

Meet the speaker

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The Organic Summit 2025 is all about achieving 25 percent organic farming in Europe by 2030. To reach that goal, we need excessive innovation in farming. At the summit participants will meet Thomas Moschos who was awarded the Best Organic Farmer in 2023 by IFOAM Organics Europe.

For five generations, the Moschos family has been running a sheep farm in Kastoria, in the northwestern region of Greece. Thomas Moschos witnessed how industrial farming affected animals and soil health. After specializing in organic farming at the university, he applied theory in practice and decided to go fully organic. Together with his brother, Thomas raises now a flock of 1200 sheep organically and runs the farm by the principle “*better quality, less input, less stress*”.

Thomas does not put any fertilizers into the soil. Instead, he uses precision agriculture systems. With the help of a digital map on the phone, he can spread manure effectively so that all the fields are enriched properly. A humidity sensor, in turn, helps him measure the amount of water the soil needs.

Apart from applying new farming methods, the Moschos farm has another distinguished feature – it lies near the dairy factory. It means no long-distance transportation that could affect the freshness of the milk, and thus the highest quality at the factory. Thanks to an advantageous location, Thomas also saves a lot of energy. As milk remains at the proper temperature level for the processing, it does not need reheating. Moschos farm sells locally 85 percent of his production.

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