



**United States Department of Agriculture  
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2016 Certified Organic Survey – South 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. South Dakota had 86 certified organic farms that produced \$17.3 million in certified organic products. Of the 115,780 acres of certified land in South Dakota, 52,858 acres were cropland and 62,922 acres were pastureland/rangeland. The top two certified commodities sold in South Dakota were wheat with sales valued at \$3.7 million and other cattle with sales valued at \$3.0 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
South Dakota .....	86	115,780	17,320	97	92,462	17,471

**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
South Dakota .....	5	66,800
<b>All field crops</b>		
United States .....	5,077	762,613,158
South Dakota .....	69	13,276,856
<b>All apples</b>		
United States .....	583	327,422,541
South Dakota .....	(NDP)	(NDP)
<b>All grapes</b>		
United States .....	667	218,400,863
South Dakota .....	(NDP)	(NDP)
<b>All berries</b>		
United States .....	1,400	406,116,676
South Dakota .....	6	(D)
<b>All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, citrus fruits, and berries)</b>		
United States .....	1,101	253,746,497
South Dakota .....	(NDP)	(NDP)
<b>All tree nuts</b>		
United States .....	345	78,900,277
South Dakota .....	(NDP)	(NDP)

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(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
South Dakota .....	(NDP)	(NDP)
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants		
United States .....	135	35,315,048
South Dakota .....	(NDP)	(NDP)
Propagative materials sold		
United States .....	143	53,320,374
South Dakota .....	(NDP)	(NDP)
Mushrooms		
United States .....	111	110,974,221
South Dakota .....	(NDP)	(NDP)
Tomatoes grown under protection		
United States .....	583	39,536,601
South Dakota .....	2	(D)
Other vegetables and fresh herbs grown under protection		
United States .....	666	49,417,138
South Dakota .....	(NDP)	(NDP)

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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
South Dakota .....	3	134	19	24,632
Beef cows				
United States .....	490	46,014	7,827	10,531,380
South Dakota .....	12	1,142	178	213,372
Other cattle				
United States .....	3,048	256,031	189,634	164,407,528
South Dakota .....	14	4,352	2,611	2,976,247
Hogs and pigs				
United States .....	151	19,817	17,818	6,891,039
South Dakota .....	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Chickens - layers				
United States .....	818	17,516,491	5,484,267	2,462,123
South Dakota .....	6	2,632	(D)	(D)
Chickens - broilers				
United States .....	215	21,732,541	105,260,615	749,929,661
South Dakota .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)

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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
South Dakota .....	3	1,490,000	559,978
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States .....	788	345,269,340	815,881,254
South Dakota .....	6	45,168	165,812