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2014 Organic Survey - North Carolina**



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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. North Carolina had 264 organic farms that produced \$66.9 million in total value of organic products sold.

Of the 264 organic farms identified in the 2014 Organic Survey for North Carolina, 200 were certified organic farms and 64 were exempt from certification because they gross less than \$5,000 annually from organic sales. There were 94 farms with 100 percent total value of sales from certified organic production, compared to 31 farms with 75 to 99 percent, 19 farms with 50 to 74 percent, 20 farms with 25 to 49 percent, and 36 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.

**Organic Sales as Percent of Market Value of All Agricultural Products Sold - Certified Organic Farms: 2014**

Geographic area	Farms	Farms by percent of total value of sales from organic production				
		Less than 25 percent	25 to 49 percent	50 to 74 percent	75 to 99 percent	100 percent
United States .....	12,634	1,067	693	1,044	2,563	7,267
North Carolina ..	200	36	20	19	31	94

**Certified Organic Acres Operated: 2014**

Item		United States	North Carolina
Total certified organic acres operated .....	farms acres	12,595 3,642,933	200 21,595
Land owned .....	farms acres	10,970 2,195,232	175 (D)
Land rented from others .....	farms acres	5,446 1,505,912	86 12,739
Land rented to others .....	farms acres	475 58,211	1 (D)

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