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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. Washington certified organic farms were 5 percent of the U.S. total, with 598 certified farms. Those farms operated 71,781 acres of certified land in 2015. Washington’s total gross value of certified organic agricultural products sold, at \$626.4 million, was 10 percent of the total gross value of U.S. certified organic sales.

In Washington, 417 certified organic farms sold to wholesale markets, 251 farms sold directly to consumers, and 168 farms sold directly to retail markets and institutions. The first point of sales for 80 percent of certified organic farms in Washington was within 100 miles of the farm and 38 percent was within 100-499 miles of the farm. Over the next five years, 44 percent of certified organic operations in Washington 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
Washington .....	181	15,757	(NDP)	(NDP)	62,657,439
Artichokes (cwt) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Beans, snap, fresh (cwt) .....	35	78	3,810	1,865	379,172
Beans, snap, processing (tons) .....	4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Broccoli (cwt) .....	14	23	1,144	1,094	124,531
Cabbage, green (cwt) .....	34	31	2,302	2,302	155,202
Cabbage, red (cwt) .....	11	5	714	699	56,307
Cabbage, other (cwt) .....	12	24	2,858	2,842	261,647
Cantaloupes and muskmelons (cwt) .....	8	15	3,014	2,988	88,402
Carrots (cwt) .....	39	200	(D)	(D)	3,353,132
Cauliflower (cwt) .....	9	16	1,225	1,225	85,655
Celery (cwt) .....	6	7	809	552	28,044
Garlic (cwt) .....	51	41	2,418	1,556	436,847
Herbs, fresh cut (lbs) .....	22	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Honeydew melons (cwt) .....	6	8	1,445	1,417	49,883
Lettuce (cwt) .....	29	51	7,149	6,768	644,556
Onions, red, fresh (cwt) .....	12	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Onions, white, fresh (cwt) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Onions, yellow, fresh (cwt) .....	25	305	204,366	203,725	7,534,680
Onions, processing, all (cwt) .....	6	1	285	215	12,183
Onions, green (cwt) .....	12	66	(D)	(D)	(D)
Peas, green (tons) .....	19	3,328	5,068	5,068	2,841,371
Peppers, bell (cwt) .....	18	28	1,059	978	328,114
Potatoes (cwt) .....	41	1,891	1,093,335	715,420	9,422,636
Spinach (cwt) .....	14	52	3,630	3,562	445,844
Squash (cwt) .....	53	386	118,194	115,870	2,458,774
Sweet corn (cwt) .....	25	5,534	1,054,739	1,035,073	17,493,572
Sweet potatoes (cwt) .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tomatoes, fresh (cwt) .....	42	(D)	2,410	2,410	(D)
Tomatoes, processing (tons) .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Watermelons (cwt) .....	6	35	6,128	5,616	120,294
Other vegetables (cwt) .....	103	1,416	151,189	145,490	7,683,144

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(NDP) No data present.

**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
Washington.....	56	316,592	(NDP)	(NDP)	845,064
Broccoli (cwt) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cantaloupes and muskmelons (cwt) ....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Carrots (cwt) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Celery (cwt) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Herbs, fresh cut (lbs) .....	10	4,788	3,200	2,510	21,500
Lettuce (cwt) .....	9	9,973	70	58	29,958
Onions, white (cwt) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Onions, yellow (cwt) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Onions, green (cwt) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Peas, green (tons) .....	3	1,603	(D)	(D)	(D)
Peppers, bell (cwt) .....	14	24,180	185	177	39,160
Spinach (cwt) .....	6	3,580	7	7	5,046
Squash (cwt) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Tomatoes (cwt) .....	38	136,153	996	984	(D)
Other vegetables (cwt) .....	32	135,912	1,458	1,458	405,429

