find these products. This second is related also with the first, the high prices and export.

Other problems are the lack of technical, economic and commercial incentives for the farmers, enough to conversion to organic production. The specific problems as for example the plagues and diseases of the plants, and the protection's restrictions. Also, the fight against the weeds, fertilizer practices, etc. On other hand, the needs to special technologies in the industrial transformations: in vegetal or animal processing, logistics, conservation, etc. Also, the fraudulent use of the term "BIO" in Spain.

6. Consumer's needs and Consumer's choice. Paying for quality and safety guarantees?.

Consumers' fears, triggered by food scares and technological developments such as genetic modification and food irradiation, have been translated into serious concern about food safety, ever-increasing demands for quality assurance and more information about production methods. In addition, public awareness of the irreversible damage done to the environment by practices that lead to soil and water pollution, the depletion of natural resources and the destruction of delicate ecosystems and biodiversity has led to calls for a more responsible attitude towards our natural heritage. Against this background, organic farming, once seen merely as a fringe interest serving a niche market, has come to the fore as an agricultural approach that can not only produce safe

food but is environmentally sound too. In Spain, our research it has verified that Spanish consumers value specially the attributes of natural and healthy of organic products, and also their quality and respect to environment.

Food produced organically has always commanded a higher price than conventionally produced foods, a factor which was previously felt to have hindered the expansion of organic farming. Now, however, a greater number of consumers are proving willing to pay higher prices in return for guarantees relating to food safety and quality. Where organically produced foods were once difficult to obtain in other than specialist outlets and local markets, they are now much more readily available on the shelves of the major supermarket chains across Europe. Furthermore, the range of products on offer has expanded to such an extent that a shopper could now reasonably expect to fill the main part of a week's food basket entirely with organically produced foods, whereas just a few years ago the range would have been restricted to vegetables, meat, poultry, dairy products and fruit. A growing consumer market is thus one of the main factors encouraging farmers to convert to organic agricultural production. But some problems exist.

7. Final Note. Some recommendations.

At the moment, the EU Commission has a great interest in developing the organic sector. Given the environmental advantages of this method of production and the social demand for this type of foodstuff, we must now make a firm commitment. The current reform of the CAP is an ideal opportunity.

It is necessary a European Strategic Action Plan developed by each member country. In Spain, the Strategic Plan for Organic Agriculture was presented for the period 2004-2006, with participation of the principal entities of sector. It has a budget of only EUR 56 million for the whole country, while in 2002 it was presented in Andalucia his Strategic Action Plan with a budget of EUR 100 million. Actually several regions are making their Strategic Action Plan. It is necessary to increment the domestic consumption and to low the prices. As it is known, more than 80% of Spanish organic products are exported.

- Some actions would be necessary to improve consumption and organic production: 1. Some powerful information campaigns using the mass media as TV, radio and the press to advise about organic products and their benefits; 2. Organic menus in public dining rooms: hospitals, schools, day nurseries, and also in restaurants, etc.; 3. Improving the quality of organic foodstuffs by diversifying the supply, by promoting production and processing methods, packaging, transport, conservation and other logistics; 4. The use of a range of plant varieties and animal species and culture methods should be encouraged, thereby helping to preserve biodiversity. This could be added to the criteria already referred for the modulation of production aid as a means of promoting environmental values; 5. Price is the main factor restricting consumer access to organic foodstuffs; in order to improve the current situation in which the additional cost of organic foodstuffs well exceeds the perceived advantages for consumers: Production aid should be increased as public environmental subsidies. 6. The fraudulent use of the term "BIO" in Spain should be solved. This does not increase the clarity of the information provided to the European and Spanish consumer. 7. Specific regulations for the use of water and energy and the prevention of soil erosion must be drawn up. 8. Aids to the sector in general must be increased. This would be a way of recognising the sector's values and putting into practice the principle that those who pollute pay and therefore those who pollute less benefit accordingly.
- Some actions would be necessary to improve organic marketing and distribution: 1. A variety of marketing channels should be promoted because that is what the diversity of consumers of organic foodstuffs calls for. This has been one of the most important points that has come up in the consultation carried out by the Commission. 2. More participation of organic retailers in advice and other marketing

communication actions; 3. More effort of Public Administration and Governments in promotion of sector, and information campaigns about benefits of organic products, conferences, etc.; 4. Improving traceability and origin and method information by regulating the distribution channels. There are serious shortcomings at the moment. Undertakings that market only organic products make this process easier. Indicating the origin of products on labels. 5. Encouraging shorter supply chains. The advantages: they facilitate traceability, add social and environmental value to the production method, reduce the consumption of energy in transport, etc. 6. Clarifying logos and identity of organic products by means of the necessary information campaigns. Differentiated logos must be maintained, especially in the case of those that are more restrictive than those covered by Regulation (EC) No 2092/91. It is necessary include in labels all logos: regional logo, private company's logo and the widely recognised European logo, as symbol of integration and cooperation in organic production and their benefits.

