

Methodology

ANNUAL FARM SURVEY – ORGANIC FARMING

LEGAL BASIS

The statistical activity is conducted in accordance with the current Annual Work Plan of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics, the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2026–2029 (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No. 4/26), and the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No. 85/03).

METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

AIM AND CONTENT

Data on sown and harvested areas, average and total yields, number of livestock and livestock production on farms in the organic farming system were obtained through the "Organic Farming Survey".

The survey has been conducted since 2024, in accordance with Eurostat’s recommendations and standards. The aim of this activity is to provide data on organic crop and livestock production at the Republika Srpska level.

OBSERVATION UNITS

Observation units are farms (family farms and farms owned by legal entities and entrepreneurs) with certified organic farming.

COVERAGE

The survey was carried out on all farms located in the territory of Republika Srpska with certified organic farming, as well as all farms owned by legal entities and entrepreneurs, that belong to the defined target population. The data collected through the survey serve as the basis for monitoring organic farming statistics in Republika Srpska.

METHOD AND PERIOD OF DATA COLLECTION

The data in this survey are collected through interviews with farm household members, using the CATI method (Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing). The survey is conducted annually

PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA

Based on the results of the survey, aggregate data on the total sown and harvested area by individual crop, the total number of cattle, sheep, goats and poultry for the Republika Srpska level are published. Confidential data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska", No 85/03) and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data

DEFINITIONS OF MAIN FEATURES – INDICATORS

Organic farms are farms with a label as defined in Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

Utilised agricultural area – includes all agricultural area used for organic farming in a given year: arable land, gardens, grassland, perennial plantations (orchards, olive groves, vineyards).

Arable land – an area that is plowed at least every five years and is planted or sown with crops, vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants.

Permanent meadows – areas used for grazing, hay production and silage.

Orchards – include fruit tree plantations and extensive orchards.

Vineyards - areas with high grapevine planting density. Grapevines in gardens are not included in vineyards.

Olive groves – areas where olive trees grow at a distance of no more than 20 meters with a strip of auxiliary land of no more than 10 meters.

Organic animal products include meat, milk, honey and eggs for consumption. Meat includes only the weight of animals slaughtered in organic slaughterhouses.

Milk production includes all milk produced on farms with organic livestock farming, regardless of further use or sale.

Eggs for consumption are produced only from poultry strains suitable for organic farming.

LEVEL OF DATA REPRESENTATIVENESS

Data on sown and harvested areas and livestock production obtained through the survey are representative for the level of Republika Srpska.

COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND STANDARDS

The survey "Organic farming in agriculture" fully complies with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production.

IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION

AUTHORITIES IMPLEMENTING THE STATISTICAL SURVEY

Responsible producer of data on organic farming on farms is the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

The survey is conducted by selected interviewers, trained and authorised by the Institute. The interviewers attend a specially prepared training, during which they are provided with the material necessary for work: access to the data entry application, methodological instructions for survey implementation and work authorisation. The interviewers have to attend the training and, during the survey implementation, they must act in accordance with the methodological instructions for survey implementation and the instructions given during the training.

OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE DATA

Reporting units (farms) must submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics pursuant to the Law on Statistics.

INSTRUMENTS

QUESTIONNAIRE

[Questionnaire](#) available at the official website of the Institute is used in the implementation of the survey.

METHODOLOGICAL INSTRUCTIONS

[Methodological instructions](#) for survey implementation are available at the official website of the Institute.

PUBLISHING

Data on organic farming for the level of Republika Srpska are published on 30 April of the current year for the previous year, in the regular statistical release “Organic farming in agriculture”.

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