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**California: First in the Number of Certified Organic Farms and Total Sales**

The 2015 Certified Organic Survey is a survey of all operations identified as having certified organic production. Certified organic farms must meet the standards set out by USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service’s (AMS) National Organic Program (NOP) and be certified compliant by an approved agent of NOP. Results from the survey provide acreage, production, and sales data for a variety of certified organic crops and certified organic livestock.

In 2015, the United States had 12,818 certified organic farms that produced \$6.2 billion in certified organic products. California certified organic farms were 21 percent of the U.S. total, with 2,637 certified farms. Those farms operated 790,413 acres of certified land in 2015. California’s total gross value of certified organic agricultural products sold, at \$2.4 billion, was 40 percent of the total gross value of U.S. certified organic sales.

In California, 1,838 certified organic farms sold to wholesale markets, 867 farms sold directly to consumers, and 658 farms sold directly to retail markets and institutions. The first point of sales for 79 percent of certified organic farms in California was within 100 miles of the farm and 30 percent was within 100-499 miles of the farm. Over the next five years, 31 percent of certified organic operations in California plan to increase certified organic agricultural production.

For more information on the 2015 Certified Organic Survey and related reports, please visit the NASS Organic Agriculture page at: [www.nass.usda.gov/organics](http://www.nass.usda.gov/organics).

**Top 10 States by Total Certified Organic Product Sales: 2015**

Geographic area	Total sales (\$1,000)	Total certified farms	Total certified acres
United States .....	6,163,472	12,818	4,361,849
California .....	2,435,594	2,637	790,413
Washington .....	626,445	598	71,781
Pennsylvania .....	331,503	681	85,164
Oregon .....	269,462	409	175,675
Wisconsin .....	222,429	1,205	209,615
New York .....	220,850	934	238,700
Texas .....	210,293	134	86,665
Michigan.....	186,918	298	55,926
Colorado .....	155,206	136	151,571
Arizona .....	128,771	48	23,066

**Certified Organic Vegetables, Potatoes, and Melons Grown in the Open Harvested and Value of Sales: 2015**

Crop	Harvested			Value of sales	
	Farms	Acres	Quantity	Quantity	Dollars
All vegetables, potatoes, and melons					
United States .....	2,999	185,325	(NDP)	(NDP)	1,361,747,498
California .....	545	105,274	(NDP)	(NDP)	904,008,635
Artichokes (cwt) .....	20	256	3,710	3,628	(D)
Beans, snap, fresh (cwt) .....	66	666	71,384	70,690	7,428,492
Beans, snap, processing (tons) .....	12	12	42	42	25,071
Broccoli (cwt) .....	136	6,675	945,448	920,629	63,713,409
Cabbage, green (cwt) .....	71	449	129,884	124,479	6,393,949
Cabbage, red (cwt) .....	33	58	12,200	10,814	551,315
Cabbage, other (cwt) .....	20	100	13,317	13,294	446,337
Cantaloupes and muskmelons (cwt) .....	51	927	218,873	185,315	9,450,182
Carrots (cwt) .....	108	7,952	1,629,280	1,528,342	59,580,627
Cauliflower (cwt) .....	82	1,823	243,982	234,384	17,688,456
Celery (cwt) .....	49	2,425	841,731	816,277	29,094,758
Garlic (cwt) .....	60	203	14,811	13,991	1,612,041
Herbs, fresh cut (lbs) .....	102	1,241	7,936,006	7,575,873	13,701,717
Honeydew melons (cwt) .....	16	362	71,432	71,158	2,855,732
Lettuce (cwt) .....	154	33,583	3,126,946	3,083,016	236,624,178
Onions, red, fresh (cwt) .....	34	143	56,904	38,679	1,398,093
Onions, white, fresh (cwt) .....	24	17	4,065	4,065	546,592
Onions, yellow, fresh (cwt) .....	36	155	80,067	78,615	2,933,774
Onions, processing, all (cwt) .....	9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Onions, green (cwt) .....	26	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Peas, green (tons) .....	38	129	191	182	(D)
Peppers, bell (cwt) .....	96	524	145,318	141,051	11,975,372
Potatoes (cwt) .....	67	2,352	587,795	573,849	14,109,637
Spinach (cwt) .....	65	18,581	1,251,727	1,247,599	126,135,713
Squash (cwt) .....	243	2,040	305,391	278,841	10,907,774
Sweet corn (cwt) .....	27	302	45,838	44,242	2,271,556
Sweet potatoes (cwt) .....	16	3,991	1,726,580	1,696,748	57,254,669
Tomatoes, fresh (cwt) .....	225	1,367	264,643	258,744	35,940,904
Tomatoes, processing (tons) .....	30	5,177	131,595	130,854	18,004,600
Watermelons (cwt) .....	45	332	96,417	81,415	3,093,590
Other vegetables (cwt) .....	229	12,630	1,242,041	1,221,110	153,358,258