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Annex 1. Results of some surveys to Spanish consumers of Organic Products.

Troducts.			
Consumption reasons. Main	8	Consumption reasons.	8
Reasons.		Qualities.	
They are healthier foods	84	They are healthier products	67
They don't have residuals	54	They are more natural products	53
They have better properties	44	They respect the environment	30
They have better flavor	36	They have better flavor	16
They avoid the rural exodus	28	They have more vitamins	15
They favor the fair trade	22		
(ALBARDIAZ, M.A., 1996)		(Ministry of Agriculture, Food	
		and Fish., 1992)	
Consumption reasons. Global		Consumption reasons. Global	
Evaluatión		Evaluatión	
Healthy and guarantee	91	Reading of labels	49
Visual aspect	77	Origin and attributes of the	46
		product	
Flavour	65	Conservatives level	43
Level of residuals	55	Price high = product of quality	19
Opportunity of Offers	54		
(Brugarolas, L.M., Rivera M., 2001)			

Annex 2. Organic Retailers in Catalonia, Spain. Cost and Price differences.

2.1. Organic retailers in Catalonia Autonomous Community (Spain).

Province of Catalonia	Organic Supermarkets	Eco Stores	Dietetic and Medicinal Plant Stores	Cooperatives Consumer Associations
Barcelona	6	48	105	15
Girona	2	3	65	1
Lleida	0	5	55	1
Tarragona	1	1	55	1

Source: Catalonia Organic Agricultural Production Council (CCPAE), 2005.

2.2. Cost and Wholesaler Price between Organic and Conventional Products, in %.

Products	Over cost in production	Wholesaler Over Price
Fruits and Vegetables	50% - 100%	90% - 100%
Livestock, meat and derived	20% - 40%	20% - 70%
Olives and dry fruits	20% - 40%	3%
Vineyard and wine	10% - 15%	-
Cereals	50 - 60%	70%

Source: Catalonia Organic Agricultural Production Council (CCPAE), 2005.

2.3. Over prices (%) observed in some Organic Products. Prices to consumers, 2005.

Fruits and	%	Poultry, Pork, Beef,	%	Cereal, flours,	%
Vegetables		Lamb		purees, dry fruits	

Aubergines,	+18	Eggs	+	Rice	+
Eggplant			193		140
Beets	+60	Chicken breast	+87	White wheat flour	+ 222
Courgette, Pumpkin	+111	Chicken drumstick	+ 341	Flour of integral wheat	-8
Onions	+46	Chicken wings	+79	Potato puree	-59
Cauliflower	+24	Chicken unit	+ 138	Almonds	+41
Cabbage	115	Pork loin	+ 162	Hazelnuts	+12
Lettuce	- 4	Pork sausage	-8	Bread	+20
Carrots	+5	Pork cured Ham	-72	Cooked legumes	%
Potatoes	+53	Pork net sausage	-9	Cooked chickpeas	+51
Peppers	+99	Beef beefsteak	+2	Cooked lentils	+67
Tomatoes	+28	Beef chopped meat	+26	Cooked bean	-8
Chickpeas	+52	Beef entrecote	+26	Vegetable conserves,	%
				oil, others	
Banana	+60	Beef Hamburger	+18	Artichokes	-10
Avocado	+7	Lamb ribs	+57	Asparaguses	-27
Kiwi	-3	Lamb leg and over leg	+10	Peppers	+72
Lemon	+117	Lamb back	+57	Tomato sauce	-16
Apple	+12	Milk and derived	%	Marmalades	+ 113
Pear	+16	Milk (cow)	+ 104	Muesli	-52
Melon	+28	Cheese	+50	Oil of Olive	+ 113
Grape	+148 %	Yoghurt	+ 153	Vinegar	+58

Source: Catalonia Organic Agricultural Production Council (CCPAE), 2005.