

Table 17. Primary Production Challenge for Certified and Exempt Organic Farms: 2008

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Geographic area	Regulatory problems		Price issues		Production problems	
	Farms	Percent of farms	Farms	Percent of farms	Farms	Percent of farms
United States	4,505	35.1	1,327	10.3	2,525	19.7
Alabama	7	25.0	5	17.9	3	10.7
Alaska	2	13.3	1	6.7	2	13.3
Arizona	22	36.7	10	16.7	8	13.3
Arkansas	10	29.4	2	5.9	11	32.4
California	912	38.1	343	14.3	457	19.1
Colorado	64	31.5	21	10.3	45	22.2
Connecticut	27	40.3	5	7.5	10	14.9
Delaware	4	50.0	1	12.5	-	-
Florida	65	38.0	13	7.6	48	28.1
Georgia	20	20.2	6	6.1	25	25.3
Hawaii	81	26.9	31	10.3	69	22.9
Idaho	73	35.3	19	9.2	44	21.3
Illinois	66	31.7	18	8.7	36	17.3
Indiana	51	41.1	6	4.8	26	21.0
Iowa	196	39.2	37	7.4	99	19.8
Kansas	33	34.0	5	5.2	13	13.4
Kentucky	33	36.7	1	1.1	21	23.3
Louisiana	4	21.1	1	5.3	3	15.8
Maine	111	35.4	16	5.1	49	15.6
Maryland	38	33.6	9	8.0	22	19.5
Massachusetts	63	37.7	11	6.6	30	18.0
Michigan	156	39.8	29	7.4	63	16.1
Minnesota	167	31.7	35	6.6	112	21.3
Mississippi	4	12.9	2	6.5	14	45.2
Missouri	55	28.9	8	4.2	34	17.9
Montana	38	25.9	13	8.8	27	18.4
Nebraska	50	32.7	15	9.8	21	13.7
Nevada	4	16.0	1	4.0	9	36.0
New Hampshire	33	35.5	14	15.1	8	8.6
New Jersey	30	30.0	5	5.0	22	22.0
New Mexico	71	38.2	13	7.0	29	15.6
New York	284	39.7	83	11.6	124	17.3
North Carolina	81	35.2	19	8.3	36	15.7
North Dakota	52	41.9	9	7.3	24	19.4
Ohio	249	52.2	35	7.3	75	15.7
Oklahoma	16	21.1	3	3.9	20	26.3
Oregon	136	24.2	64	11.4	122	21.7
Pennsylvania	213	42.3	45	8.9	92	18.3
Rhode Island	4	17.4	-	-	8	34.8
South Carolina	7	21.9	4	12.5	3	9.4
South Dakota	33	34.4	14	14.6	22	22.9
Tennessee	21	25.9	9	11.1	24	29.6
Texas	82	24.1	31	9.1	92	27.1
Utah	22	27.5	3	3.8	32	40.0
Vermont	175	40.5	56	13.0	48	11.1
Virginia	52	32.5	16	10.0	42	26.3
Washington	202	29.4	107	15.6	147	21.4
West Virginia	17	37.8	4	8.9	4	8.9
Wisconsin	350	33.1	121	11.4	238	22.5
Wyoming	19	32.2	8	13.6	12	20.3

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Table 17. **Primary Production Challenge for Certified and Exempt Organic Farms: 2008 - Con.**

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Geographic area	Market access		Management issues		Other	
	Farms	Percent of farms	Farms	Percent of farms	Farms	Percent of farms
United States	1,274	9.9	1,641	12.8	1,570	12.2
Alabama	2	7.1	3	10.7	8	28.6
Alaska	3	20.0	4	26.7	3	20.0
Arizona	2	3.3	12	20.0	6	10.0
Arkansas	5	14.7	5	14.7	1	2.9
California	238	10.0	208	8.7	233	9.7
Colorado	14	6.9	28	13.8	31	15.3
Connecticut	5	7.5	11	16.4	9	13.4
Delaware	-	-	1	12.5	2	25.0
Florida	18	10.5	14	8.2	13	7.6
Georgia	9	9.1	23	23.2	16	16.2
Hawaii	48	15.9	16	5.3	56	18.6
Idaho	28	13.5	14	6.8	29	14.0
Illinois	16	7.7	39	18.8	33	15.9
Indiana	10	8.1	19	15.3	12	9.7
Iowa	32	6.4	82	16.4	54	10.8
Kansas	18	18.6	13	13.4	15	15.5
Kentucky	10	11.1	13	14.4	12	13.3
Louisiana	3	15.8	6	31.6	2	10.5
Maine	32	10.2	59	18.8	47	15.0
Maryland	10	8.8	14	12.4	20	17.7
Massachusetts	9	5.4	31	18.6	23	13.8
Michigan	36	9.2	49	12.5	59	15.1
Minnesota	59	11.2	69	13.1	85	16.1
Mississippi	1	3.2	4	12.9	6	19.4
Missouri	22	11.6	28	14.7	43	22.6
Montana	15	10.2	27	18.4	27	18.4
Nebraska	22	14.4	23	15.0	22	14.4
Nevada	6	24.0	3	12.0	2	8.0
New Hampshire	5	5.4	21	22.6	12	12.9
New Jersey	8	8.0	18	18.0	17	17.0
New Mexico	25	13.4	23	12.4	25	13.4
New York	51	7.1	89	12.4	85	11.9
North Carolina	18	7.8	43	18.7	33	14.3
North Dakota	22	17.7	6	4.8	11	8.9
Ohio	37	7.8	46	9.6	35	7.3
Oklahoma	14	18.4	2	2.6	21	27.6
Oregon	57	10.1	102	18.1	81	14.4
Pennsylvania	43	8.5	74	14.7	37	7.3
Rhode Island	1	4.3	7	30.4	3	13.0
South Carolina	3	9.4	8	25.0	7	21.9
South Dakota	16	16.7	7	7.3	4	4.2
Tennessee	6	7.4	18	22.2	3	3.7
Texas	32	9.4	41	12.1	62	18.2
Utah	12	15.0	5	6.3	6	7.5
Vermont	43	10.0	53	12.3	57	13.2
Virginia	11	6.9	28	17.5	11	6.9
Washington	80	11.6	101	14.7	50	7.3
West Virginia	5	11.1	9	20.0	6	13.3
Wisconsin	102	9.6	120	11.3	127	12.0
Wyoming	10	16.9	2	3.4	8	13.6