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Knowledge transfer in organic farming in Estonia

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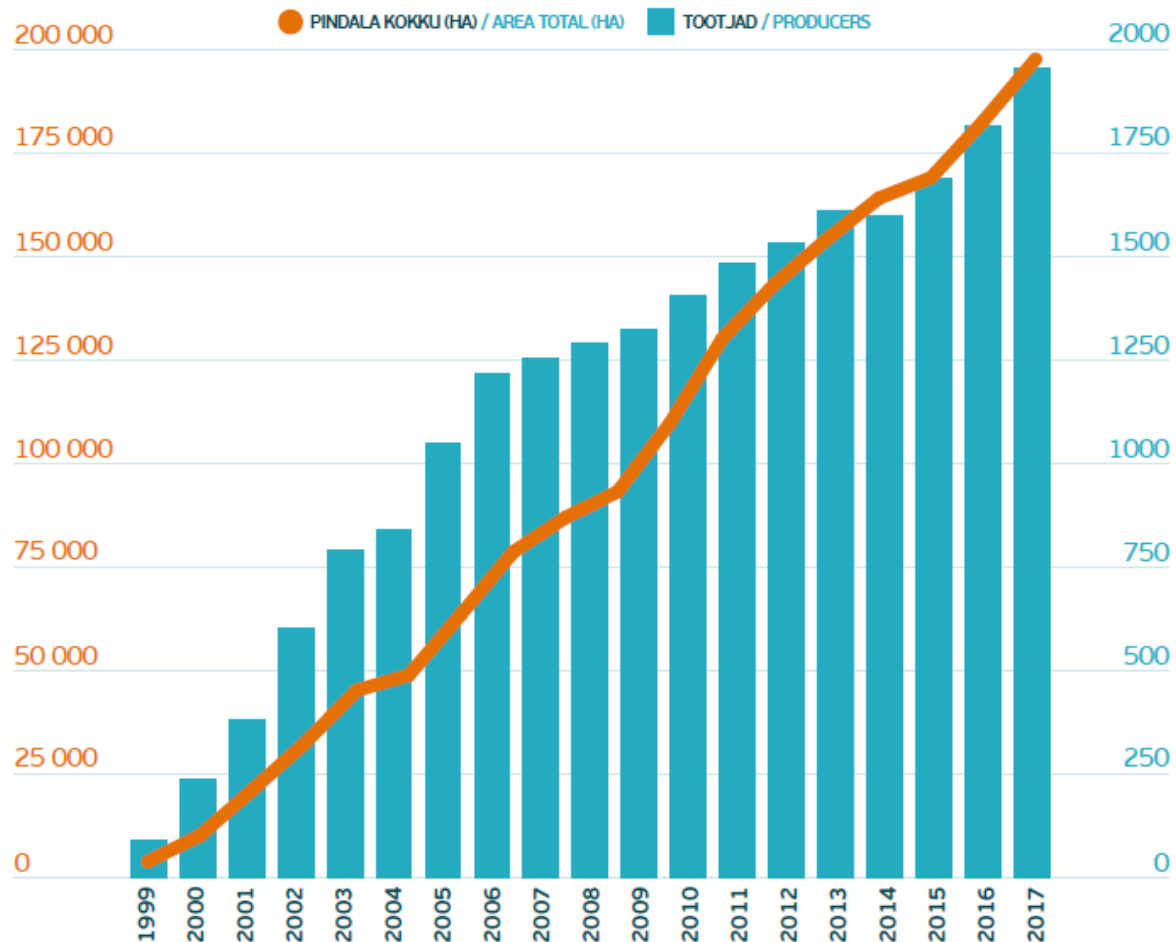
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Background



- In 2017: 199,947 ha organic land, 1888 producers and 165 processors
- 20% of the total agricultural area in Estonia is organic
- In addition: 260,662 ha of wild collection area



Education and advisory

- Currently it is not possible to obtain a degree or to specialize in organic farming
- Specialised organic farming advisory system does not exist in Estonia
- The demand for new knowledge is very high and all farmers applying for organic farming support are obliged to participate in training events: four days in 5 years. Available topics: production, processing and marketing