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**Certified Organic Vegetables, Potatoes, and Melons Grown Under Protection Harvested and Value of Sales: 2015**

Crop	Harvested			Value of sales	
	Farms	Square feet under glass or other protection	Quantity	Quantity	Dollars
All vegetables, potatoes, and melons					
United States .....	1,059	14,751,343	(NDP)	(NDP)	73,201,940
California .....	76	5,032,328	(NDP)	(NDP)	13,906,816
Broccoli (cwt) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cantaloupes and muskmelons (cwt) ....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Carrots (cwt) .....	9	(D)	352	352	45,096
Celery (cwt) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Herbs, fresh cut (lbs) .....	9	934,352	393,980	393,980	1,282,120
Lettuce (cwt) .....	12	314,200	7,179	7,030	1,976,679
Onions, white (cwt) .....	6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Onions, yellow (cwt) .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Onions, green (cwt) .....	6	30,000	60	60	18,000
Peas, green (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Peppers, bell (cwt) .....	6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Spinach (cwt) .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Squash (cwt) .....	8	(D)	536	536	118,188
Tomatoes (cwt) .....	30	1,758,546	(D)	6,410	1,242,007
Other vegetables (cwt) .....	32	1,634,314	58,800	31,107	8,941,175

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## Certified Organic Other Fruits, Tree Nuts, and Berries Harvested and Value of Sales: 2015

Crop	Harvested			Value of sales	
	Farms	Acres	Quantity	Quantity	Dollars
<b>All other fruits, tree nuts, and berries, total</b>					
United States .....	2,993	63,397	(NDP)	(NDP)	691,409,864
California.....	1,406	43,830	(NDP)	(NDP)	506,068,265
<b>All other fruits, total (excludes apples, grapes, all tree nuts, and all berries)</b>					
United States .....	1,456	31,898	(NDP)	(NDP)	262,792,206
California.....	952	23,298	(NDP)	(NDP)	183,982,094
Avocados (tons) .....	292	3,759	8,707	8,681	24,289,760
Cherries, sweet (tons) .....	34	386	448	440	1,718,546
Cherries, tart (lbs) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Coffee (lbs) .....	3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dates (tons) .....	22	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Figs (tons) .....	53	1,026	2,262	2,208	4,232,743
Grapefruit (tons) .....	116	1,241	13,309	13,098	6,004,110
Lemons (tons) .....	189	2,255	23,023	22,688	24,266,270
Oranges, navel (tons) .....	115	2,307	22,435	21,890	15,751,451
Oranges, Valencia (tons) .....	126	1,368	15,198	14,524	7,059,267
Oranges, all other (tons) .....	72	376	2,520	2,510	4,541,737
Peaches (tons) .....	114	1,694	13,902	13,863	22,485,774
Pears (tons) .....	68	407	2,673	2,287	3,859,881
Plums/prunes (tons) .....	78	1,953	7,582	6,294	13,407,646
Tangerines (tons) .....	61	442	3,098	2,964	4,245,608
Other fruits (tons) .....	273	5,465	22,276	21,537	38,375,137
<b>All tree nuts</b>					
United States .....	379	18,278	(NDP)	(NDP)	83,982,965
California.....	291	14,131	(NDP)	(NDP)	70,671,005
Almonds (lbs) .....	79	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hazelnuts/filberts (tons).....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Pecans (lbs) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pistachios (lbs) .....	16	1,542	2,490,699	2,490,691	11,314,844
Walnuts, English (tons) .....	179	(D)	4,424	3,702	(D)
Other tree nuts (lbs) .....	26	(D)	210,395	210,395	(D)
<b>All berries</b>					
United States .....	1,436	13,221	(NDP)	(NDP)	344,634,693
California.....	286	6,401	(NDP)	(NDP)	251,415,166
Blackberries and dewberries (lbs) .....	54	569	3,979,347	2,982,360	14,004,374
Blueberries, cultivated, all (lbs) .....	98	1,486	13,224,450	12,296,711	48,918,448
Blueberries, wild (lbs) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Cranberries (barrels) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Raspberries (lbs) .....	58	883	13,360,348	13,187,580	44,182,416
Strawberries (cwt) .....	175	3,461	869,021	738,062	144,304,480
Other berries (lbs) .....	5	(D)	1,120	1,120	(D)

