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To lead the development of a competitive, sustainable and consumer-focused agri-food sector and a vibrant rural society



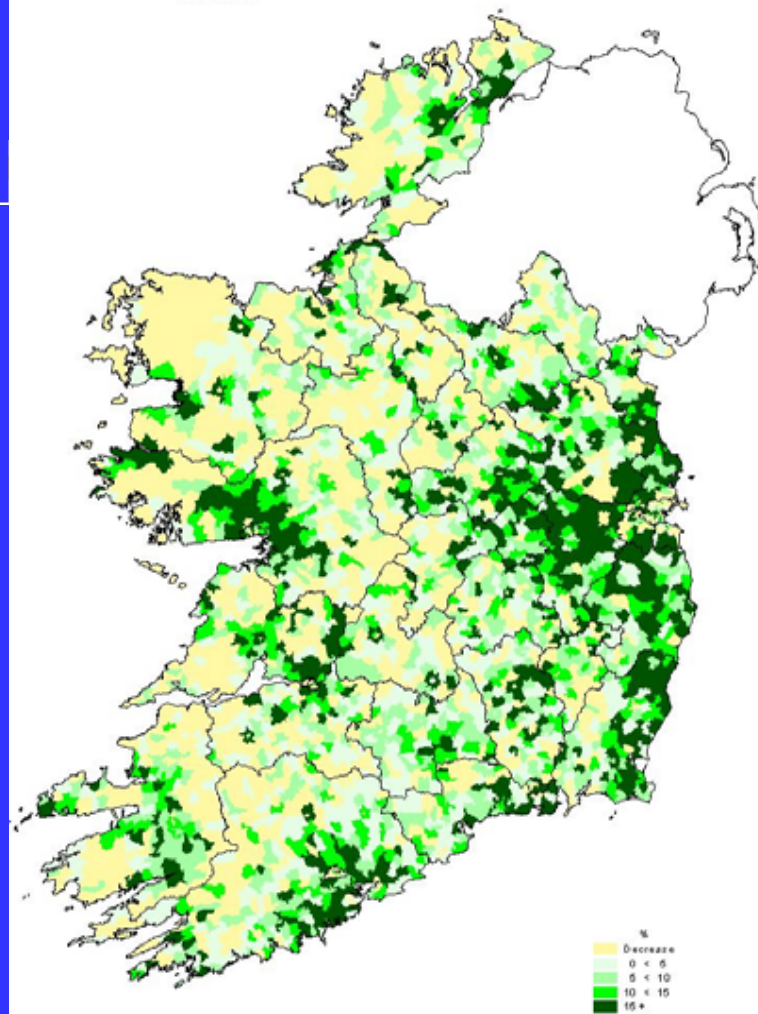
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Percentage change in the population
of Electoral Divisions
1996-2002



Farm Structures in Ireland

	1975	2003	2015?
No. of holdings	228,000	135,300	105,000
Avg. farm size	23 ha	32.3 ha	?
Under 35 years	6%	11% (8% EU)	
Over 55 years	52%	42% (53% EU)	
Farms < 20 ha.	63%	44%	

