



**United States Department of Agriculture
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2015 Certified Organic Survey – Illinois**



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Certified Organic Highlights

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. Illinois had 196 certified organic farms with 36,952 acres of certified land that produced \$53.4 million in certified organic products. Of those farms in Illinois, 42 percent were certified organic for 10 years or more.

In Illinois, 159 certified organic farms sold to wholesale markets, 69 farms sold directly to consumers, and 33 farms sold directly to retail markets and institutions. The first point of sales for 74 percent of certified organic farms in Illinois was within 100 miles of the farm and 44 percent was within 100-499 miles of the farm. Over the next five years, 43 percent of certified organic operations in Illinois 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.

Farms, Land, and Value of Sales on Certified Organic Farms: 2015 and 2014

Geographic area	2015			2014		
	Total certified farms	Total certified acres	Total certified sales (\$1,000)	Total certified farms	Total certified acres	Total certified sales (\$1,000)
United States	12,818	4,361,849	6,163,472	12,634	3,642,933	5,451,377
Illinois	196	36,952	53,350	215	40,481	52,600

Certified Organic Crops Value of Sales: 2015

Crop	Farms	Value of sales (dollars)
All vegetables, potatoes, and melons grown in the open		
United States	2,999	1,361,747,498
Illinois	44	2,760,263
All vegetables, potatoes, and melons grown under protection		
United States	1,059	73,201,940
Illinois	23	7,720,366
All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, all tree nuts, and all berries)		
United States	1,456	262,792,206
Illinois	5	33,056
All tree nuts		
United States	379	83,982,965
Illinois	(NDP)	(NDP)
All berries		
United States	1,436	344,634,693
Illinois	7	29,859
All field crops		
United States	4,545	660,044,049
Illinois	121	23,792,900

(NDP) No data present.

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

Crop	Farms	Value of sales (dollars)
Floriculture and bedding crops		
United States	336	22,231,062
Illinois	9	685,072
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants		
United States	108	26,516,551
Illinois	(NDP)	(NDP)
Propagative materials sold		
United States	120	19,912,081
Illinois	2	(D)
Mushrooms		
United States	130	95,543,620
Illinois	(NDP)	(NDP)

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
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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
Illinois	16	1,155	236	294,009
Beef cows				
United States	455	40,600	5,901	8,982,291
Illinois	10	394	36	57,285
Other cattle				
United States	2,753	228,630	169,884	158,251,289
Illinois	23	1,280	828	780,286
Hogs and pigs				
United States	135	12,358	13,353	5,112,388
Illinois	4	356	246	103,425
Chickens - layers				
United States	730	14,214,364	3,241,756	1,461,403
Illinois	22	238,867	113,547	39,006
Chickens - broilers				
United States	187	9,077,227	47,423,922	420,312,003
Illinois	2	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Top 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
Illinois	16	15,380,267	(D)
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States	684	292,481,855	732,037,052
Illinois	22	5,220,299	11,168,637

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Operators on Certified Organic Farms by Years Operating Any Farm: 2015

Geographic area	Operators	Percent of operators by years operating any farm					
		Less than 10 years	10 to 19 years	20 to 29 years	30 to 39 years	40 to 49 years	50 or more years
United States	12,818	32	23	17	16	8	4
Illinois	196	31	16	22	18	7	6