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# 2015 CERTIFIED ORGANIC SURVEY

## MINNESOTA

The **2015 Certified Organic Survey** was conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in conjunction with USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA). The 2015 Certified Organic Survey is an inventory of all known organic producers in the United States that are certified. This is the fourth organic production and practices survey NASS has conducted on the national level; the previous surveys were the 2014 Organic Production Survey, 2011 Certified Organic Production Survey and the 2008 Organic Production Survey.

Complete results of the 2015 Certified Organic Survey are available at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

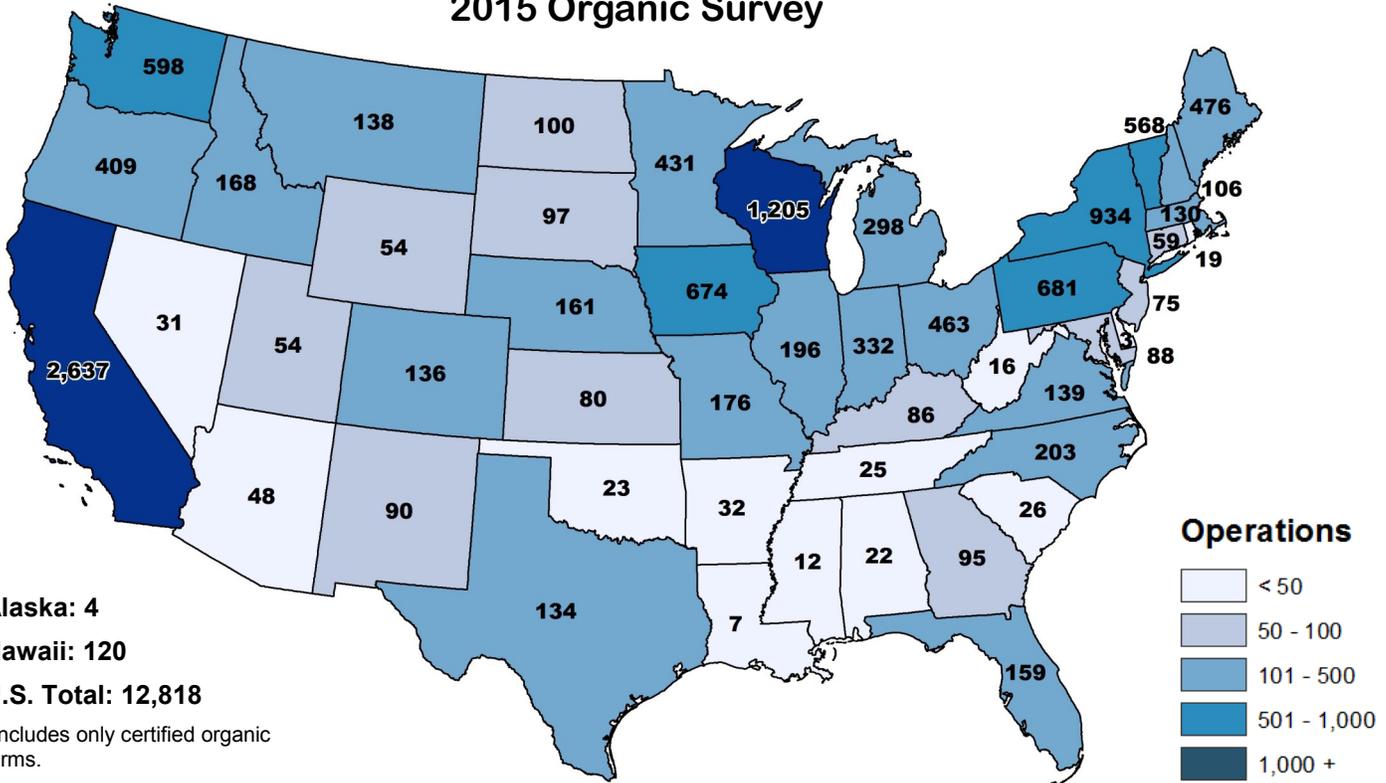
**Top 10 States by Number of Certified Organic Farms with Sales, 2015**

State	2011			2015				Change in Sales 2015/2011
	Organic Ag Land	Operations with Sales	Total Organic Sales	Organic Ag Land	Operations with Sales	Total Organic Sales	Average Sales per Farm	
	Acres	Number	Million Dollars	Acres	Number	Million Dollars	Thousand Dollars	Percent
California	583,237	1,784	1,388.8	790,413	2,588	2,435.6	941	+75
Wisconsin	174,044	834	132.5	209,615	1,200	222.4	185	+68
New York	165,809	572	106.8	238,700	912	220.9	242	+107
Pennsylvania	61,251	421	123.2	85,164	678	331.5	489	+169
Iowa	81,634	425	60.7	93,707	672	120.5	179	+99
Washington	71,887	460	297.1	71,781	596	626.4	1,051	+111
Vermont	81,900	402	65.8	132,643	567	108.7	192	+65
Maine	25,822	218	24.4	48,502	476	47.8	100	+96
Ohio	54,476	308	56.3	66,660	460	77.0	167	+37
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>124,644</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>115,321</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>+33</b>
United States	3,648,896	8,516	3,531.8	4,361,849	12,703	6,163.5	485	+75

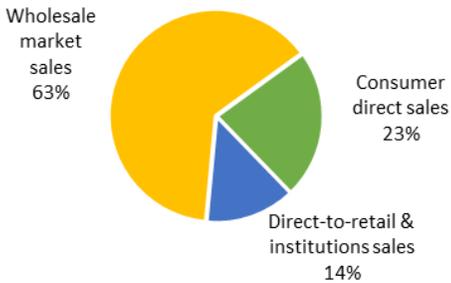
**IN 2015, THE AVERAGE ORGANIC FARM IN MINNESOTA WAS 268 ACRES, COMPARED TO 340 ACRES FOR THE U.S.**

In 2015, Minnesota ranked tenth in the nation for the total **number of certified organic farms** with 431 farms. That is about three percent of the nation's total number of certified organic farms. There were 115,321 **acres of certified organic farmland** in Minnesota. This was a decrease of 9,323 acres from 2011.

