



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



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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. Michigan had 298 certified organic farms with 55,926 acres of certified land that produced \$186.9 million in certified organic products. Of those farms in Michigan, 45 percent were certified organic for 10 years or more.

In Michigan, 206 certified organic farms sold to wholesale markets, 116 farms sold directly to consumers, and 47 farms sold directly to retail markets and institutions. The first point of sales for 75 percent of certified organic farms in Michigan was within 100 miles of the farm and 39 percent was within 100-499 miles of the farm. Over the next five years, 40 percent of certified organic operations in Michigan 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 |
| Michigan | 298 | 55,926 | 186,918 | 288 | 57,495 | 124,519 |

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 |
| Michigan | 72 | 2,168,837 |
| All vegetables, potatoes, and melons grown under protection | | |
| United States | 1,059 | 73,201,940 |
| Michigan | 30 | 433,622 |
| All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, all tree nuts, and all berries) | | |
| United States | 1,456 | 262,792,206 |
| Michigan | 9 | 521,849 |
| All tree nuts | | |
| United States | 379 | 83,982,965 |
| Michigan | 2 | (D) |
| All berries | | |
| United States | 1,436 | 344,634,693 |
| Michigan | 31 | 691,483 |
| All field crops | | |
| United States | 4,545 | 660,044,049 |
| Michigan | 170 | 33,311,672 |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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 |
| Michigan..... | 5 | 529,331 |
| Nursery crops, including aquatic plants | | |
| United States | 108 | 26,516,551 |
| Michigan..... | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| Propagative materials sold | | |
| United States | 120 | 19,912,081 |
| Michigan..... | 1 | (D) |
| Mushrooms | | |
| United States | 130 | 95,543,620 |
| Michigan..... | 6 | 10,976 |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(NDP) No data present.

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 |
| Michigan..... | 53 | 2,539 | 585 | (D) |
| Beef cows | | | | |
| United States | 455 | 40,600 | 5,901 | 8,982,291 |
| Michigan..... | 13 | 347 | 73 | 120,087 |
| Other cattle | | | | |
| United States | 2,753 | 228,630 | 169,884 | 158,251,289 |
| Michigan..... | 66 | 1,894 | 1,325 | 1,281,665 |
| Hogs and pigs | | | | |
| United States | 135 | 12,358 | 13,353 | 5,112,388 |
| Michigan..... | 4 | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Chickens - layers | | | | |
| United States | 730 | 14,214,364 | 3,241,756 | 1,461,403 |
| Michigan..... | 14 | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Chickens - broilers | | | | |
| United States | 187 | 9,077,227 | 47,423,922 | 420,312,003 |
| Michigan..... | 11 | 10,954 | 5,496 | 80,026 |

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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 |
| Michigan..... | 53 | 28,539,821 | 9,948,823 |
| Chicken eggs (dozens) | | | |
| United States | 684 | 292,481,855 | 732,037,052 |
| Michigan..... | 13 | (D) | (D) |

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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 |
| Michigan | 298 | 35 | 22 | 13 | 18 | 9 | 4 |