

## Quality agro-food products PDO, PGI AND TSG

*Year 2014*

Italy has confirmed its position as the first country for the number of PDO, PGI and TSG certifications granted by the European Union (EU). At 31 December 2014, Italy had 269 quality-certified products (8 more than in 2013); of these, 257 were active.

The sectors with the highest number of certifications were Fruit, vegetables and cereals (103 products), Cheeses (49), Extra virgin olive oils (43) and Meat preparations (38). Fresh meat and other sectors had a total of 5 and 32 specialities respectively.

The regions with the highest number of PDO and PGI products were Emilia-Romagna and Veneto, with 41 and 36 products respectively.

In 2014, there were 79,848 certified operators, down by 587 units (-0.7%) from 2012. Of these, 91.4% were exclusively involved in production activities and 6.6% in product transformation; the remaining 2% performed both activities.

In the certification system, new certified operators (5,721) were lower than exits (6,308).

Most certified operators continued to be men, with 80.1% of producers and 86.3% of transformers being male.

Among producers (74,571 units), the Cheese sector was particularly highly represented (26,454 units, the equivalent of 35.5% of the total), along with Extra virgin olive oil (18,734 or 25.1%) and Fruit, vegetables and cereals (17,279 or 23.2%).

Transformers (6,845 units) were also more frequent in the Extra virgin olive oil (1,796 or 26.2% of the total), Cheeses (1,555 or 22.7%) and Fruit, vegetables and cereals (1,204 or 17.6%) sectors. In comparison to 2012, the number of livestock farms (41,412 farms) fell by 1.3% while the surface area covered (162,824 hectares) rose by 0.4%.

Quality products contribute to promoting development in the mountainous areas of the country: 28.2% of producers were located in the mountains, against 17% of mountain farms recorded by the 2010 Agricultural Survey.

Overall, the number of producers recorded a fall by 0.8% between 2013 and 2014 was the result of a fall in Northern (-1.7%) and Central areas (-1%) against a rise in South and Islands area (+0.6%). The decrease in the number of transformers (-3.5%) was due to a contraction in the Centre and North, surpassing the increase in the South and Islands area.

**PROSPECT 1. QUALITY PRODUCTS (PDO, PGI AND TSG) OPERATORS BY SECTOR – as of 31 December 2013 and 2014**

SECTORS	PRODUCERS				TRANSFORMERS				TOTAL OPERATORS (a)			
	2013	2014	Changes 2014/2013		2013	2014	Changes 2014/2013		2013	2014	Changes 2014/2013	
			absolute	%			absolute	%			absolute	%
Fresh meat	7,659	8,039	380	5.0	873	868	-5	-0.6	8,532	8,907	375	4.4
Meat preparations	3,562	3,470	-92	-2.6	741	656	-85	-11.5	4,303	4,126	-177	-4.1
Cheese	27,190	26,454	-736	-2.7	1,691	1,555	-136	-8.0	28,589	27,921	-668	-2.3
Other animal products	240	253	13	5.4	33	29	-4	-12.1	250	261	11	4.4
Fruit, vegetables and cereals	17,076	17,279	203	1.2	1,165	1,204	39	3.3	17,830	18,062	232	1.3
Extra virgin olive oil	19,083	18,734	-349	-1.8	1,863	1,796	-67	-3.6	20,058	19,655	-403	-2.0
Vinegars other than wine vinegars	181	182	1	0.6	548	568	20	3.6	630	651	21	3.3
Bread, pastry, confectionery	28	25	-3	-10.7	48	56	8	16.7	64	80	16	25.0
Spices	92	88	-4	-4.3	93	74	-19	-20.4	104	104	-	-
Essential oils	30	30	-	-	8	8	-	-	37	37	-	-
Fish products	10	10	-	-	7	7	-	-	13	13	-	-
Salt	5	7	2	40.0	3	3	-	-	8	10	2	25.0
Pasta	-	-	-	-	17	21	4	23.5	17	21	4	23.5
<b>TOTAL (b)</b>	<b>75,156</b>	<b>74,571</b>	<b>-585</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>7,090</b>	<b>6,845</b>	<b>-245</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>80,435</b>	<b>79,848</b>	<b>-587</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

(a) An operator may be both producer and transformer.

(b) An operator operating in two or more sectors is counted two or more times.

**For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version**

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