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## Cia

The Cia - Italian Farmers is one of the largest agricultural organizations in Europe and in Italy. Its origin is linked to the National Farmers' Alliance constitution in 1955. Established in December 1977 as *Confederazione Italiana Coltivatori (CIC)*, in 1992 it took the denomination of *Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori (Cia)* to sanction and promote the modern role of the farmer and his business. Cia represents more than 900,000 full members; farmers and agricultural business owners. Its national headquarters are in Rome and it boasts a strong presence throughout the country in around 5000 communes, with regional, provincial and area branches.

Cia is an autonomous, democratic and independent association which strongly believes in the central role of individual and associated agricultural holdings and promotes cultural, moral, civic and economic growth among farmers and all those working in the rural world.

The organisation works to achieve equal opportunities between women and men in society and the economy, and promotes the inclusion of young people and generational renewal in agricultural businesses and systems.

Cia's aims include: protecting and developing agricultural businesses, farmers and operators in the rural world and agriculture more generally; protecting farm income as well as farmer's civic rights, dignity and right to run a business; strengthening the role of agriculture in the Italian economy, not only as a production sector, but as heritage for our land, environmental and cultural resources and landscape; improving the competitiveness of agricultural businesses on both European and international internal markets; developing and promoting the rural world; and convincing society of the cultural value of land, seeing it as a limited and non-renewable public good.

Cia carries out activities and initiatives in the fields of food quality, safety and education, environmental protection and promotion, agri-tourism, forestry, organic farming, alternative energy sources, and agricultural legislative publishing and information.

Cia signs collective labour agreements and is represented in major institutional bodies at national, regional and provincial level.

It promotes the direct participation of agricultural organisations in international agricultural development policies with the aim of placing farmers at the heart of the agri-food system both locally and globally. With its NGO, AseS, Cia also carries out agricultural development projects in Latin America and Africa.

At international and European level, Cia is a member of COPA (Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations in the EU) and the WFO (World Farmers Organisation).

## Cia System

Within the Cia group, there are associations, institutions and companies that provide services to farming enterprises and people. The Cia is a point of reference for associations and groups of Economic Interest operating in some agricultural sectors.

### **WOMEN WORKERS IN THE FIELD - [www.donneincampo.it](http://www.donneincampo.it)**

The association "Women Workers in the Field" promotes female entrepreneurship through active entrepreneurial and professional groups. It supports women's entrepreneurial networks, assists and creates alliances of women business-owners as well as ideas and initiatives aimed at improving the ability and capacity of rural women and encouraging their inclusion on management boards of companies and associations.

### **Young People | AGIA - [www.agia.it](http://www.agia.it)**

Cia's Young Farmers Association aims to promote the inclusion of young people in the agricultural sector and to recognise the value of those already working in farming through political, normative and economic proposals. Its objectives are to: make young farmers protagonists; defend and promote their professionalism; and carry out actions and initiatives aimed at effectively improving quality of life, income and profit in the agricultural sector.

### **Retirees | ANP - [www.pensionaticia.it](http://www.pensionaticia.it)**

ANP, the National Association of Retirees, works to safeguard and protect the interests of retirees and older people. The association defends the individual rights of older people and retirees, working in the spirit of solidarity between the generations. It develops policies and actions at national and local level to defend their social status and represent their interests at central government, public bodies, and regional and local organisms.

### **Charitable Institution | INAC - [www.inac-cia.it](http://www.inac-cia.it)**

INAC, the National Institute for Citizen Assistance, is Cia's charitable support body. It provides free protection to citizens facing social security and support issues, as well as dealing with problems relating to insurance for accidents at the workplace. It carries out information, assistance and protection activities and represents employees, the self-employed, pensioners, and individual Italian, foreign and stateless citizens within Italian borders.

**CAF-Cia - [www.caf-cia.it](http://www.caf-cia.it)**

Caf-Cia S.r.l. is a fiscal assistance centres for employees and pensioners. Its broad presence on the ground and the quality of the service it offers have enabled Caf-Cia to progressively grow its activity – helping significantly more taxpayers under model 730, and increasing pensioner’s Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator (ISEE) certifications and income certifications from the National Social Security Institute (INPS).

**Agricultural Assistance | CAA-Cia - [www.caa-cia.it](http://www.caa-cia.it)**

Caa-Centre is an agricultural assistance body created by Cia to help agricultural holdings to navigate all the administrative procedures now required at regional, national and Community level. Caa-Cia works throughout the country and has recognised local branches and accredited operators.

