# Rebalancing the Market or Hitting the Buffers

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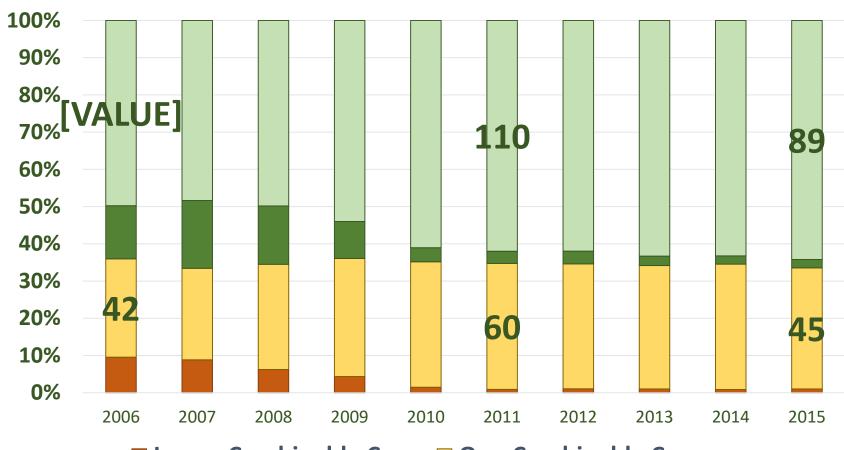


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## UK

#### UK Organic & Incon. Areas 2006 - 2015



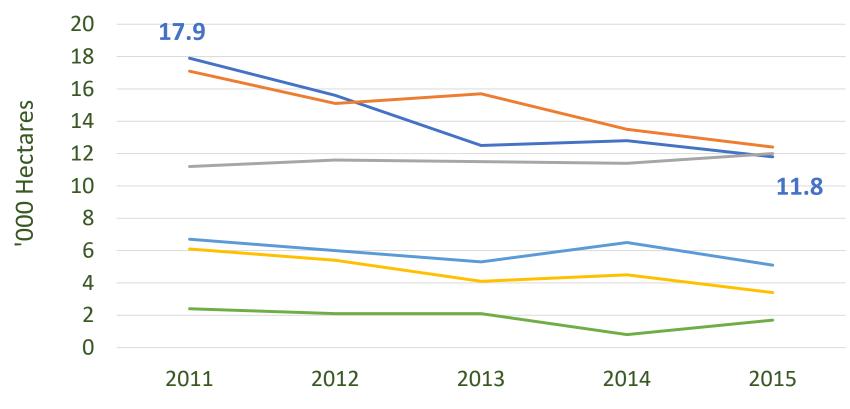


■ Incon Temp.Grassland
□ Org. Temp Grass



# UK

### Organic Crop Areas 2011 - 2015





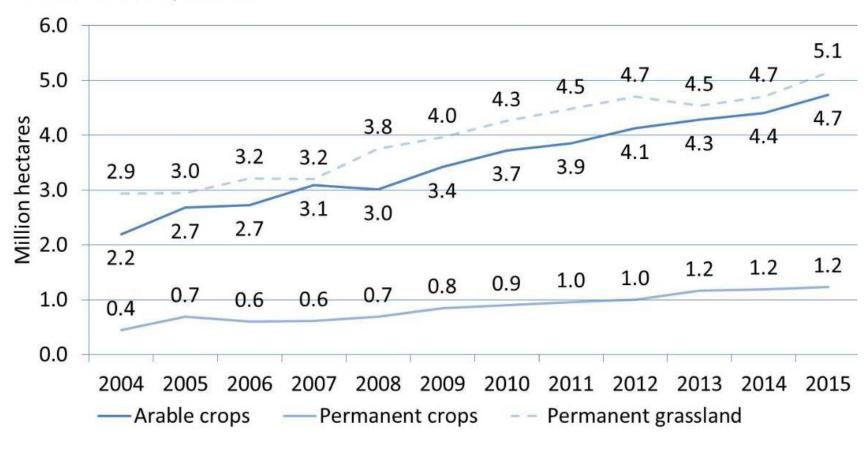
Wheat
 Barley
 Other Cereals
 Cereals as Forage
 Proteins & Oilseed

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# Europe

#### European Union: Growth of organic area by land use type 2004-2015

Source: FiBL-AMI Surveys 2006-2017







ncrease of organic arable land in the EU 2015. For more see the #WorldofOrganic, to be launche @BioFachVivaness organic-world.net/index/news-org.