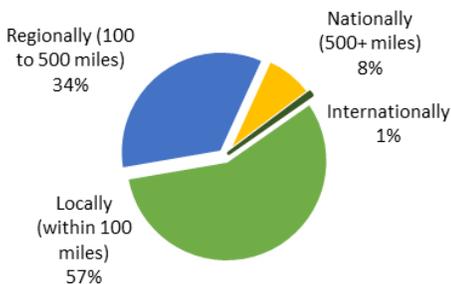
**ORGANIC FARMS—States and United States  
2015 Organic Survey**



Percent of Farms by Sales Outlet, Certified Organic Farms Minnesota: 2015



Percent of Farms by First Point of Sales, Certified Organic Farms Minnesota: 2015



Minnesota ranks second in certified organic **corn for grain** and **soybean** production in the U.S. and comprised 14 and 11 percent of the national production, respectively.

Minnesota produced 12% of the Nation's organic **oats** with sales totaling \$1,073,458 in 2015.

Minnesota produced 23% of the Nation's organic **goat milk** with sales totaling \$544,310.

6 Minnesota farms made certified organic **maple syrup** in 2015. There were 450 gallons produced from 2,000 total taps. Sales totaled \$17,492.

Organic Livestock, Poultry, and Livestock Products, Inventory and Sales, Certified Organic Farms — Minnesota: 2015

Commodity	Inventory			Value of Sales		
	Farms	Peak	On Dec. 31	Farms	Quantity sold	Total sales
	Number	Head		Number	Units	Dollars
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>						
Milk Cows (head)	104	9,933	9,471	103	1,959	2,447,015
Beef Cows (head)	22	830	806	11	103	159,563
Other Cattle & Calves (head)	125	8,806	7,864	116	6,092	4,789,778
Hogs & Pigs (head)	10	179	136	9	92	30,289
Sheep & Lambs (head)	2	(D)	(D)	2	(D)	(D)
Goats & Kids (head)	4	700	550	4	168	39,270
Chickens, Layers (head)	16	10,790	9,500	5	5,498	9,597
Chickens, Broilers (head)	4	(D)	(D)	4	(D)	(D)
Turekys (head)	10	116,102	(D)	8	111,800	3,009,882
<b>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</b>						
Milk from Cows (lbs)	(X)	(X)	(X)	103	122,774,171	41,775,198
Milk from Goats (lbs)	(X)	(X)	(X)	4	958,166	544,310
Chicken Eggs (dozen)	(X)	(X)	(X)	10	174,044	(D)

(X) Not applicable. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Organic Field Crops, Production and Sales, Certified Organic Farms — Minnesota: 2015

Crop and unit	Harvested			Value of Sales		
	Farms	Area	Quantity	Farms	Quantity	Total sales
	Number	Acres	Units	Number	Units	Dollars
Barley (bu)	61	2,894	144,857	37	83,600	672,787
Corn for Grain (bu)	265	21,750	2,587,871	203	1,528,074	16,264,133
Corn for Silage (tons)	61	3,415	55,869	6	3,713	335,840
Dry Edible Beans, All (cwt)	12	1,612	21,139	12	16,101	1,191,280
Hay, Dry (tons)	218	23,077	79,655	142	22,513	3,674,783
Hay, Dry, Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures (tons)	173	17,123	58,980	115	19,682	3,415,540
Hay, All Other Dry Hay (tons)	73	5,954	20,675	42	2,831	259,243
Haylage (tons)	57	5,091	31,741	15	1,162	116,403
Oats (bu)	100	4,064	290,895	60	166,855	1,073,458
Rye (bu)	14	428	16,031	10	11,212	101,810
Soybeans (bu)	141	10,546	340,348	126	246,423	6,043,112
Sunflower Seed, All (lbs)	3	526	534,600	3	534,600	245,916
Wheat, All (bu)	56	4,787	194,918	50	132,460	1,999,139
Wheat, Spring (bu)	51	4,583	186,900	49	128,230	1,939,956
Wheat, Winter (bu)	8	204	8,018	3	4,230	59,183

Organic Fruits, Berries, and Vegetables, Production and Sales, Certified Organic Farms — Minnesota: 2015

Crop and unit	Harvested			Value of Sales		
	Farms	Area	Quantity	Farms	Quantity	Total sales
	Number	Acres	Units	Number	Units	Dollars
Apples (lbs)	11	60	221,124	11	101,924	150,600
Berries	31	52	(X)	31	(X)	239,775
Blueberries (lbs)	13	17	47,524	13	27,270	92,533
Raspberries (lbs)	16	8	12,218	16	10,493	37,815
Strawberries (cwt)	12	7	373	12	198	61,972
Other berries (lbs)	8	20	10,395	8	10,325	47,455
All Vegetables, Potatoes, and Melons (Grown in the Open)	56	2,328	(X)	56	(X)	5,652,158
All Vegetables, Potatoes, and Melons (Grown Under Protection) (*Sq. Ft.)	20	65,062*	(X)	20	(X)	111,551

(X) Not applicable.

**TO MINNESOTA ORGANIC PRODUCERS: THIS REPORT CONTAINS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DATA COLLECTED FROM THE 2015 ORGANIC SURVEY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING TIMELY AND ACCURATE DATA ON THIS GROWING INDUSTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**