Rural Development

2007-2013

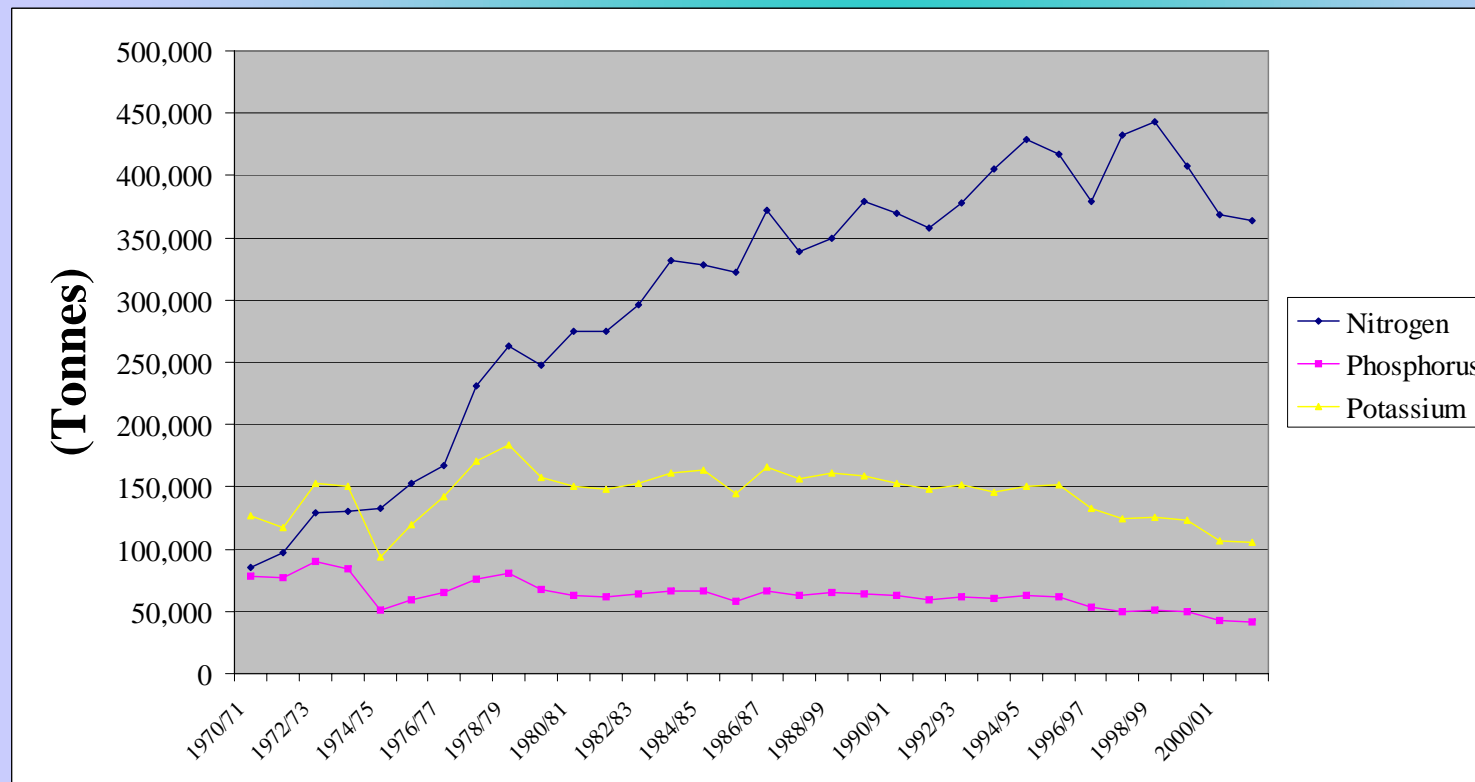
- A new strategic approach for rural development with clear focus on EU priorities.
- One funding and programming instrument, the European Agricultural Rural Development Fund (EARDF).
- Reinforced control, evaluation and a clearer division of responsibilities between Member States and Commission.
- A strengthened bottom-up approach. Member States, regions and local action groups will have more say in attuning programmes to local needs.

Reg. 1698 of 2005.

PRIOROTIES SET OUT IN THE GUIDELINES OF R.D. REG.

- Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sectors
- Improving the environment and the countryside
- Improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging diversification
- Building local capacity for employment and diversification
- Translating priorities into programmes – various EU level strategies such as those on organic farming and forestry are mentioned for consideration
- Complementarity between Community instruments – the synergy and demarcation between rural development support and other possible assistance.

