

STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE
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ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTION

DEFRA are today publishing a joint announcement on behalf of the UK Agricultural Departments showing the areas of each country which are either fully organic or are under conversion, the numbers of organic producers and processors (see www.defra.gov.uk)

This shows that in Northern Ireland there are:

- 4,100 ha of land which is fully organic and 2,000 ha in conversion, covering 0.6% of the agricultural area.
- 140 organic producers and 33 organic processors.

For the UK as a whole 4% of the agricultural area is either organic or under conversion.