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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
All other fruits, tree nuts, and berries, total					
United States .....	2,993	63,397	(NDP)	(NDP)	691,409,864
Washington.....	258	5,973	(NDP)	(NDP)	104,482,952
All other fruits, total (excludes apples, grapes, all tree nuts, and all berries)					
United States .....	1,456	31,898	(NDP)	(NDP)	262,792,206
Washington.....	175	4,335	(NDP)	(NDP)	56,824,552
Avocados (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Cherries, sweet (tons) .....	82	1,546	8,723	7,987	27,982,487
Cherries, tart (lbs) .....	6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Coffee (lbs) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Dates (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Figs (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Grapefruit (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Lemons (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Oranges, navel (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Oranges, Valencia (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Oranges, all other (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Peaches (tons) .....	40	312	2,996	2,996	4,381,349
Pears (tons) .....	84	1,523	19,143	18,349	17,156,670
Plums/prunes (tons) .....	23	(D)	65	61	(D)
Tangerines (tons) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Other fruits (tons) .....	35	474	2,913	2,902	(D)
All tree nuts					
United States .....	379	18,278	(NDP)	(NDP)	83,982,965
Washington.....	14	5	(NDP)	(NDP)	8,487
Almonds (lbs) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Hazelnuts/filberts (tons).....	5	1	(Z)	(Z)	(D)
Pecans (lbs) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Pistachios (lbs) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Walnuts, English (tons) .....	14	5	3	1	(D)
Other tree nuts (lbs) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
All berries					
United States .....	1,436	13,221	(NDP)	(NDP)	344,634,693
Washington.....	105	1,633	(NDP)	(NDP)	47,649,913
Blackberries and dewberries (lbs) .....	17	43	141,330	136,108	(D)
Blueberries, cultivated, all (lbs) .....	68	1,444	12,780,820	12,576,700	45,617,169
Blueberries, wild (lbs) .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cranberries (barrels) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Raspberries (lbs) .....	45	76	236,129	217,632	907,319
Strawberries (cwt) .....	42	67	2,697	2,627	609,592
Other berries (lbs) .....	9	(D)	13,160	13,160	(D)

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(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

## 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
Washington.....	199	405,226,297	266,157,850
Apples, fresh, all			
United States .....	644	418,591,187	292,693,326
Washington.....	192	391,363,743	261,888,663
Apples, processing, all			
United States .....	333	37,077,809	9,710,892
Washington.....	79	13,862,554	4,269,187

## All Certified Organic Apples Value of Sales: 2015

Crop	Farms	Pounds	Dollars
Apples, all			
United States .....	698	455,668,996	302,404,218
Washington.....	199	405,226,297	266,157,850
Braeburn, all			
United States .....	30	7,494,680	2,958,797
Washington.....	17	6,784,576	2,592,178
Cameo, all			
United States .....	18	2,742,407	1,084,695
Washington.....	12	(D)	(D)
Cripps Pink, all			
United States .....	33	32,137,322	22,911,716
Washington.....	21	31,317,440	22,033,096
Fuji, all			
United States .....	180	114,730,851	79,814,035
Washington.....	70	106,462,832	68,049,331
Gala, all			
United States .....	203	104,809,183	76,279,414
Washington.....	105	98,581,169	69,498,143
Golden Delicious, all			
United States .....	129	34,545,247	13,498,518
Washington.....	51	26,879,521	11,310,384
Granny Smith, all			
United States .....	108	39,168,714	24,260,452
Washington.....	54	36,914,583	22,915,488
Honeycrisp, all			
United States .....	116	36,662,833	37,545,008
Washington.....	54	34,756,158	35,584,462
Red Delicious, all			
United States .....	112	38,731,684	15,778,956
Washington.....	50	37,319,601	15,121,143
Rome, all			
United States .....	39	4,438,424	934,664
Washington.....	4	(D)	(D)
Other apple varieties, all			
United States .....	479	40,207,651	27,337,963
Washington.....	97	23,650,267	18,079,813

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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
Washington .....	50	7,178	(D)
Fresh, table use			
United States .....	167	26,925	68,353,508
Washington .....	21	(D)	(D)
Wine production			
United States .....	406	51,231	112,513,588
Washington .....	17	(D)	(D)
Juice production			
United States .....	34	8,260	5,584,410
Washington .....	13	(D)	2,255,340
Raisins			
United States .....	60	47,865	23,005,535
Washington .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)

