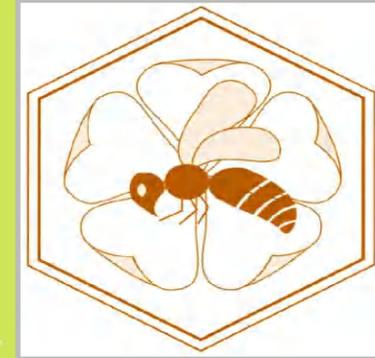




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Organic Beekeeping in Romania

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Introduction

- The organic beekeeping in Romania is a very dynamic sector with a continuously ascending trend in the last years.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADR) is the state authority in charge with the approval of inspection and certification bodies.
- There are in Romania 21 inspection and certification approved bodies. (RO ECO 01-021).

Usually procedure are accordingly with the comunitary legislation:

- In order to become ecologic honey producer the beekeeper have to fulfil the specific documentation requested by the certification and inspection body.
- If the documents are in conformity with the requested criteria, the inspection and certification body sign the agreement with the beekeeper in order to pass into the conversion period - 1 year.
- After this period, if the inspection body establish that the norms are respected in conformity with the methods of organic production, it can give the certification and the honey in the next season could be traded as organic honey with national and community logo.

Legislation

- **European legislation -**
- **Romanian legislation:**
- **Agriculture Ministry Order (ORDIN nr. 688 - 9/08/2007) for Rules approval regarding the certification and inspection system.**
- **Common order for modification of Annex to the Agriculture Ministry Order no 317/2006 and of National Authority for consumer protection no 190/2006 regarding the labelling of food organic products and Romanian logo using;**
- **The newest legislation:**
- **The Governmental Decision no 759/2010 regarding some specific funds allocation for amelioration of agriculture products quality in organic sector:**
 - 0- 750 lei (175 euro) – apiaries with 1-50 colonies
 - 850 lei (200 euro) apiaries with 51-100 colonies
 - 950 (220 euro) –apiaries over 101 colonies

History and present

- The first certified beekeepers in this field were registered in 2000 year.
- The number of operators in organic beekeeping increased each year, so that in 2008 were registered 584 operators at Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, representing 13% out of total number of registered operators in organic agriculture.
- In 2009, the number of operators in organic beekeeping increased to 620, representing 20% out of total agriculture operators.

The situation of organic beekeeping sector in Romania

no	Year	Number of certified beekeepers and beekeepers in conversion	Number of operators in organic agriculture	% Organic beekeepers	No of hives/ organic apiary	Average of organic honey production/ Colony	Number of organic certified honeybee colonies	Number of total honey bee colonies	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	2008	584	4191	13,9	113	40,1	66079	1.109.000	
2	2009	620	4200	14,7	136	33,05	84705	1.101.069	
3	2010						92000	1.280.000	

Organic honey trading

- The organic certified honey and other beekeeping products are traded both on the Romanian market and the external market (over 50%) especially on EU market.

European and Romanian LOGOS:



Thank you for your attention!