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### 2015 Certified Organic Sales Totaled \$212 Million for Texas and Oklahoma

**Austin, TX** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) recently released its 2015 Certified Organic Production Report from a survey of all known USDA-certified organic farms in the US.

In 2015, **Texas** had 134 USDA-certified organic farms that utilized 86,665 acres to produce total sales of \$210.3 million. Twenty three **Oklahoma** farms sold \$2.1 million worth of production from 6,082 acres. The majority of the farms in both Texas (61 percent) and Oklahoma (57 percent) produced organic field crops. **Texas** lead the nation in certified organic cotton and peanut production and was second in rice production. Hay and wheat were **Oklahoma’s** primary field crops. Twenty percent of the **Texas** farms produced vegetables in the open, 16 percent produced fruits (excluding apples), tree nuts, and berries, and 8 percent produced eggs. Vegetables in the open were grown on 39 percent of the **Oklahoma** farms and fruits (excluding apples), tree nuts and berries on 22 percent.

Cropland accounted for 86 percent of the certified organic acres in **Texas**, while pastureland and rangeland comprised 14 percent. Fifty two percent of the **Oklahoma** certified organic acres were cropland.

Eighty one percent of **Texas** certified organic farms sold products through wholesale markets. Twenty-two percent sold at least some products directly to consumers and 18 percent marketed products to retail and institution outlets. Of the **Oklahoma** farms, 61 percent made at least some sales directly to consumers, 39 percent to wholesale buyers and 22 percent to retail/institution markets. The majority of both Texas and Oklahoma farms sold their production locally (within 100 miles of the farm).

Twenty seven percent of **Texas** operators and 39 percent of **Oklahoma** operators have been farming less than 10 years while 60 percent of **Texas** operators and 52 percent of **Oklahoma** operators have been certified organic for less than 10 years. Thirty five percent of both Texas and Oklahoma operators plan to increase certified organic production within the next five years and 40 percent of **Texas** operators and 35 percent of **Oklahoma** operators plan to maintain current organic production levels.

See [www.nass.usda.gov/organics/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/organics/) for the full 2015 Certified Organic Production Report.

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