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## Fresh and Processed Certified Organic Apples Value of Sales: 2015

Crop	Farms	Pounds	Dollars
Apples, all			
United States .....	698	455,668,996	302,404,218
California .....	183	32,813,206	21,262,579
Apples, fresh, all			
United States .....	644	418,591,187	292,693,326
California .....	160	14,725,033	17,988,496
Apples, processing, all			
United States .....	333	37,077,809	9,710,892
California .....	98	18,088,173	3,274,083

## All Certified Organic Apples Value of Sales: 2015

Crop	Farms	Pounds	Dollars
Apples, all			
United States .....	698	455,668,996	302,404,218
California .....	183	32,813,206	21,262,579
Braeburn, all			
United States .....	30	7,494,680	2,958,797
California .....	8	(D)	(D)
Cameo, all			
United States .....	18	2,742,407	1,084,695
California .....	3	(D)	(D)
Cripps Pink, all			
United States .....	33	32,137,322	22,911,716
California .....	9	(D)	(D)
Fuji, all			
United States .....	180	114,730,851	79,814,035
California .....	68	(D)	8,785,684
Gala, all			
United States .....	203	104,809,183	76,279,414
California .....	51	3,489,708	3,766,629
Golden Delicious, all			
United States .....	129	34,545,247	13,498,518
California .....	41	5,316,519	1,214,568
Granny Smith, all			
United States .....	108	39,168,714	24,260,452
California .....	41	(D)	709,614
Honeycrisp, all			
United States .....	116	36,662,833	37,545,008
California .....	14	451,164	677,101
Red Delicious, all			
United States .....	112	38,731,684	15,778,956
California .....	29	336,773	243,064
Rome, all			
United States .....	39	4,438,424	934,664
California .....	23	(D)	656,635
Other apple varieties, all			
United States .....	479	40,207,651	27,337,963
California .....	121	11,452,561	4,158,234

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## Certified Organic Grapes Value of Sales by Utilization: 2015

Crop	Farms	Tons	Dollars
All grapes			
United States .....	640	134,501	209,568,152
California.....	440	122,383	191,250,221
Fresh, table use			
United States .....	167	26,925	68,353,508
California.....	64	26,020	64,794,130
Wine production			
United States .....	406	51,231	112,513,588
California.....	328	44,107	100,290,216
Juice production			
United States .....	34	8,260	5,584,410
California.....	8	4,391	3,160,340
Raisins			
United States .....	60	47,865	23,005,535
California.....	60	47,865	23,005,535

## Certified Organic Floriculture Crops, Nursery Crops, Propagative Materials, and Mushrooms Produced and Value of Sales: 2015

Crop	Under glass or other protection		In the open		Value of sales	
	Farms	Square feet	Farms	Acres	Farms	Dollars
Floriculture and bedding crops						
United States .....	206	2,407,695	193	1,049	336	22,231,062
California.....	24	1,260,268	65	613	77	(D)
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants						
United States .....	78	1,696,384	48	179	108	26,516,551
California.....	30	1,239,642	20	33	40	19,047,296
Propagative materials sold						
United States .....	53	2,792,789	90	934	120	19,912,081
California.....	12	2,642,196	27	365	30	16,773,244
Mushrooms						
United States .....	130	5,324,051	(NDP)	(NDP)	130	95,543,620
California.....	13	1,827,682	(NDP)	(NDP)	13	48,984,214

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## Certified Organic Field Crops Harvested and Value of Sales: 2015