**E.S.Co Agroenergetica - [www.escoagroenergetica.it](http://www.escoagroenergetica.it)**

E.S.CoAgroenergetica S.r.l. is an energy services company promoted by Cia and AIEL. Its main aim is to provide agricultural and forestry businesses with technical and economic support and advice in order to help them to gain access to the renewable energy sources and energy efficiency sectors.

**Agri Service Italy srl | ASI - [www.cia.it/agri-service-italia](http://www.cia.it/agri-service-italia)**

The company Agri Service Italy S.r.l. was founded in 1998 as a credit broker registered at the then UIC, which operated only in the Emilia Romagna region to assist farms in the preparation of financing practices to be presented to the partnership banks. In the course of 2016, to face the sector competition and the requests of an increasingly demanding market, it has become a company operating throughout the national territory. This has been possible thanks to the takeover in the UIC equity by the Cia - Italian Farmers, which now has its control.

**Association | AGRICULTURE IS LIFE - [www.agricolturavita.it](http://www.agricolturavita.it)**

Agriculture is Life is a not-for-profit association promoted by Cia, which aims to promote technical and cultural education and training for farmers, agricultural workers and technical operators in the agri-food sector. It also aims to distribute technical and scientific information on agriculture, the agri-food sector and the environment to consumers, users and entrepreneurs.

**SHOPPING IN THE COUNTRY - [www.laspesaincampagna.it](http://www.laspesaincampagna.it)**

The national association Shopping in the Country was born from a Cia initiative and works to promote the value of land, short supply chains and food quality. The Shopping in the Country project aims to: encourage a direct relationship between farmers and consumers; raise awareness of the history of food quality, as well as the people who produce it and the fields it comes from; increase appreciation for the landscape and countryside that these products come from; and guarantee fair prices linked only to production processes not to the number of intermediaries there are in the chain.

**GREEN TOURISM - [www.turismoverde.it](http://www.turismoverde.it)**

Green Tourism represents and protects the interests of agricultural holdings working in agri-tourism at all institutional, economic and political bodies at European and national level. It incentivises the development and growth of the entire sector with a strategy aimed at encouraging multifunctionality among farms. Green Tourism provides assistance and advice through projects and programmes aimed at safeguarding the environment, culture and landscape.

**Organic | ANABIO - [www.anabio.it](http://www.anabio.it)**

Anabio, the Association for Organic Farming, represents the needs of farmers working in organic agriculture. The association promotes, develops and deepens the knowledge of organic production methods among producers, consumers and young people. It also encourages farmers to work together locally and shares information relating to organic sector-specific production techniques and processors.

**Green Energy | AIEL - [www.aielenergia.it](http://www.aielenergia.it)**

AIEL, the Italian Association for Agri-Forestry Energy, aims to promote and encourage the spread of renewable energy sources of agriculture and forestry origin and to develop their use in civil and industrial spheres. AIEL is determined to increase awareness of the state-of-the-art technology used for cultivating, harvesting, working and processing agricultural and forestry products destined for energy production.

**Growers under lease | ANCCA - [www.cia.it/ancca-coltivatori-contratto](http://www.cia.it/ancca-coltivatori-contratto)**

ANCCA, the National Association of Growers under Agricultural Lease, protects the economic and professional interests of farmers who do not own the land they cultivate.

ANCCA's activities aim to develop modern agricultural entrepreneurship by promoting the use of individual deviating contracts pursuant to article 45 of Law 203/82, in line with real supply and demand on the property market.

**Solidarity | ASES - [www.ases-ong.org](http://www.ases-ong.org)**

ASES, the Association of Solidarity and Development, is an NGO with a well-established link to Cia. It has mainly operated to help Paraguay, but its work also covers the rest of Latin America and Africa. ASES has carried out cooperation projects cofinanced by the European Union in Mozambique, Rwanda, Peru and Brazil. It is currently also working in the Democratic Republic of Congo on a major food security project.

**PROMOVERDE - [www.promoverde.it](http://www.promoverde.it)**

The national association PromoVerde coordinates a network of professionals, businesses, associations, institutions, higher education and research bodies and individual citizens promoting a new relationship with green areas, agriculture, architecture, nutrition and the landscape in all their forms. In addition to this, PromoVerde also works to raise public awareness of problems relating to the environment, landscape, green areas and flower nurseries, stimulating a multi-disciplinary culture, which sees green areas as a common denominator.



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