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2014 Organic Survey - Illinois**



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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. Illinois had 249 organic farms that produced \$52.7 million in total value of organic products sold.

Of the 249 organic farms identified in the 2014 Organic Survey for Illinois, 215 were certified organic farms and 34 were exempt from certification because they gross less than \$5,000 annually from organic sales. There were 109 farms with 100 percent total value of sales from certified organic production, compared to 60 farms with 75 to 99 percent, 21 farms with 50 to 74 percent, 12 farms with 25 to 49 percent, and 13 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.

**Organic Sales as Percent of Market Value of All Agricultural Products Sold - Certified Organic Farms: 2014**

Geographic area	Farms	Farms by percent of total value of sales from organic production				
		Less than 25 percent	25 to 49 percent	50 to 74 percent	75 to 99 percent	100 percent
United States .....	12,634	1,067	693	1,044	2,563	7,267
Illinois .....	215	13	12	21	60	109

**Certified Organic Acres Operated: 2014**

Item	United States	Illinois
Total certified organic acres operated .....	12,595 farms 3,642,933 acres	215 farms 40,481 acres
Land owned .....	10,970 farms 2,195,232 acres	172 farms 18,646 acres
Land rented from others .....	5,446 farms 1,505,912 acres	111 farms 22,107 acres
Land rented to others .....	475 farms 58,211 acres	5 farms 272 acres