



**United States Department of Agriculture
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2015 Certified Organic Survey – South Dakota**



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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. South Dakota had 97 certified organic farms with 92,462 acres of certified land that produced \$17.5 million in certified organic products. Of those farms in South Dakota, 64 percent were certified organic for 10 years or more.

In South Dakota, 85 certified organic farms sold to wholesale markets, 16 farms sold directly to consumers, and 8 farms sold directly to retail markets and institutions. The first point of sales for 41 percent of certified organic farms in South Dakota was within 100 miles of the farm and 70 percent was within 100-499 miles of the farm. Over the next five years, 42 percent of certified organic operations in South Dakota 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
South Dakota	97	92,462	17,471	78	78,318	(D)

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

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
South Dakota	4	57,830
All vegetables, potatoes, and melons grown under protection		
United States	1,059	73,201,940
South Dakota	2	(D)
All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, all tree nuts, and all berries)		
United States	1,456	262,792,206
South Dakota	1	(D)
All tree nuts		
United States	379	83,982,965
South Dakota	(NDP)	(NDP)
All berries		
United States	1,436	344,634,693
South Dakota	3	16,173
All field crops		
United States	4,545	660,044,049
South Dakota	86	13,055,093

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(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
South Dakota	(NDP)	(NDP)
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants		
United States	108	26,516,551
South Dakota	2	(D)
Propagative materials sold		
United States	120	19,912,081
South Dakota	(NDP)	(NDP)
Mushrooms		
United States	130	95,543,620
South Dakota	(NDP)	(NDP)

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(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
South Dakota	1	(D)	(D)	(D)
Beef cows				
United States	455	40,600	5,901	8,982,291
South Dakota	8	1,095	160	238,795
Other cattle				
United States	2,753	228,630	169,884	158,251,289
South Dakota	11	2,447	1,840	3,637,767
Hogs and pigs				
United States	135	12,358	13,353	5,112,388
South Dakota	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Chickens - layers				
United States	730	14,214,364	3,241,756	1,461,403
South Dakota	3	(D)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Chickens - broilers				
United States	187	9,077,227	47,423,922	420,312,003
South Dakota	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
South Dakota	1	(D)	(D)
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States	684	292,481,855	732,037,052
South Dakota	3	(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
South Dakota	97	12	26	20	16	16	9