



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



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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. Vermont had 556 certified organic farms that produced \$127.1 million in certified organic products. Of the 134,336 acres of certified land in Vermont, 99,398 acres were cropland and 34,938 acres were pastureland/rangeland. The top two certified commodities sold in Vermont were milk from cows with sales valued at \$61.4 million and maple syrup with sales valued at \$31.8 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
Vermont	556	134,336	127,054	568	132,643	108,687

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
Vermont	126	10,070,517
All field crops		
United States	5,077	762,613,158
Vermont	94	3,991,298
All apples		
United States	583	327,422,541
Vermont	12	46,174
All grapes		
United States	667	218,400,863
Vermont	4	1,120
All berries		
United States	1,400	406,116,676
Vermont	63	1,184,470
All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, citrus fruits, and berries)		
United States	1,101	253,746,497
Vermont	4	47,140
All tree nuts		
United States	345	78,900,277
Vermont	2	(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
Vermont	27	1,994,110
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants		
United States	135	35,315,048
Vermont	5	250,740
Propagative materials sold		
United States	143	53,320,374
Vermont	5	669,274
Mushrooms		
United States	111	110,974,221
Vermont	(NDP)	(NDP)
Tomatoes grown under protection		
United States	583	39,536,601
Vermont	60	5,484,557
Other vegetables and fresh herbs grown under protection		
United States	666	49,417,138
Vermont	39	440,751

(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
Vermont	173	12,912	2,396	2,920,315
Beef cows				
United States	490	46,014	7,827	10,531,380
Vermont	28	727	166	233,244
Other cattle				
United States	3,048	256,031	189,634	164,407,528
Vermont	192	10,149	6,504	6,228,146
Hogs and pigs				
United States	151	19,817	17,818	6,891,039
Vermont	5	26	28	12,053
Chickens - layers				
United States	818	17,516,491	5,484,267	2,462,123
Vermont	28	2,990	42	143
Chickens - broilers				
United States	215	21,732,541	105,260,615	749,929,661
Vermont	14	3,636	3,876	48,048

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
Vermont	172	171,463,088	61,416,809
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States	788	345,269,340	815,881,254
Vermont	24	24,053	110,042