

Organic agriculture is a production system that sustains the health of soils, ecosystems and people. It relies on ecological processes, biodiversity and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. Organic agriculture combines tradition, innovation and science to benefit the shared environment and promote fair relationships and a good quality of life for all involved

The principles of organic farming

Principles are the roots from which organic agriculture grows and develops. They express the contribution that organic agriculture can make to the world and a vision to improve all agriculture in a global context. Agriculture is one of humankind's most basic activities because all people need to nourish themselves daily. History, culture and community values are embedded in agriculture. The Principles apply to agriculture in the broadest sense, including the way people tend soils, water, plants and animals in order to produce, prepare and distribute food and other goods. They concern the way people interact with living landscapes, relate to one another and shape the legacy of future generations. The Principles of Organic Agriculture serve to inspire the organic movement in its full diversity. They guide IFOAM's development of positions, programs and standards. Furthermore, they are presented with a vision of their world-wide adoption

Organic agriculture is based on health; ecology; fairness and care principles. Each principle is articulated through a statement followed by an explanation. The principles are to be used as a whole. They are composed as ethical principles to inspire action

Principle of health. *Organic Agriculture should sustain and enhance the health of soil, plant, animal, human and planet as one and indivisible.*

Principle of ecology. *Organic Agriculture should be based on living ecological systems and cycles, work with them, emulate them and help sustain them*

Principle of fairness. *Organic Agriculture should build on relationships that ensure fairness with regard to the common environment and life opportunities*

Principle of care. *Organic Agriculture should be managed in a precautionary and responsible manner to protect the health and well-being of current and future generations and the environment.*

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SEAE is a private non profit Spanish (network) association with about 800 researchers, advisors, professor and teachers, but also organic processors, certifiers and farmers, to give scientific support to organic farming practices (Agroecology), founded in 1992.

Major activities organised by SEAE are:

* Biannual National Scientific Congresses, since 1994

* National Organic Conferences & Seminars

* Edition of proceedings, dossiers & books

* Organic training and advice activities

* Organic lobby & outreach activities

* International research and promotion project cooperation (EU, Latin America, Nord Africa, etc.)



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*Internacional Federation
of Organic Agriculture Movements*

Leading, uniting and assisting the organic movement in its full diversity.

IFOAM is a membership organization with about 750 members from 108 countries all over the world (data from 2009).

The goal is the worldwide adoption of ecologically, socially and economically sound systems that are based on the Principles of Organic Agriculture.

Major aims and activities of IFOAM are:

- To exchange knowledge and expertise among its members and to inform the public about organic agriculture.
- To represent internationally, the organic movement in parliamentary, administrative and policy making forums (IFOAM has for example consultative status with the UNO and FAO).
- To set and regularly revise the international "IFOAM Basic Standards of Organic Agriculture and Food Processing" (these IFOAM Basic Standards are translated into 19 languages!).
- To make an international guarantee of organic quality a reality. The International Organic Accreditation Services, Inc. (IOAS) runs the IFOAM Accreditation Programme to ensure equivalency of certification programmes worldwide.

IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo (ABM)

**Mediterranean
Organic agriculture
& food processing**



**Local marketing
of organic products**



**Research &
Development**



**Standards &
Certification**



Training



**Mediterranean
cooperation**



**Preserving biodiversity and
traditional landscape
and cultures**

Proud to be part!

IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo membership is open to any IFOAM member from a Mediterranean country. Also donation and informal support are possibilities to collaborate with the organic movement and its development. For more information, please contact headoffice@ifoam.org or the IFOAM ABM permanent secretariat SEAE abmsecretariat@agroecologia.net.



In order to improve the membership quality of the participation in the internal life and to gain in efficiency, IFOAM has established an organizational system with several regional groups.

AgriBioMediterraneo was the first operating regional group within IFOAM. ABM gathers members from three different continents (Africa, Asia and Europe) of 26 Mediterranean countries: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Syria, Serbia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey.

ABM was established as a regional initiative during the conference in Vignola, Italy in 1990. Since 1997 it is recognized as regional group of IFOAM.

IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo has two major aims:

- To promote, develop and disseminate information, knowledge and expertise related to Mediterranean organic agriculture and food production.
- To development of AgriBioTourism on family farms.

Within IFOAM, ABM is in charge of specific Mediterranean organic agriculture. To maximise its efforts, ABM has founded four working groups to focus on the main issues: Marketing; Research and Development; Standards and Certification; Training.

Special emphasis is given to development of organic oliveculture, vitiviniculture, arable crops citrus and Mediterranean fruit and livestock growing, as well as on development of local markets, regional standards and AgroBioTourism.