Fertiliser Use in Ireland







ORGANIC FARMING: Farm Divesification



- Policy
- Promotion
- Financial Support
- Technical Support
- Education
- Reserch

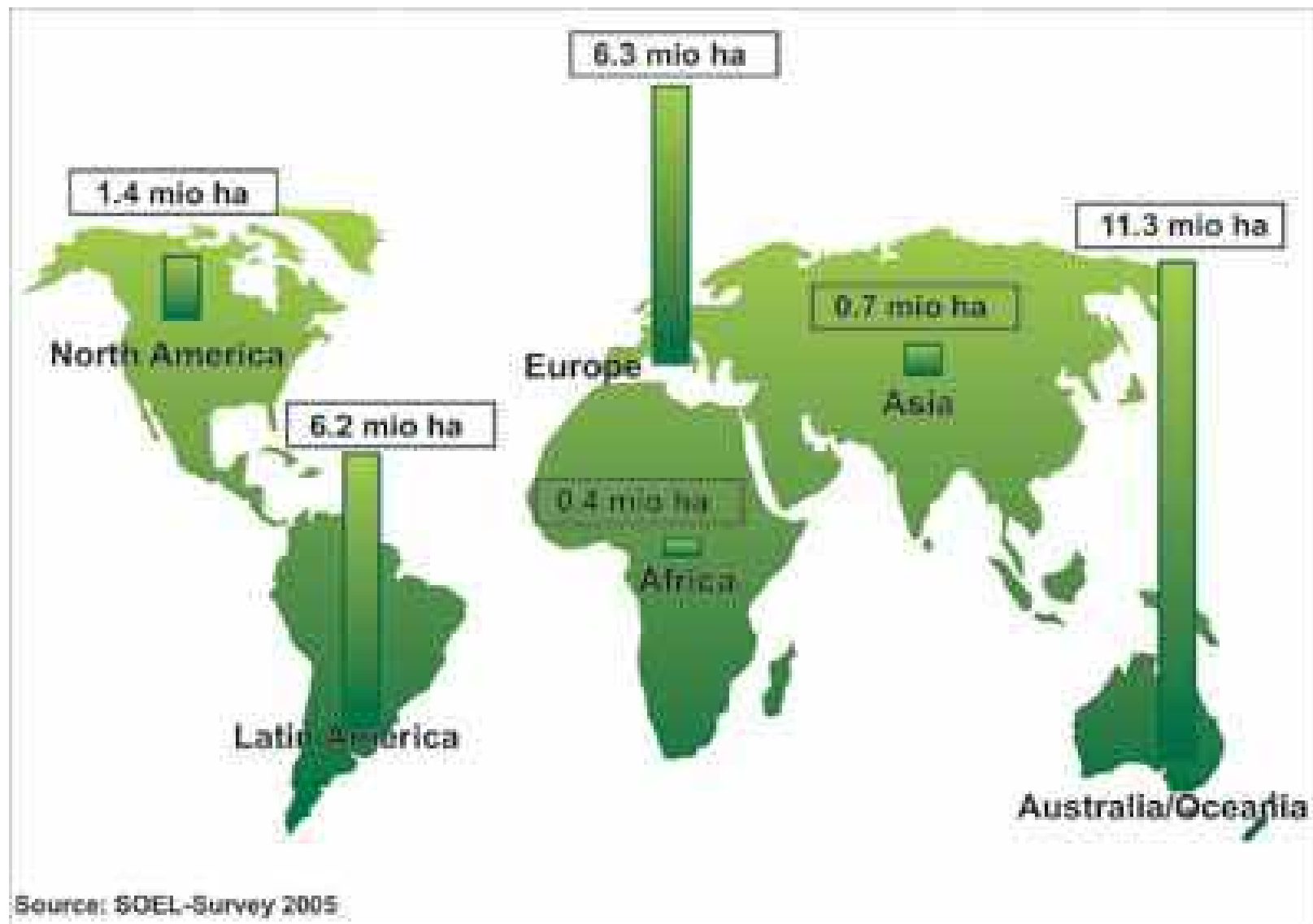
