



ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF AGRICULTURE IN OECD COUNTRIES SINCE 1990:

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<http://www.oecd.org/tad/env/indicators>

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1. National Agri-environmental Indicators Development

The Kingdom of Belgium is a constitutional monarchy. The 2001 reform of the Belgian Constitution was the latest in a series of constitutional changes (others occurred in 1970, 1980, 1988 and 1993) which have transformed the country into a federal state made up of three Regions. The three Regions are the Walloon Region, the Flemish Region and the Brussels-Capital Region. The Federal Government is responsible for justice, social security, monetary and fiscal affairs and national defence. The three Regions have authority in respect of socio-economic matters such as economy, environment, agriculture and zoning.

In Flanders, the Flemish Environment Agency began in 1991 to develop a set of agri-environmental indicators and analytical systems for this purpose. The Department for Agriculture and Fisheries, Division for Agricultural Policy Analysis, collects economical, sociological and environmental data concerning farms in Flanders through the Flemish farm accountancy data network (FADN) and reports on the situation and the evolutions in agriculture and horticulture in Flanders.

In Walloon region, the Agricultural Direction is responsible for economic agricultural observations. See also the various summaries on indicator development under the UN Agenda 21 reporting obligations at: <http://www.un.org/esa/agenda21/natinfo/countr/belgium/index.htm>

2. Databases

- Flemish Region State of Agriculture <http://lv.vlaanderen.be/nlapps/docs/default.asp?id=94>
- Flemish Region State of the Environment <http://www.milieurapport.be/default.aspx?pageID=528>
- Walloon Region State of Agriculture http://agriculture.wallonie.be/apps/spip_wolwin/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=31
- Statistics Belgium www.statbel.fgov.be/

3. Websites

- Department for Agriculture and Fisheries www.lv.vlaanderen.be
- Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research www.ilvo.vlaanderen.be/index_uk.htm
- Flemish Environment Agency www.vmm.be
- Ministry of the Walloon Region www.environnement.wallonie.be, www.agriculture.wallonie.be
- Belgian Federal Council for Sustainable Development <http://www.belspo.be/frdocfdd/en/frontpag.htm>
- Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences <http://www.kbinirsnb.be/>
- Institute of Nature Conservation www.nara.be
- National Climate Commission http://www.climatechange.be/climat_klimaat/index.html
- Centre for Agricultural and Food Economics <http://www.biw.kuleuven.be/aec/clo/clohomee.htm>