



**United States Department of Agriculture
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2014 Organic Survey - Colorado**



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Organic Highlights

In 2014, the United States had 14,093 organic farms producing \$5.5 billion in organic products. The number of organic farms varies across the country. Colorado had 157 organic farms that produced \$146.8 million in total value of organic products sold.

Of the 157 organic farms identified in the 2014 Organic Survey for Colorado, 134 were certified organic farms and 23 were exempt from certification because they gross less than \$5,000 annually from organic sales. There were 72 farms with 100 percent total value of sales from certified organic production, compared to 32 farms with 75 to 99 percent, 9 farms with 50 to 74 percent, 3 farms with 25 to 49 percent, and 18 farms with less than 25 percent.

The 2014 Organic Survey provides acreage, production, and sales data for a variety of organic crops and inventory and sales data for organic livestock commodities. The 2014 survey collected data from U.S. farms and ranches that were certified organic, exempt from organic certification, or transitioning to organic certification. This survey was done in conjunction with the USDA's Risk Management Agency to aid in improving insurance products for organic agriculture.

Value-Added Certified Organic Products Sales and Marketing Practices by Percent of Sales: 2014

Geographic area	Total sales (dollars)	Sales outlets		
		Consumer direct sales	Direct-to-retail/institutions	Wholesale market sales
United States	729,974,562	(X)	(X)	(X)
Farms	(X)	5,144	3,140	8,750
Percent of sales	(X)	8	14	78
Colorado	1,388,530	(X)	(X)	(X)
Farms	(X)	49	43	110
Percent of sales	(X)	4	4	92

(X) Not applicable.

Certified Organic Crops Harvested and Value of Sales: 2014

Crop and geographic area	Harvested		Value of sales (dollars)
	Farms	Acres	
Vegetables grown in the open			
United States	3,315	163,746	1,247,666,655
Colorado	38	4,231	18,754,686
Fruits			
United States	1,665	(NA)	(NA)
Colorado	21	(NA)	(NA)
Tree nuts			
United States	396	(NA)	(NA)
Colorado	-	-	-
Berries			
United States	1,326	(NA)	(NA)
Colorado	2	(NA)	(NA)
All field crops			
United States	6,168	1,399,501	717,228,688
Colorado	79	55,644	26,505,489

(NA) Not available.
- Represents zero.

Certified Organic Vegetables Grown Under Protection Harvested and Value of Sales: 2014

Crop and geographic area	Harvested		Value of sales (dollars)
	Farms	Square feet under glass or other protection	
Vegetables grown under protection			
United States	1,330	19,587,945	75,857,306
Colorado	15	99,840	665,860

Certified Organic Floriculture Crops, Nursery Crops, Propagative Materials, and Mushrooms Produced and Value of Sales: 2014

Crop and geographic area	Under glass or other protection		In the open		Value of sales	
	Farms	Square feet	Farms	Acres	Farms	Dollars
Floriculture and bedding crops						
United States	217	2,076,472	192	432	351	27,225,548
Colorado	5	34,384	3	7	6	383,169
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants						
United States	118	2,240,817	76	374	165	35,676,234
Colorado	5	18,200	-	-	5	(D)
Propagative materials sold						
United States	24	583,078	22	48	41	8,757,724
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mushrooms						
United States	98	9,071,409	(X)	(X)	98	108,756,760
Colorado	1	(D)	(X)	(X)	1	(D)

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(X) Not applicable.
- Represents zero.

Certified Organic Livestock and Poultry Inventory and Sales: 2014

Commodity and geographic area	Inventory		Value of sales	
	Farms	Peak (number)	Quantity (number)	Dollars
Milk cows				
United States	2,296	241,955	(D)	69,480,293
Colorado	5	(D)	(D)	(D)
Beef cows				
United States	683	42,047	8,352	15,766,668
Colorado	3	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other cattle and calves				
United States	2,825	242,592	167,929	130,925,635
Colorado	7	7,003	17,030	(D)
Hogs and pigs				
United States	201	12,798	16,042	4,986,140
Colorado	2	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sheep and lambs				
United States	141	11,370	5,573	1,243,253
Colorado	3	115	73	15,200
Goats and kids				
United States	100	5,577	1,666	270,749
Colorado	-	-	-	-
Chickens-layers				
United States	795	9,591,817	4,687,726	3,283,207
Colorado	6	(D)	-	-
Chickens-broilers				
United States	245	8,567,220	43,255,401	371,470,749
Colorado	-	-	-	-
Turkeys				
United States	127	1,350,589	1,169,178	49,704,457
Colorado	-	-	-	-
Other organic poultry				
United States	88	(X)	(X)	12,608,247
Colorado	-	-	-	-

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Certified Organic Livestock Products and Poultry Products Sales: 2014

Products	Value of sales		
	Farms	Quantity	Dollars
Milk from cows (pounds)			
United States	2,255	3,406,045,725	1,082,227,589
Colorado	5	(D)	(D)
Goat milk (pounds)			
United States	35	2,186,189	1,139,076
Colorado	-	-	-
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States	722	166,313,847	419,604,196
Colorado	6	(D)	(D)
Other organic livestock products			
United States	31	(X)	1,239,933
Colorado	2	(X)	(D)

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