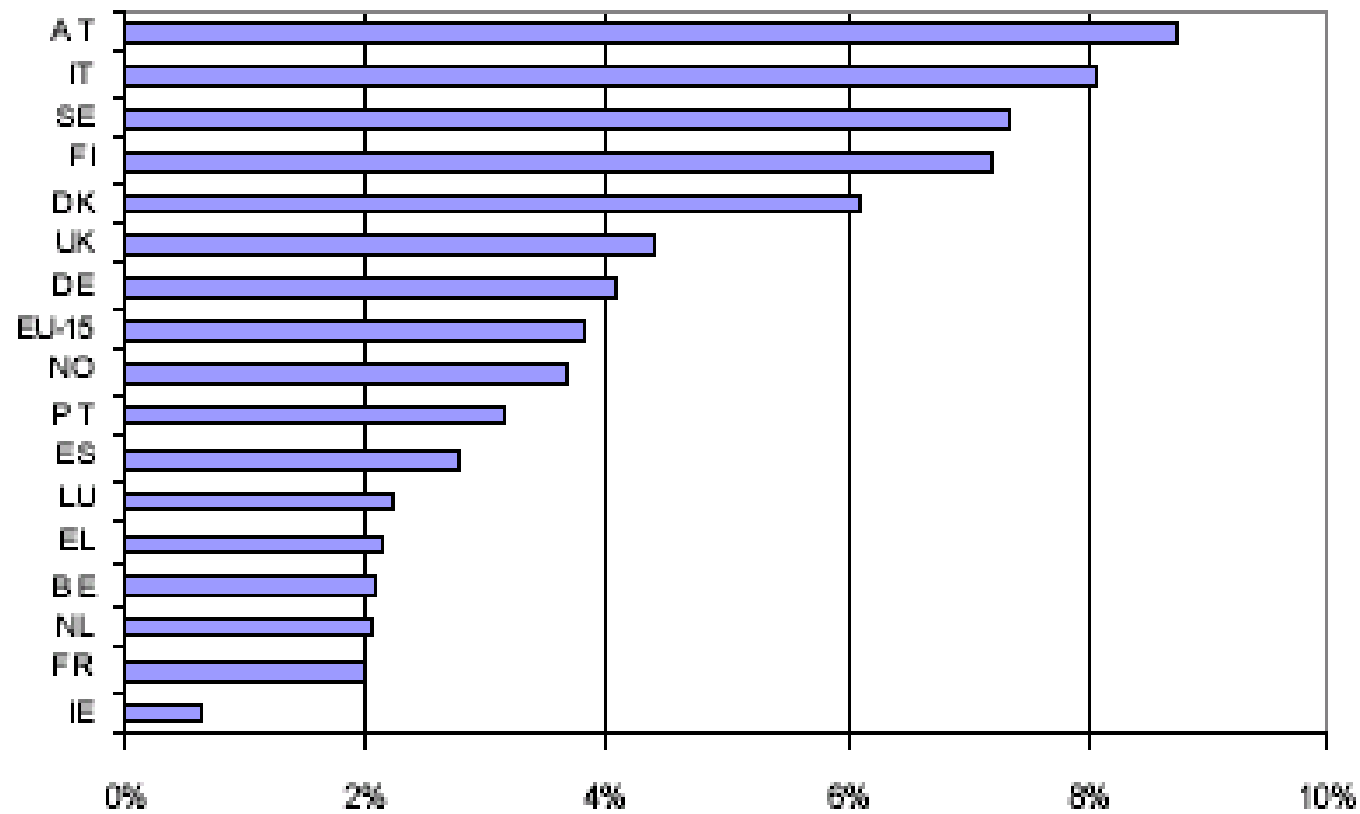
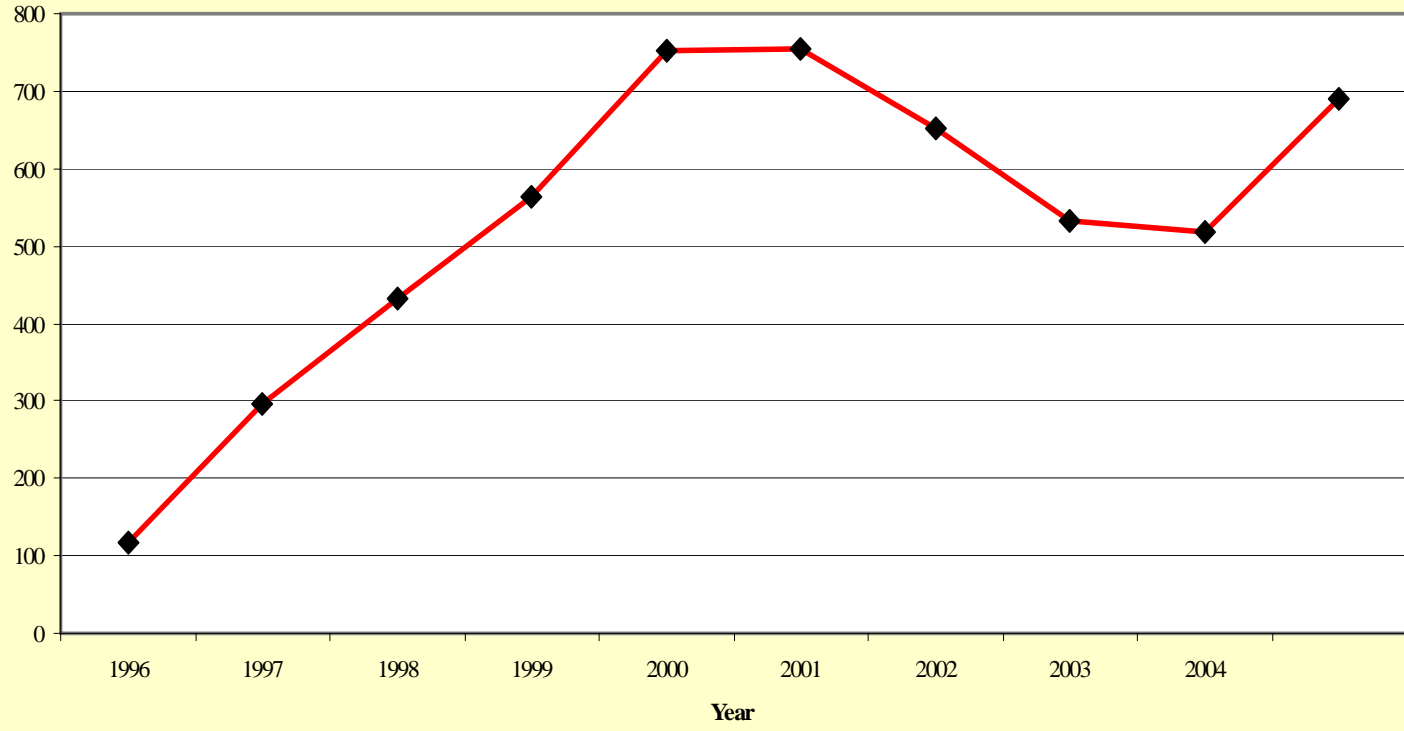


