



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



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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. Montana had 156 certified organic farms that produced \$53.2 million in certified organic products. Of the 266,048 acres of certified land in Montana, 208,527 acres were cropland and 57,521 acres were pastureland/rangeland. The top two certified commodities sold in Montana were wheat with sales valued at \$28.4 million and other cattle 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](http://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
Montana .....	156	266,048	53,187	138	250,531	48,918

**Certified Organic Crops Value of Sales: 2016**

Crop	Farms	Value of sales (dollars)
<b>All vegetables grown in the open</b>		
United States .....	3,121	1,644,431,203
Montana .....	26	1,448,267
<b>All field crops</b>		
United States .....	5,077	762,613,158
Montana .....	112	37,256,713
<b>All apples</b>		
United States .....	583	327,422,541
Montana .....	4	14,775
<b>All grapes</b>		
United States .....	667	218,400,863
Montana .....	2	(D)
<b>All berries</b>		
United States .....	1,400	406,116,676
Montana .....	7	20,580
<b>All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, citrus fruits, and berries)</b>		
United States .....	1,101	253,746,497
Montana .....	7	220,103
<b>All tree nuts</b>		
United States .....	345	78,900,277
Montana .....	1	(D)

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

**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
Montana .....	3	8,250
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants		
United States .....	135	35,315,048
Montana .....	2	(D)
Propagative materials sold		
United States .....	143	53,320,374
Montana .....	6	12,065
Mushrooms		
United States .....	111	110,974,221
Montana .....	(NDP)	(NDP)
Tomatoes grown under protection		
United States .....	583	39,536,601
Montana .....	9	78,602
Other vegetables and fresh herbs grown under protection		
United States .....	666	49,417,138
Montana .....	10	182,519

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(NDP) No data present.

**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
Montana .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)
Beef cows				
United States .....	490	46,014	7,827	10,531,380
Montana .....	11	981	169	268,182
Other cattle				
United States .....	3,048	256,031	189,634	164,407,528
Montana .....	13	3,973	3,184	3,744,210
Hogs and pigs				
United States .....	151	19,817	17,818	6,891,039
Montana .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)
Chickens - layers				
United States .....	818	17,516,491	5,484,267	2,462,123
Montana .....	12	198,699	62,288	54,165
Chickens - broilers				
United States .....	215	21,732,541	105,260,615	749,929,661
Montana .....	5	1,000	750	7,800

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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
Montana .....	1	(D)	(D)
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States .....	788	345,269,340	815,881,254
Montana .....	12	4,238,222	(D)

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