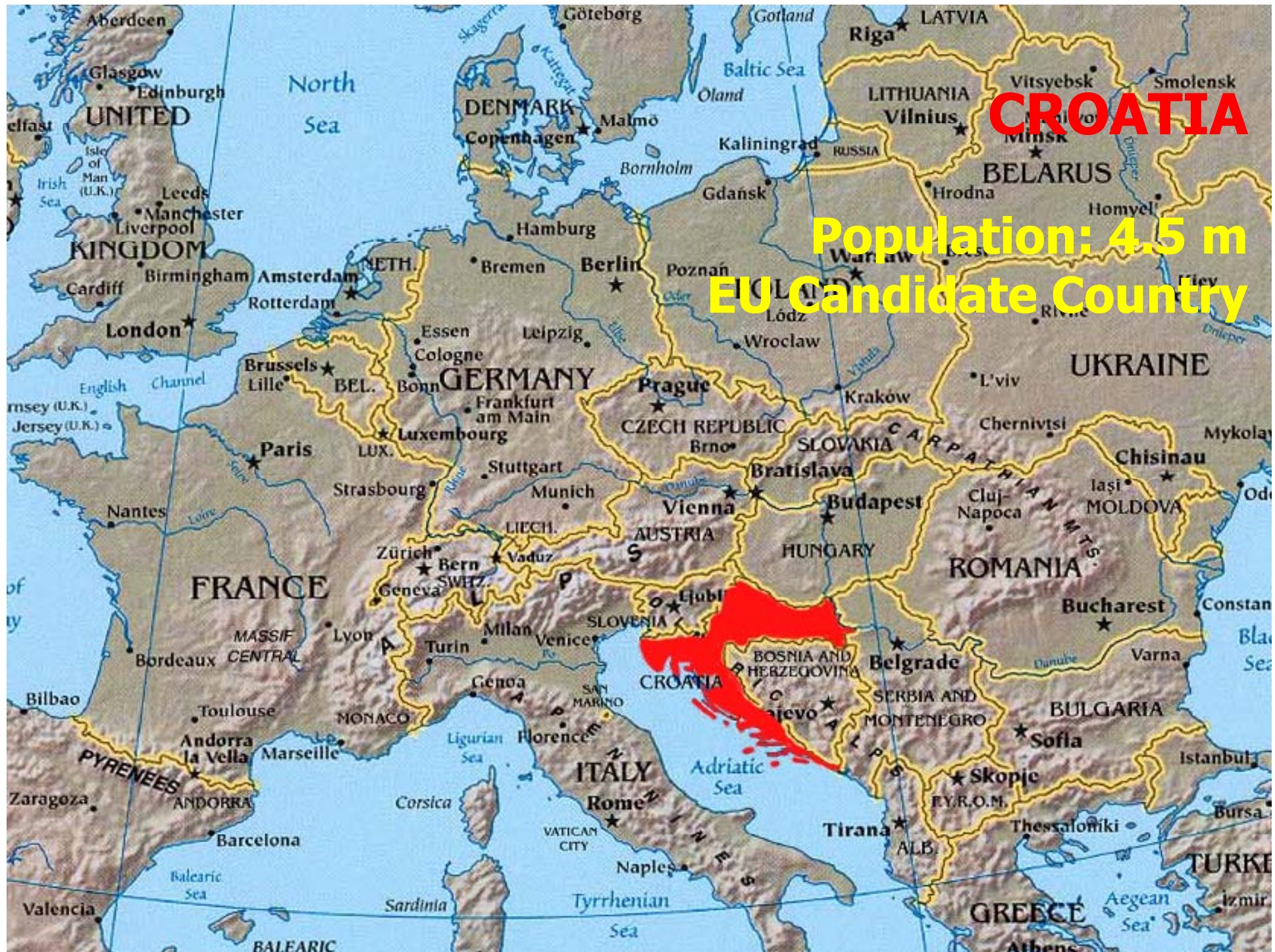


Biodiversity-based booming organic farming business in Croatia

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CROATIA

Population: 4.5 m
EU Candidate Country

Croatian agriculture

A photograph of a rural landscape in Croatia. The scene is dominated by stone walls and olive trees. In the foreground, a low, rustic stone wall runs across the frame. Behind it, several olive trees with green foliage and gnarled trunks are scattered. In the background, a larger stone building with a tiled roof is visible, partially obscured by more trees. The ground is covered with dry grass and some small plants. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and traditional.

