

Table 52. Production Practices on Exempt Organic Farms: 2008

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Geographic area	Practiced biological pest management (farms)	Maintained beneficial insect/vertebrate habitat (farms)	Released beneficial organisms (farms)	Used no-till or minimum till (farms)	Used water management practices (farms)	Selected planting locations to avoid pests (farms)	Chose pest resistant varieties (farms)
United States	1,172	1,288	578	1,626	1,796	1,540	1,394
Alabama	12	6	3	14	11	6	5
Alaska	2	1	1	4	3	2	1
Arizona	10	10	9	14	20	9	15
Arkansas	5	5	4	3	5	4	4
California	147	169	97	204	276	117	106
Colorado	18	24	18	24	36	20	17
Connecticut	14	9	12	22	13	24	19
Delaware	1	2	1	2	2	2	2
Florida	26	18	12	30	42	27	28
Georgia	20	24	14	18	27	24	21
Hawaii	46	43	16	92	79	66	66
Idaho	8	16	2	17	16	12	9
Illinois	20	25	7	30	23	37	27
Indiana	13	18	8	14	12	21	13
Iowa	8	15	6	21	18	22	16
Kansas	9	11	5	10	12	13	11
Kentucky	19	17	9	24	17	28	21
Louisiana	2	-	-	2	2	2	3
Maine	28	32	9	54	35	45	50
Maryland	22	24	9	17	19	18	24
Massachusetts	29	30	13	43	41	54	46
Michigan	49	53	19	62	66	68	75
Minnesota	26	28	9	44	36	41	31
Mississippi	5	2	2	2	8	7	3
Missouri	27	29	16	37	44	35	30
Montana	13	14	7	14	25	13	12
Nebraska	3	8	-	3	9	9	9
Nevada	1	-	-	1	6	2	2
New Hampshire	8	11	3	14	10	14	11
New Jersey	16	16	9	29	20	33	30
New Mexico	20	32	20	36	57	25	19
New York	28	20	7	52	55	66	47
North Carolina	45	50	18	42	50	54	54
North Dakota	1	-	-	2	-	3	3
Ohio	35	46	11	43	42	65	49
Oklahoma	3	3	-	10	6	6	4
Oregon	77	56	29	101	118	93	81
Pennsylvania	40	48	20	37	47	59	48
Rhode Island	4	5	2	4	5	4	6
South Carolina	5	8	2	10	11	8	8
South Dakota	2	4	1	4	6	4	4
Tennessee	21	15	8	23	25	33	27
Texas	76	79	51	80	103	68	70
Utah	13	16	6	20	29	15	10
Vermont	21	15	8	31	19	23	21
Virginia	31	49	13	38	49	49	39
Washington	62	72	29	104	115	67	81
West Virginia	21	20	8	31	24	22	20
Wisconsin	52	87	22	89	90	94	92
Wyoming	8	3	3	4	12	7	4

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Geographic area	Planned plantings to avoid cross-contamination (farms)	Maintained buffer strips (farms)	Produced or used organic mulch/compost (farms)	Used green or animal manures (farms)	Practiced rotational grazing (farms)	Practiced free-range livestock production (farms)
United States	828	1,206	2,605	2,425	698	833
Alabama	7	5	21	18	9	8
Alaska	2	-	9	8	3	3
Arizona	7	5	21	20	2	2
Arkansas	2	4	8	7	2	6
California	43	116	270	224	31	48
Colorado	5	7	38	34	13	12
Connecticut	11	11	36	32	2	2
Delaware	-	3	3	4	1	1
Florida	12	20	45	46	10	17
Georgia	17	18	38	37	10	7
Hawaii	27	48	128	97	14	13
Idaho	11	10	22	25	9	6
Illinois	19	33	44	36	11	14
Indiana	10	14	31	25	5	8
Iowa	9	23	33	29	9	13
Kansas	8	10	17	16	1	5
Kentucky	17	21	35	31	5	7
Louisiana	1	3	7	7	-	-
Maine	25	22	72	77	19	22
Maryland	16	15	31	28	5	5
Massachusetts	26	27	75	69	9	17
Michigan	43	52	101	97	44	52
Minnesota	20	42	66	63	19	26
Mississippi	2	2	15	7	1	8
Missouri	25	26	60	55	17	13
Montana	4	14	27	27	6	6
Nebraska	4	6	10	12	2	2
Nevada	2	1	4	3	4	4
New Hampshire	6	6	22	19	1	6
New Jersey	16	26	40	40	10	10
New Mexico	16	12	46	42	15	13
New York	39	48	91	99	30	34
North Carolina	23	37	92	84	31	31
North Dakota	1	1	3	2	-	2
Ohio	37	55	85	85	27	37
Oklahoma	3	1	16	12	3	6
Oregon	28	85	157	160	45	46
Pennsylvania	43	45	84	89	27	26
Rhode Island	5	1	6	6	2	2
South Carolina	7	7	16	15	5	6
South Dakota	2	5	8	8	-	1
Tennessee	24	17	46	39	11	16
Texas	37	52	127	117	66	84
Utah	8	15	29	30	13	13
Vermont	17	21	45	46	21	24
Virginia	33	35	82	70	25	32
Washington	41	61	143	131	29	42
West Virginia	15	23	40	39	13	14
Wisconsin	51	94	150	149	56	58
Wyoming	1	1	10	9	5	3