

# Current Status of Organic Agriculture in Uganda

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## 1. Introduction

NOGAMU: The umbrella Organization

- Farmers
- Processors
- Exporters
- NGOs
- Universities
- Gov't agencies e.g. UEPB, UNBS,
- Gov't Ministries: MAAIF and MTTI
- Service providers

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## 2. Organic History

- First organic project in Mid 90s: Cotton and tropical fruits
- This was followed by organic coffee in highland regions
- Formation of NOGAMU as umbrella organization in 2001
- Certification companies

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## 3. Current Organic statistics

- Total land area certified: 296.203 Ha
- Total Exports: USD 22.84 Million
- Main products: Fruits, vanilla, chillies, coffee, cotton, shea, sesame and spices
- NO. of Farmers: 206,803
- No. of organic exporters: 38

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## 4. Local Market Development

Organic outlets:

- 4 exclusive organic shops
- 2 supermarket chains
- International schools



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## 5. Organic Policy

- Draft OA policy
- MAAIF finalizing Consultations
- Process complete soon hopefully

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## 6. Organic Standards

- East African Organic Standard
- Uganda Organic Standard
- UNBS

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## 7. Challenges

1. High demand but limited supply
2. Lack of a comprehensive organic policy
3. Research still limited

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