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## 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
Washington .....	6	28,374	11	30	17	438,876
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants						
United States .....	78	1,696,384	48	179	108	26,516,551
Washington .....	1	(D)	2	(D)	2	(D)
Propagative materials sold						
United States .....	53	2,792,789	90	934	120	19,912,081
Washington .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	8	6	8	150,000
Mushrooms						
United States .....	130	5,324,051	(NDP)	(NDP)	130	95,543,620
Washington .....	7	69,720	(NDP)	(NDP)	7	235,521

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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
Washington.....	130	20,275	(NDP)	(NDP)	20,666,665
Barley for grain or seed (bu) .....	14	673	43,792	27,142	268,478
Buckwheat (bu).....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Corn for grain or seed (bu) .....	9	1,688	149,181	144,961	1,518,323
Corn for silage or greenchop (tons) .....	9	849	14,562	(D)	(D)
Cotton, all (bales).....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Dry edible beans, all (cwt) .....	4	692	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dry edible beans, black (cwt) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dry edible beans, pinto (cwt) .....	3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dry edible beans, other (cwt) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hay, all dry (tons) .....	65	5,676	19,019	9,811	1,979,691
Hay, alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry (tons) .....	31	2,925	11,568	8,647	1,832,166
Hay, other dry (tons) .....	38	2,751	7,451	1,164	147,525
Haylage and greenchop, all (tons) .....	31	3,813	23,916	3,099	187,981
Haylage or greenchop from alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures (tons).....	3	(D)	1,312	(NDP)	(NDP)
Haylage, other silage or greenchop (tons).....	28	(D)	22,604	3,099	187,981
Herbs, dried (lbs) .....	6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hops (lbs) .....	3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mint, all (lbs of oil).....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Oats for grain or seed (bu) .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Peas, all dry edible (cwt) .....	3	(D)	1,415	1,415	35,300
Peas, Austrian winter (cwt) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Popcorn (lbs shelled) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Proso millet (bu) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Rice, all (cwt) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Rice, wild (cwt, finished weight) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Rye for grain or seed (bu) .....	5	10	240	223	2,656
Safflower (lbs) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop (tons) .....	1	(D)	(D)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Soybeans for beans (bu).....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Sunflower seed, all (lbs) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Wheat, all (bu) .....	32	4,270	313,237	291,873	3,859,636
Wheat, durum for grain or seed (bu) .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Wheat, other spring wheat for grain or seed (bu) .....	21	934	23,671	23,671	344,528
Wheat, winter for grain or seed (bu) .....	12	3,336	289,566	268,202	3,515,108
Other field crops .....	7	1,413	(NDP)	(NDP)	650,075

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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
Washington .....	30	6,744	1,464	(D)
Beef cows				
United States .....	455	40,600	5,901	8,982,291
Washington .....	8	377	80	111,819
Other cattle				
United States .....	2,753	228,630	169,884	158,251,289
Washington .....	39	5,167	3,202	3,044,946
Hogs and pigs				
United States .....	135	12,358	13,353	5,112,388
Washington .....	9	458	366	163,156
Sheep and lambs				
United States .....	72	10,741	5,345	1,117,592
Washington .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)
Goats and kids				
United States .....	52	4,824	1,203	278,873
Washington .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)
Chickens - layers				
United States .....	730	14,214,364	3,241,756	1,461,403
Washington .....	18	1,615,851	(D)	12,816
Chickens - broilers				
United States .....	187	9,077,227	47,423,922	420,312,003
Washington .....	11	(D)	(D)	(D)
Turkeys				
United States .....	74	1,501,466	1,579,373	70,020,593
Washington .....	4	645	569	37,768
Other poultry				
United States .....	80	(NDP)	(NDP)	12,193,694
Washington .....	3	(NDP)	(NDP)	4,106

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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
Washington .....	30	93,640,706	(D)
Goat milk (pounds)			
United States .....	26	4,096,847	2,343,177
Washington .....	2	(D)	(D)
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States .....	684	292,481,855	732,037,052
Washington .....	18	33,552,629	86,920,824
Other livestock products			
United States .....	26	(NDP)	2,728,460
Washington .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)

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