Figure 2: Share of organic area in the total UAA (%), 2003



Note: AT, BE, DE, EL, LU, EU-15: 2002 organic area data; EL, AT, PT, NO: 2000 UAA data

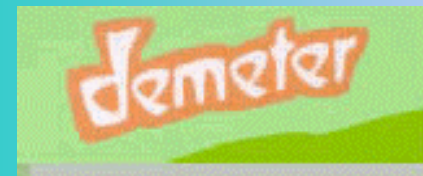
No of Organic Participants in REPS from 1996 to date



	Horticultural holdings of <= 3 ha	Holdings > 3ha and <= 55 ha	> 55 ha (rates in prev column apply up to 55 ha)
In conversion	€242/ha	€181 /ha	€30/ha
Full organic status	€121/ha	€91/ha	€15/ha

Area	Basic Payment	Organic Payment - in conversion	Organic Payment - Fully organic	Max payment in conversion	Max payment fully organic
40 ha	€7,500	€7,240	€3,640	€14,740	€11,140
55 ha	€8,550	€9,955	€5,005	€18,505	€13,555

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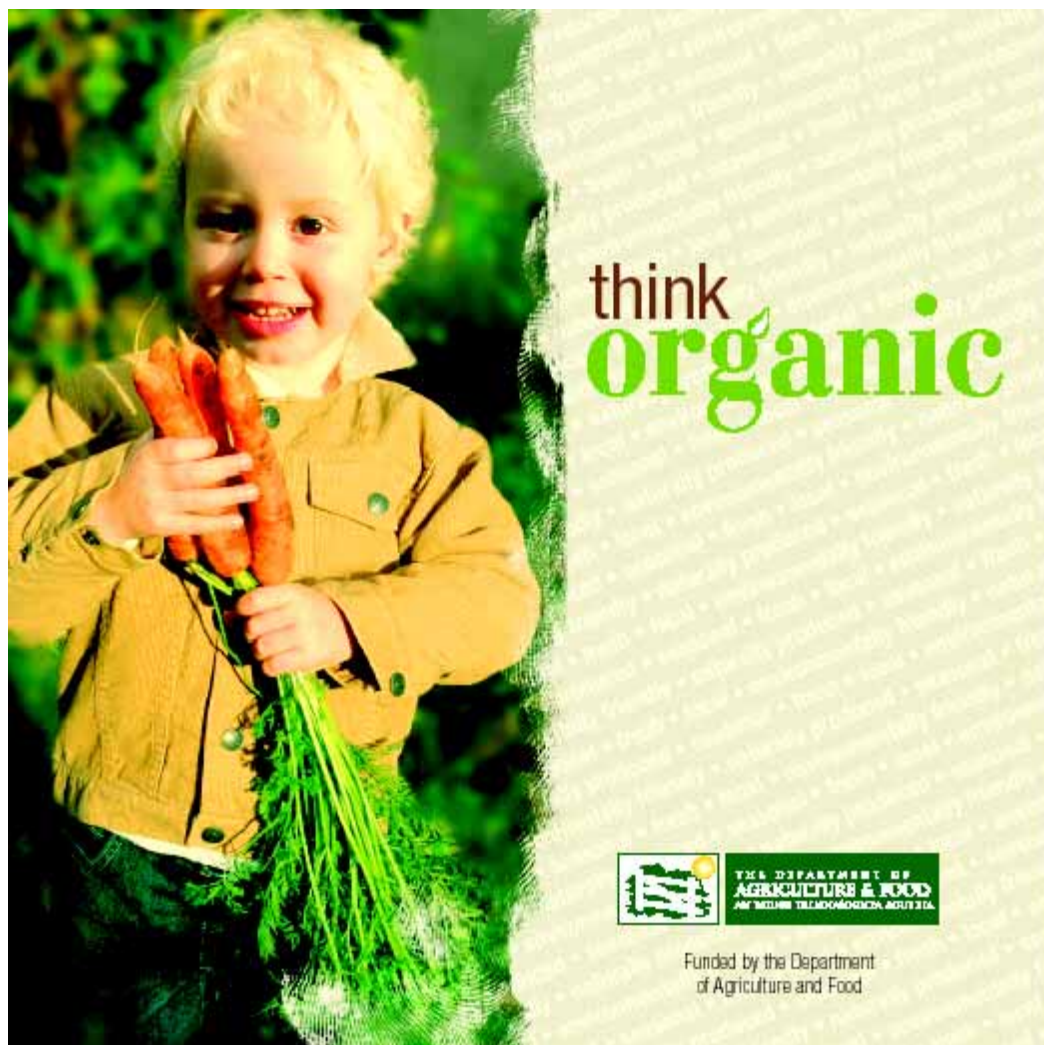












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