

Agriculture is a key sector of the national economy in the Republic of Moldova. It accounts for approximately 15 per cent of Moldovan GDP and employs 28 per cent of the country's working population, half of which are women. Approximately 70 per cent of the population from rural areas rely on agriculture for their livelihoods. Agriculture and the food processing industry together account for approximately 17 per cent of GDP with agri-food exports accounting for roughly 45 per cent of exports in 2016.

A primary goal of producers in all agricultural sector is to obtain organic certification to meet growing demand and increased income potential in world markets. Although still considered a niche, the organic food and drinks market is expected to grow over the coming years.



WALNUTS

PRODUCTS

WALNUTS (WHOLE AND SHELLED)
WALNUT OIL
WALNUT POWDER
WALNUT MILK
CEREAL BARS AND COOKIES

Republic of Moldova has ideal climatic and soil conditions for the production of walnuts.

Valued added walnut products remain limited in Moldovan exports.



HONEY

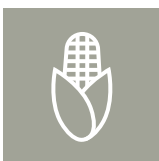
PRODUCTS

BOTTLED HONEY
BEESWAX
PROPOLIS
ROYAL JELLY

There are 6,000 active beekeepers in the Republic of Moldova.

Valued added honey products remain limited in Moldovan exports.

Moldovan honey production is currently at 4,000 tonnes per year, however, total production potential is 12,000 tonnes per year.



CEREALS

PRODUCTS

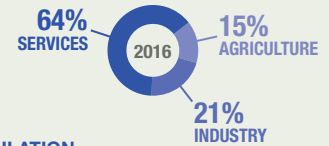
WHOLE GRAINS
BREAKFAST CEREALS
CEREAL BARS AND BISCUITS

A large number of small and medium size farms, as well as a small number of large agricultural companies, are active in the cereals sector of the Republic of Moldova, whose exports accounted for one third of the country's total in 2016.

Main export destinations of the Republic of Moldova's cereals are European Union countries, followed by, Switzerland, Turkey, Belarus and Lebanon.

GDP

GDP PER CAPITA
\$1,900



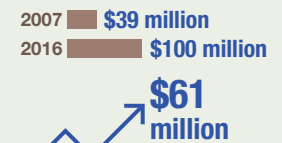
WORKING POPULATION



WORLD EXPORTS



VALUE OF MOLDOVAN EXPORTS



MARKETS



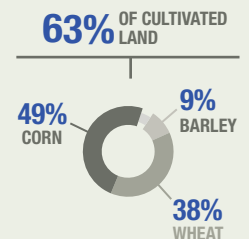
EXPORTS



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CULTIVATED LAND



PRIORITIES ACTIONS IDENTIFIED BY NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

For each of the three sectors, sectoral stakeholders have agreed to specific actions in the following four areas:

- 1 Harmonization of the National Legislation in accordance with European Union Organic Agriculture legislation
- 2 Development of the national organic agriculture inputs market (seeds and seedling materials, fertilizers, crops protecting products)
- 3 Instituting a large-scale training program and extension services on organic production and certification

4 Support in Market research and creation of effective trade partnerships for the added-value products

In addition to these cross-cutting actions, national stakeholders also supported sector specific actions such as developing a strong national brand for Moldovan honey and walnuts; expanding the use of group certification for organic cereal producers; building synergies among the sectors; and exploring the potential to enhance their exports through ecotourism.