- 450.000 farms
- 100.000 commercial farms
- 1,1 mil ha of UAA

Biogeographical regions in Croatia

1. Pannonian
2. Continental
3. Alpine
4. Mediterranean







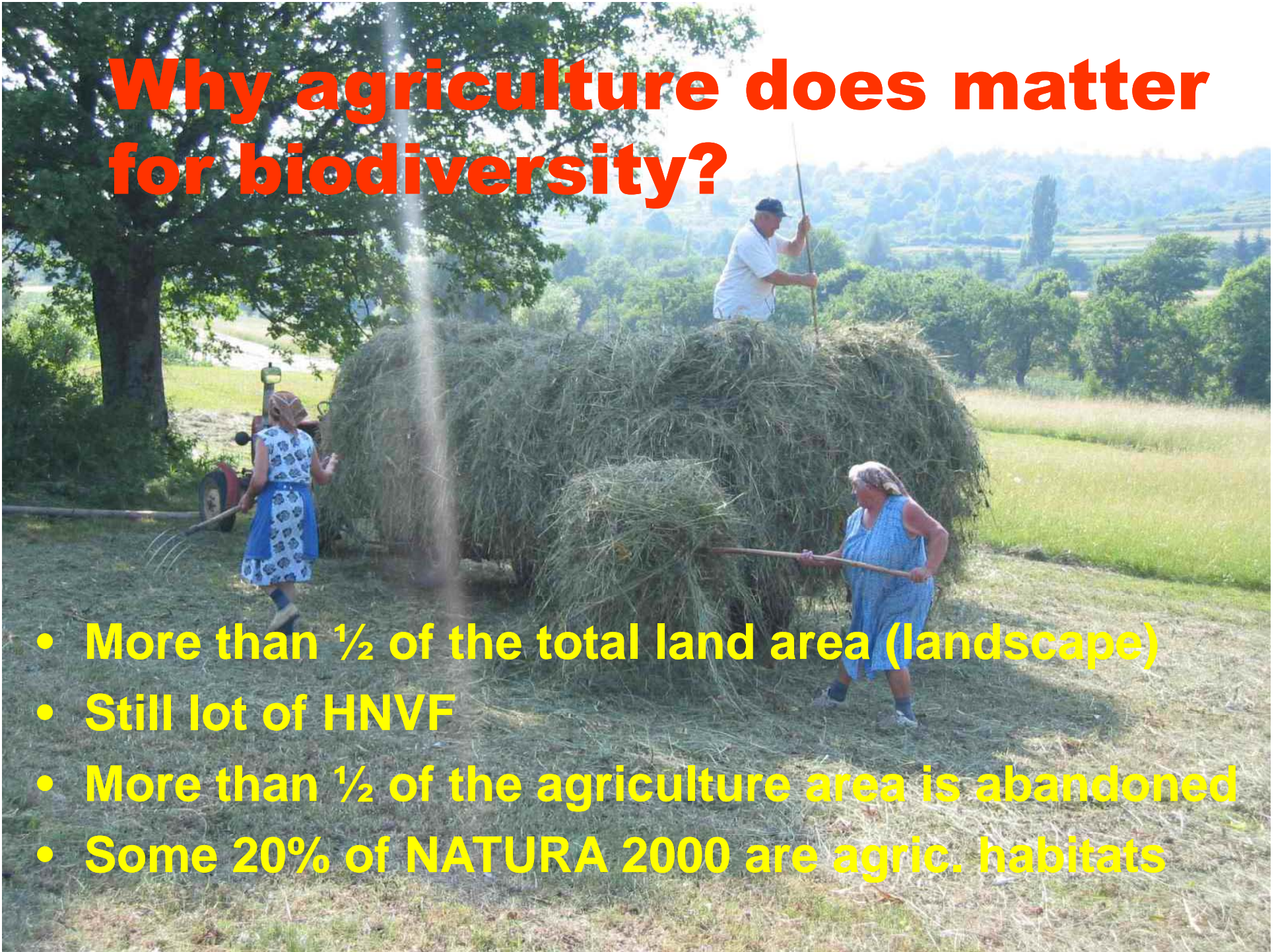






Why agriculture does matter for biodiversity?

