



**United States Department of Agriculture
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2016 Certified Organic Survey – Maine**



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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. Maine had 494 certified organic farms that produced \$65.6 million in certified organic products. Of the 55,316 acres of certified land in Maine, 44,177 acres were cropland and 11,139 acres were pastureland/rangeland. The top two certified commodities sold in Maine were maple syrup with sales valued at \$19.1 million and potatoes with sales valued at \$3.7 million.

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
Maine	494	55,316	65,648	476	48,502	47,824

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
Maine	173	11,613,044
All field crops		
United States	5,077	762,613,158
Maine	83	1,810,486
All apples		
United States	583	327,422,541
Maine	16	394,504
All grapes		
United States	667	218,400,863
Maine	4	210
All berries		
United States	1,400	406,116,676
Maine	121	1,628,182
All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, citrus fruits, and berries)		
United States	1,101	253,746,497
Maine	9	80,850
All tree nuts		
United States	345	78,900,277
Maine	(NDP)	(NDP)

(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
Maine	20	146,590
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants		
United States	135	35,315,048
Maine	20	337,819
Propagative materials sold		
United States	143	53,320,374
Maine	9	36,575
Mushrooms		
United States	111	110,974,221
Maine	5	755,614
Tomatoes grown under protection		
United States	583	39,536,601
Maine	65	726,595
Other vegetables and fresh herbs grown under protection		
United States	666	49,417,138
Maine	58	4,077,960

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
Maine	63	3,797	758	858,503
Beef cows				
United States	490	46,014	7,827	10,531,380
Maine	11	126	25	39,600
Other cattle				
United States	3,048	256,031	189,634	164,407,528
Maine	73	2,906	1,539	1,367,334
Hogs and pigs				
United States	151	19,817	17,818	6,891,039
Maine	20	369	508	101,104
Chickens - layers				
United States	818	17,516,491	5,484,267	2,462,123
Maine	30	(D)	(D)	(D)
Chickens - broilers				
United States	215	21,732,541	105,260,615	749,929,661
Maine	19	20,695	25,520	348,893

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

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
Maine	63	44,456,548	(D)
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States	788	345,269,340	815,881,254
Maine	29	(D)	(D)

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