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2014 Organic Survey - Montana**



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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. Montana had 147 organic farms that produced \$43.7 million in total value of organic products sold.

Of the 147 organic farms identified in the 2014 Organic Survey for Montana, 138 were certified organic farms and 9 were exempt from certification because they gross less than \$5,000 annually from organic sales. There were 62 farms with 100 percent total value of sales from certified organic production, compared to 41 farms with 75 to 99 percent, 14 farms with 50 to 74 percent, 4 farms with 25 to 49 percent, and 17 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
Montana	138	17	4	14	41	62

Certified Organic Acres Operated: 2014

Item	United States	Montana
Total certified organic acres operated	12,595 3,642,933	138 317,878
Land owned	10,970 2,195,232	128 186,975
Land rented from others	5,446 1,505,912	64 136,845
Land rented to others	475 58,211	9 5,942