- More than ½ of the total land area (landscape)
- Still lot of HNMF
- More than ½ of the agriculture area is abandoned
- Some 20% of NATURA 2000 are agric. habitats

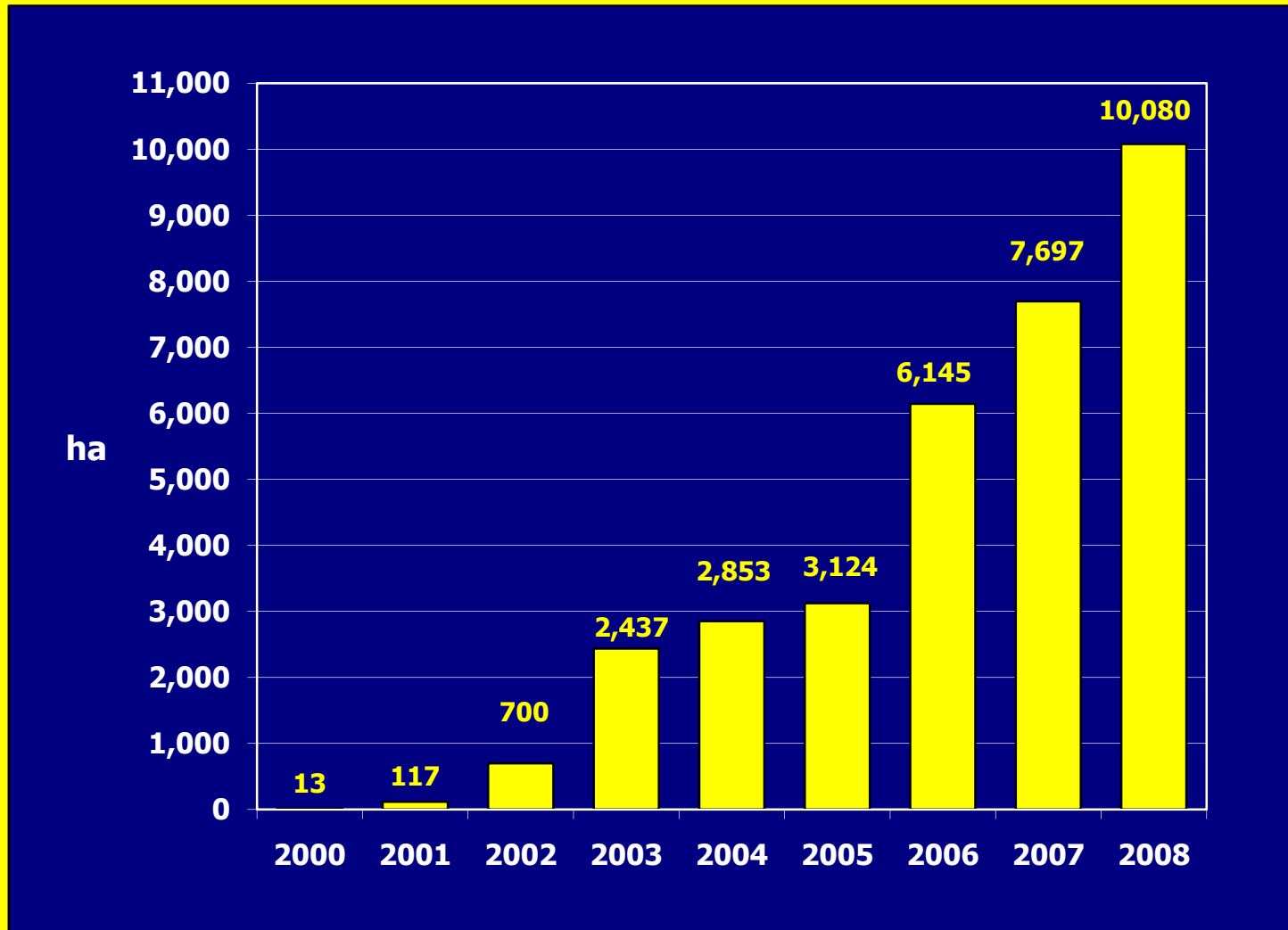




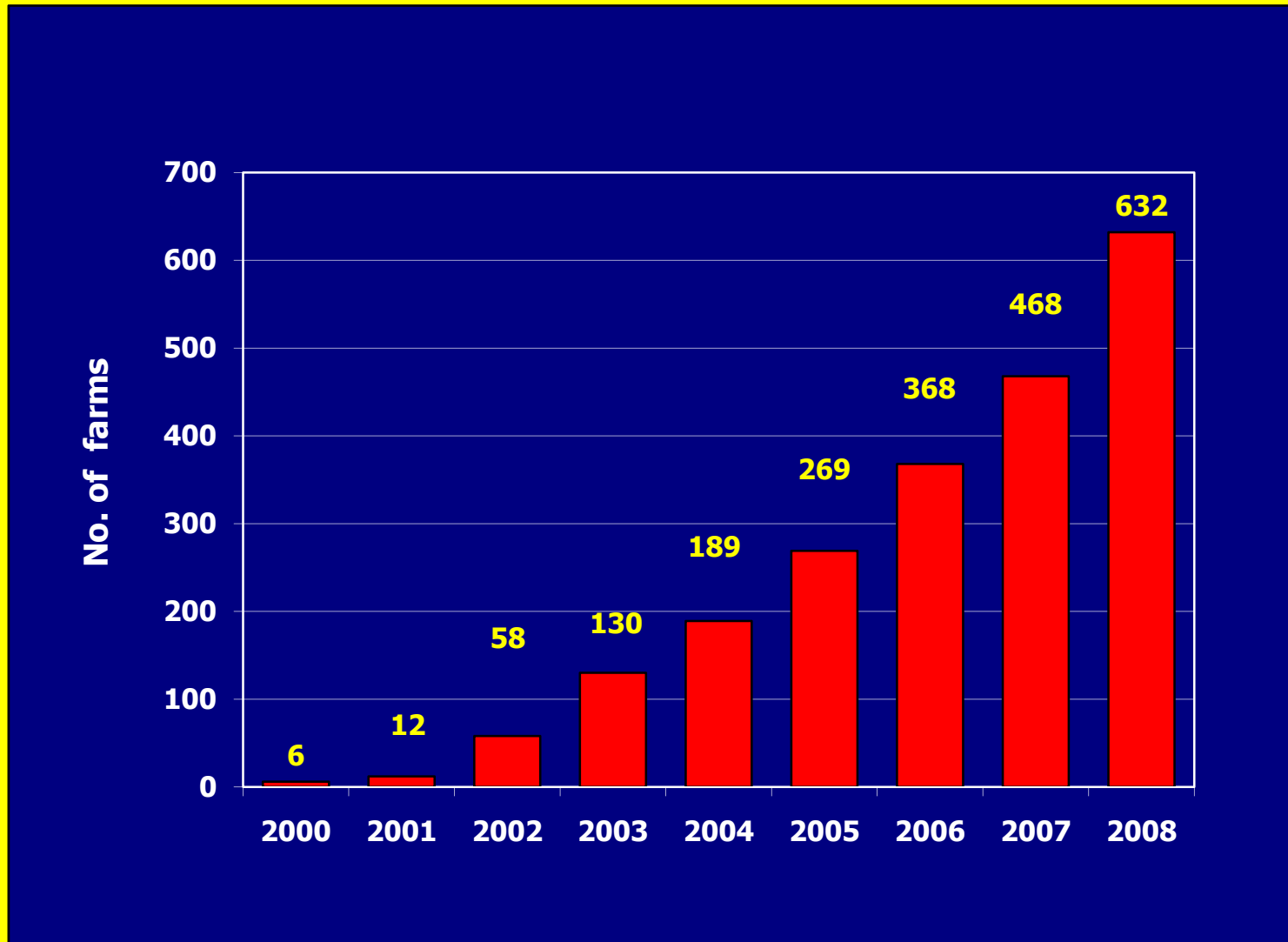
- ❖ **1% of UAA**
- ❖ **Strong growth**
- ❖ **State support**
- ❖ **Domestic market**



Area under organic farming



Number of organic farms



Who benefits-BD or business?



Bee-keeping in national parks



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Nature Park Kopački rit (Ramsar site)



Genetic diversity



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Grdić BD farm-old cereal varieties



Bašić farm-old apple varieties



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Sever farm



Eco-boxes



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Methods enhancing on-farm BD





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Terra Magnifica-organic herbs



Land abandonment = loss of biodiversity





Agriculture co-operative Svirče



B. BADEL, 1862

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Žampera farm-olives & goats





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Opportunities for BD based OA

- ❖ **WB/UNDP projects**
- ❖ **Pre-accession funds (IPA)**
- ❖ **Ministries of agriculture and tourism**
- ❖ **Counties (agro-eco tourism)**
- ❖ **banks-grants and loans**

Thank you for your attention!

