



**United States Department of Agriculture
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2016 Certified Organic Survey – North Dakota**



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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. North Dakota had 114 certified organic farms that produced \$22.7 million in certified organic products. Of the 116,305 acres of certified land in North Dakota, 92,679 acres were cropland and 23,626 acres were pastureland/rangeland. The top two certified commodities sold in North Dakota were wheat with sales valued at \$4.4 million and dry edible beans with sales valued at \$2.5 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 |
| North Dakota | 114 | 116,305 | 22,741 | 100 | 110,784 | 21,324 |

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 |
| North Dakota | 4 | 60,668 |
| All field crops | | |
| United States | 5,077 | 762,613,158 |
| North Dakota | 102 | 20,411,635 |
| All apples | | |
| United States | 583 | 327,422,541 |
| North Dakota | 3 | 91,905 |
| All grapes | | |
| United States | 667 | 218,400,863 |
| North Dakota | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| All berries | | |
| United States | 1,400 | 406,116,676 |
| North Dakota | 2 | (D) |
| All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, citrus fruits, and berries) | | |
| United States | 1,101 | 253,746,497 |
| North Dakota | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| All tree nuts | | |
| United States | 345 | 78,900,277 |
| North Dakota | (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 |
| North Dakota | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| Nursery crops, including aquatic plants | | |
| United States | 135 | 35,315,048 |
| North Dakota | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| Propagative materials sold | | |
| United States | 143 | 53,320,374 |
| North Dakota | 2 | (D) |
| Mushrooms | | |
| United States | 111 | 110,974,221 |
| North Dakota | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| Tomatoes grown under protection | | |
| United States | 583 | 39,536,601 |
| North Dakota | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| Other vegetables and fresh herbs grown under protection | | |
| United States | 666 | 49,417,138 |
| North Dakota | 2 | (D) |

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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 |
| North Dakota | 1 | (D) | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| Beef cows | | | | |
| United States | 490 | 46,014 | 7,827 | 10,531,380 |
| North Dakota | 4 | 564 | 62 | 89,088 |
| Other cattle | | | | |
| United States | 3,048 | 256,031 | 189,634 | 164,407,528 |
| North Dakota | 5 | 505 | 485 | 774,514 |
| Hogs and pigs | | | | |
| United States | 151 | 19,817 | 17,818 | 6,891,039 |
| North Dakota | (NDP) | (NDP) | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| Chickens - layers | | | | |
| United States | 818 | 17,516,491 | 5,484,267 | 2,462,123 |
| North Dakota | (NDP) | (NDP) | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| Chickens - broilers | | | | |
| United States | 215 | 21,732,541 | 105,260,615 | 749,929,661 |
| North Dakota | (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 |
| North Dakota | (NDP) | (NDP) | (NDP) |
| Chicken eggs (dozens) | | | |
| United States | 788 | 345,269,340 | 815,881,254 |
| North Dakota | (NDP) | (NDP) | (NDP) |

(NDP) No data present.