Crop	Harvested			Value of sales	
	Farms	Acres	Quantity	Quantity	Dollars
All field crops					
United States .....	6,403	1,458,706	(NDP)	(NDP)	660,044,049
California .....	299	86,339	(NDP)	(NDP)	68,237,632
Barley for grain or seed (bu) .....	19	3,418	240,349	240,231	2,318,767
Buckwheat (bu) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Corn for grain or seed (bu) .....	7	883	153,962	84,239	1,174,327
Corn for silage or greenchop (tons) .....	12	1,985	46,405	4,630	325,871
Cotton, all (bales) .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dry edible beans, all (cwt) .....	9	680	8,220	8,210	564,180
Dry edible beans, black (cwt) .....	5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dry edible beans, pinto (cwt) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Dry edible beans, other (cwt) .....	4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hay, all dry (tons) .....	110	31,173	107,024	65,048	14,880,018
Hay, alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry (tons) .....	59	15,978	71,620	43,127	11,192,077
Hay, other dry (tons) .....	72	15,195	35,404	21,921	3,687,941
Haylage and greenchop, all (tons) .....	59	15,019	148,276	39,174	3,861,229
Haylage or greenchop from alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures (tons) .....	9	3,980	18,868	(D)	(D)
Haylage, other silage or greenchop (tons) .....	50	11,039	129,408	(D)	(D)
Herbs, dried (lbs) .....	14	80	92,430	92,352	1,520,245
Hops (lbs) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mint, all (lbs of oil) .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oats for grain or seed (bu) .....	9	672	80,799	62,909	402,042
Peas, all dry edible (cwt) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Peas, Austrian winter (cwt) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Popcorn (lbs shelled) .....	4	395	1,680,600	1,680,600	651,628
Proso millet (bu) .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Rice, all (cwt) .....	74	16,690	877,560	873,116	32,853,286
Rice, wild (cwt, finished weight) .....	8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Rye for grain or seed (bu) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Safflower (lbs) .....	4	111	101,113	100,823	31,581
Sorghum for silage or greenchop (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Soybeans for beans (bu) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sunflower seed, all (lbs) .....	4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wheat, all (bu) .....	30	10,097	318,467	301,062	4,695,422
Wheat, durum for grain or seed (bu) .....	5	1,082	47,318	47,318	1,078,816
Wheat, other spring wheat for grain or seed (bu) .....	11	761	37,076	37,076	477,618
Wheat, winter for grain or seed (bu) .....	15	8,254	234,073	216,668	3,138,988
Other field crops .....	20	2,376	(NDP)	(NDP)	1,720,321

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## Top Certified Organic Livestock and Poultry Inventory and Sales: 2015

Commodity	Peak inventory		Value of sales	
	Farms	Number	Number	Dollars
Milk cows				
United States .....	2,282	241,112	47,033	65,361,338
California.....	95	48,078	8,718	13,727,216
Beef cows				
United States .....	455	40,600	5,901	8,982,291
California.....	57	12,479	1,876	2,907,587
Other cattle				
United States .....	2,753	228,630	169,884	158,251,289
California.....	150	47,681	33,002	34,340,837
Hogs and pigs				
United States .....	135	12,358	13,353	5,112,388
California.....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sheep and lambs				
United States .....	72	10,741	5,345	1,117,592
California.....	7	1,327	397	83,810
Goats and kids				
United States .....	52	4,824	1,203	278,873
California.....	4	(D)	(D)	(D)
Chickens - layers				
United States .....	730	14,214,364	3,241,756	1,461,403
California.....	52	1,591,519	(D)	(D)
Chickens - broilers				
United States .....	187	9,077,227	47,423,922	420,312,003
California.....	16	4,234,756	24,245,653	213,109,926
Turkeys				
United States .....	74	1,501,466	1,579,373	70,020,593
California.....	7	1,022,374	1,116,112	48,842,490
Other poultry				
United States .....	80	(NDP)	(NDP)	12,193,694
California.....	11	(NDP)	(NDP)	877,583

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## Certified Organic Livestock Products and Poultry Products Sales: 2015

Commodity	Farms	Quantity	Dollars
Milk from cows (pounds)			
United States .....	2,258	3,406,420,618	1,173,503,904
California.....	94	747,333,903	254,337,800
Goat milk (pounds)			
United States .....	26	4,096,847	2,343,177
California.....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States .....	684	292,481,855	732,037,052
California.....	43	27,787,395	(D)
Other livestock products			
United States .....	26	(NDP)	2,728,460
California.....	5	(NDP)	(D)

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