



**United States Department of Agriculture
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2014 Organic Survey - Texas**



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Organic Highlights

In 2014, the United States had 14,093 organic farms producing \$5.5 billion in organic products. The number of organic farms varies across the country. Texas had 234 organic farms that produced \$199.1 million in total value of organic products sold.

Of the 234 organic farms identified in the 2014 Organic Survey for Texas, 178 were certified organic farms and 52 were exempt from certification because they gross less than \$5,000 annually from organic sales. There were 97 farms with 100 percent total value of sales from certified organic production, compared to 15 farms with 75 to 99 percent, 38 farms with 50 to 74 percent, 14 farms with 25 to 49 percent, and 14 farms with less than 25 percent.

The 2014 Organic Survey provides acreage, production, and sales data for a variety of organic crops and inventory and sales data for organic livestock commodities. The 2014 survey collected data from U.S. farms and ranches that were certified organic, exempt from organic certification, or transitioning to organic certification. This survey was done in conjunction with the USDA's Risk Management Agency to aid in improving insurance products for organic agriculture.

Value-Added Certified Organic Products Sales and Marketing Practices by Percent of Sales: 2014

| Geographic area | Total sales (dollars) | Sales outlets | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| | | Consumer direct sales | Direct-to-retail/institutions | Wholesale market sales |
| United States | 729,974,562 | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Farms | (X) | 5,144 | 3,140 | 8,750 |
| Percent of sales | (X) | 8 | 14 | 78 |
| Texas | 5,320,000 | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Farms | (X) | 44 | 37 | 146 |
| Percent of sales | (X) | 3 | 8 | 89 |

(X) Not applicable.

Certified Organic Crops Harvested and Value of Sales: 2014

| Crop and geographic area | Harvested | | Value of sales (dollars) |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| | Farms | Acres | |
| Vegetables grown in the open | | | |
| United States | 3,315 | 163,746 | 1,247,666,655 |
| Texas | 40 | 994 | 12,905,327 |
| Fruits | | | |
| United States | 1,665 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Texas | 13 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Tree nuts | | | |
| United States | 396 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Texas | 7 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Berries | | | |
| United States | 1,326 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Texas | 3 | (NA) | (NA) |
| All field crops | | | |
| United States | 6,168 | 1,399,501 | 717,228,688 |
| Texas | 118 | 65,677 | 55,694,172 |

(NA) Not available.

Certified Organic Vegetables Grown Under Protection Harvested and Value of Sales: 2014

| Crop and geographic area | Harvested | | Value of sales (dollars) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| | Farms | Square feet under glass or other protection | |
| Vegetables grown under protection | | | |
| United States | 1,330 | 19,587,945 | 75,857,306 |
| Texas | 12 | 454,574 | 1,134,301 |

Certified Organic Floriculture Crops, Nursery Crops, Propagative Materials, and Mushrooms Produced and Value of Sales: 2014

| Crop and geographic area | Under glass or other protection | | In the open | | Value of sales | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|----------------|-------------|
| | Farms | Square feet | Farms | Acres | Farms | Dollars |
| Floriculture and bedding crops | | | | | | |
| United States | 217 | 2,076,472 | 192 | 432 | 351 | 27,225,548 |
| Texas | 5 | 82,740 | - | - | 5 | 1,626,282 |
| Nursery crops, including aquatic plants | | | | | | |
| United States | 118 | 2,240,817 | 76 | 374 | 165 | 35,676,234 |
| Texas | - | - | 2 | (D) | 2 | (D) |
| Propagative materials sold | | | | | | |
| United States | 24 | 583,078 | 22 | 48 | 41 | 8,757,724 |
| Texas | 1 | (D) | - | - | 1 | (D) |
| Mushrooms | | | | | | |
| United States | 98 | 9,071,409 | (X) | (X) | 98 | 108,756,760 |
| Texas | 1 | (D) | (X) | (X) | 1 | (D) |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
 (X) Not applicable.
 - Represents zero.

Certified Organic Livestock and Poultry Inventory and Sales: 2014

| Commodity and geographic area | Inventory | | Value of sales | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Farms | Peak (number) | Quantity (number) | Dollars |
| Milk cows | | | | |
| United States | 2,296 | 241,955 | (D) | 69,480,293 |
| Texas | 6 | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Beef cows | | | | |
| United States | 683 | 42,047 | 8,352 | 15,766,668 |
| Texas | 2 | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Other cattle and calves | | | | |
| United States | 2,825 | 242,592 | 167,929 | 130,925,635 |
| Texas | 9 | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Hogs and pigs | | | | |
| United States | 201 | 12,798 | 16,042 | 4,986,140 |
| Texas | - | - | - | - |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| United States | 141 | 11,370 | 5,573 | 1,243,253 |
| Texas | 1 | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Goats and kids | | | | |
| United States | 100 | 5,577 | 1,666 | 270,749 |
| Texas | - | - | - | - |
| Chickens-layers | | | | |
| United States | 795 | 9,591,817 | 4,687,726 | 3,283,207 |
| Texas | 10 | 455,580 | (D) | (D) |
| Chickens-broilers | | | | |
| United States | 245 | 8,567,220 | 43,255,401 | 371,470,749 |
| Texas | 2 | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Turkeys | | | | |
| United States | 127 | 1,350,589 | 1,169,178 | 49,704,457 |
| Texas | - | - | - | - |
| Other organic poultry | | | | |
| United States | 88 | (X) | (X) | 12,608,247 |
| Texas | - | - | - | - |

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Certified Organic Livestock Products and Poultry Products Sales: 2014

| Products | Value of sales | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Farms | Quantity | Dollars |
| Milk from cows (pounds) | | | |
| United States | 2,255 | 3,406,045,725 | 1,082,227,589 |
| Texas | 6 | (D) | (D) |
| Goat milk (pounds) | | | |
| United States | 35 | 2,186,189 | 1,139,076 |
| Texas | - | - | - |
| Chicken eggs (dozens) | | | |
| United States | 722 | 166,313,847 | 419,604,196 |
| Texas | 10 | 9,021,661 | (D) |
| Other organic livestock products | | | |
| United States | 31 | (X) | 1,239,933 |
| Texas | - | - | - |

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