# Europe

#### **EU Organic Arable Area 2014**

		Total Arable Land	Cereals	Industrial crops	Green Fodder	Fresh vegetables	Other arable land crops
	EU-28	4,767,294	<mark>1,691,451</mark>	273,087	<mark>1,869,424</mark>	145,639	84,487
	Germany	445,244	231,335	12,437	133,126	11,190	3,229
	Italy	702,533	226,043	22,810	281,907	29,487	20,372
	Spain	452,203	209,001	16,038	21,186	13,578	900
	France	732,194	186,829	55,332	352,949	16,832	28,848
	Turkey	319,930	172,477	16,612	109,448	3,806	172
	Poland	376,939	101,436	6,488	206,171	41,819	6,054
	Austria	193,781	95,742	24,063	50,609	3,124	1,131
	Sweden	398,001	95,286	5,145	261,790	1,828	3,371
	Lithuania	143,445	89,906	11,394	5,880	268	0
	Romania	158,953	81,439	52,583	13,636	1,210	356
	Denmark	132,002	52,064	1,717	64,140	2,670	2,808
	UK	144,800	39,549	78	83,268	7,204	9,608
	Source:	Eurostat					







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#### USA, USA, USA



- 43% of the global market
- 11.3% increase in sales to £24.3 billion
- 7% of the global organic land area 2.2 M ha (Europe 11.6 M Ha)
- Little domestic increase in supply

Chickens That Lay Organic Eggs Eat Imported Food, And It's Pricey

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A few years ago, Rivest bought organic wheat from Western Canada at \$8 a bu.

"Now I phone them up and offer them \$28," he said, adding that farmers often counter offer requesting more.

"The market is at a point where it's going to buck that."

Instead of paying excessive premiums, he's turning to India and Ukraine for organic corn, soybeans and wheat.

"It's going to put a celling on the price. (Imports) have already brought the price of feed beans down from \$30 (per bu.) to \$24."

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US Organic Cereal Area 2011 & 2016							
	2011	2016	% + / -				
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Cropland	1,248,478	1,659,247	32				
Alalfa	318,078	323,756	1				
Wheat	135,908	195,063	43				
Corn	94,889	118,171	24				
Soya	53,465	60,704	13				
Oats	25,097	44,112	75				
Source	USDA	Mercaris					



# USA





bal	Country	Market Value (£ Billion)	Market Value Growth (%)	2014 Net Exports (t)	2016 Net Imports (t)	Outlook
Global		£2	6%	5000	100,000 - 120,000	Very little arable conversion
		£2.5	15%	60,000	50,000	Current conversion will be used domestically. Forward prices will be £270 ex farm
		£1.9	18%	Nil	100,000	Continued import requirement
		£5.9	20%	20,000	Higher than previous years	Will be net importer as dairy conversion high
orga aral		£24	11%	?	200,000?	Conversion slowed due to cheap imports

### Outlook

- We have a global shortage of grain
- Livestock and arable sectors are hugely imbalanced and recent losses in supply have/will worsen the situation
- Sterling devaluation makes export markets move attractive
- Greater likelihood of supply shocks
- Consumer markets are continuing to grow. Can this continue with insufficient grain available?



# Where do we go from here?

- Understand where your grain is coming from and take responsibility for your downstream supply chains
- Consider how robust this supply base may be?
- Imperfect knowledge reduces trust therefore work with known and transparent supply chains. Price transparency is cheap.
- Expect to see higher prices you are competing for a scarce product
- Question cheap supplies. They may not be fraudulent but are certainly discouraging further conversion
- Develop long term partnerships
- Arable producers need to engage too!



	Integrity	Reliability	Nutritional Quality	Transparency	Provenence
Waitrose	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$
Large Volume		11		11	
Poultry		$\checkmark$	11		
Own Brand		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	<b>J J</b>



# Questions?

