



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
2016 Certified Organic Survey – Arkansas**



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Certified Organic Highlights

The 2016 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 2016, the United States had 14,217 certified organic farms that produced \$7.6 billion in certified organic products. Arkansas had 64 certified organic farms that produced \$39.8 million in certified organic products. Of the 4,871 acres of certified land in Arkansas, 2,266 acres were cropland and 2,605 acres were pastureland/rangeland. The top two certified commodities sold in Arkansas were other poultry with sales valued at \$4.9 million and tomatoes grown in the open with sales valued at \$446,180.

For more information on the 2016 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: 2016 and 2015

Geographic area	2016			2015		
	Total certified farms	Total certified acres	Total certified sales (\$1,000)	Total certified farms	Total certified acres	Total certified sales (\$1,000)
United States	14,217	5,019,496	7,553,872	12,818	4,361,849	6,163,472
Arkansas	64	4,871	39,768	32	2,015	16,273

Certified Organic Crops Value of Sales: 2016

Crop	Farms	Value of sales (dollars)
All vegetables grown in the open		
United States	3,121	1,644,431,203
Arkansas	27	2,935,636
All field crops		
United States	5,077	762,613,158
Arkansas	10	899,760
All apples		
United States	583	327,422,541
Arkansas	1	(D)
All grapes		
United States	667	218,400,863
Arkansas	6	7,200
All berries		
United States	1,400	406,116,676
Arkansas	5	(D)
All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, citrus fruits, and berries)		
United States	1,101	253,746,497
Arkansas	1	(D)
All tree nuts		
United States	345	78,900,277
Arkansas	(NDP)	(NDP)

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

Certified Organic Floriculture Crops, Nursery Crops, Mushrooms, and Vegetables/Herbs Under Protection Value of Sales: 2016

Crop	Farms	Value of sales (dollars)
Floriculture and bedding crops		
United States	338	24,273,779
Arkansas	2	(D)
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants		
United States	135	35,315,048
Arkansas	(NDP)	(NDP)
Propagative materials sold		
United States	143	53,320,374
Arkansas	2	(D)
Mushrooms		
United States	111	110,974,221
Arkansas	1	(D)
Tomatoes grown under protection		
United States	583	39,536,601
Arkansas	4	(D)
Other vegetables and fresh herbs grown under protection		
United States	666	49,417,138
Arkansas	6	150,888

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Top Certified Organic Livestock and Poultry Inventory and Sales: 2016

Commodity	Peak inventory		Value of sales	
	Farms	Number	Number	Dollars
Milk cows				
United States	2,559	279,021	50,136	57,801,387
Arkansas	2	(D)	(D)	(D)
Beef cows				
United States	490	46,014	7,827	10,531,380
Arkansas	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Other cattle				
United States	3,048	256,031	189,634	164,407,528
Arkansas	2	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hogs and pigs				
United States	151	19,817	17,818	6,891,039
Arkansas	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Chickens - layers				
United States	818	17,516,491	5,484,267	2,462,123
Arkansas	13	780,580	(NDP)	(NDP)
Chickens - broilers				
United States	215	21,732,541	105,260,615	749,929,661
Arkansas	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)

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Top Certified Organic Livestock Products and Poultry Products Sales: 2016

Commodity	Farms	Quantity	Dollars
Milk from cows (pounds)			
United States	2,531	4,034,989,854	1,385,789,843
Arkansas	2	(D)	(D)
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States	788	345,269,340	815,881,254
Arkansas	13	13,059,250	(D)

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