Knowledge transfer programme

- The Ministry of Rural Affairs prepared a long-term programme of knowledge transfer in organic farming for the period 2016–2019
- Budget: 720 000 EUR, financed from the RDP 2014-2020

Consortium:

- Estonian University of Life Sciences
- Estonian Crop Research Institute
- Estonian Organic Farming Foundation
- Centre for Ecological Engineering
- Research Centre of Organic Farming of EULS



Information days

- Plant production
- Animal husbandry
- Processing
- Marketing
- Production and processing
- Organic catering
- Organic sector organisations



Organic conference

- Topics: horticulture (2016), environment and organic farming (2017), marketing (2018)



Study groups



Cereal, fruit, berries, vegetables, sheep, beef cattle, etc.



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Demonstration trials

Cropping systems, plant protection, cereal varieties, berry and fruit varieties and their agrotechnologies



Presentation events in organic enterprises

- Topics: poultry, robotic milking system, milk processing, strawberry production, composting, etc.

Study trips

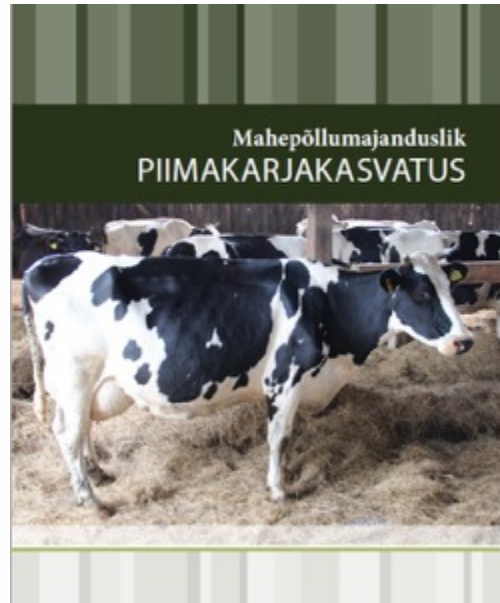


In Estonia and
abroad: UK, Germany,
Denmark



Materials

- Quarterly organic farming magazine „Mahepõllumajanduse Leht“,
- Booklets on dairy cattle, beef cattle, cereals and oil crops, berries, fruits, vegetables, potatoes, beekeeping, herbs, composting, marketing, etc.,
- Electronic guidelines for seed production, small scale processing of fruits, berries and vegetables, etc.,



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Portal

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Provides information on:

- Training events,
- Published materials,
- Other actual topics,

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Sündmused

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Mahetoit - hea sinule, hea loodusele

Miks eelistada mahetoitu?

- › Mahetoit on tervislik, sealt võib leida rohkem vitamiine, antioksüdante ja organismile vajalikke mineraalaineid kui tavatoidust.
- › Mahetoit ei sisalda organismile kahjulikke sünteetiliste taimekaitsevahendite jääke. Samuti pole mahetoidus pärilikult muundatud organisme (GMO) ega nende saadusi.
- › Mahetoidus pole kunstlikke värv- ja lõhnaaineid ega kauast säilimist soodustavaid aineid, mis võivad põhjustada mitmesuguseid tervisehäireid.
- › Loe edasi siit



Viimased uudised

Maaeluminister tunnustas põllumajanduse ja maaelu edendajaid teenetemärkidega

05.11.18

Hõbedase teenetemärgi pälvisid ka mitu mahepõllumajanduse valdkonnas aktiivset tegutsejat nii vabauhendustest kui ka riigiasutustest

Tallinnast saab pestitsiididevaba linn

05.11.18

Tallinna linnavolikogu toetas 1. novembri istungil Erakonna Eestimaa Rohelised algatust liituda pestitsiidivabade linnade võrgustikuga.

Results

In 2016-2017:

- 146 training days, ½ practical field days
- 27 people participated each day
- Total of 3,878 participations (one person could participate in more than one activity)
- At least one training day in each county
- Dissemination of research results and new technologies
- Opportunity to meet, discuss and share experiences



Challenges

- To transfer knowledge, we need new knowledge!
- Not enough organic farming research in local level on some topics: poultry, dairy cattle, potato and vegetable production, etc.
- No advisors on processing!





Thank you!



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