



Iowa Ag News – 2021 Certified Organics

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In 2021, Iowa ranked sixth in the nation for the total number of **certified organic farms** with 799 farms, 5 percent of the nation's total according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *2021 Organic Survey*. There were 169,361 acres of **certified organic farmland** in Iowa. In 2021, the average organic farm in Iowa was 212 acres, compared to 281 acres for the U.S.

Corn for grain had the highest total value of sales for organic commodities in Iowa at \$88.0 million in sales. Iowa produced more certified organic corn for grain and soybeans than any other state, and comprised 20 and 18 percent of national production, respectively. The area harvested for organic corn for grain was 62,811 acres.

Organic **soybeans** had the second highest value of sales for the state with \$48.2 million.

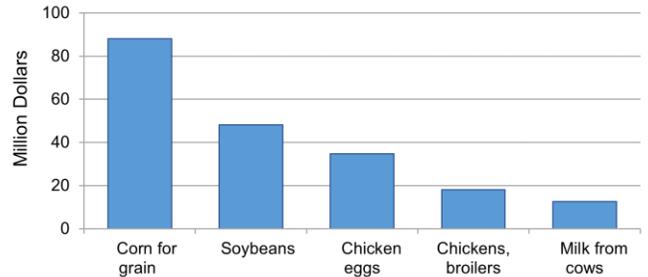
Eggs had the third highest value of sales for organic commodities in the state with \$34.8 million in sales.

Broiler chickens had the fourth highest value of sales for organic commodities in the state with \$18.1 million in sales.

Iowa ranked number one with 43 percent of the Nation's organic **oats**. Sales totaled \$9.14 million in 2021.

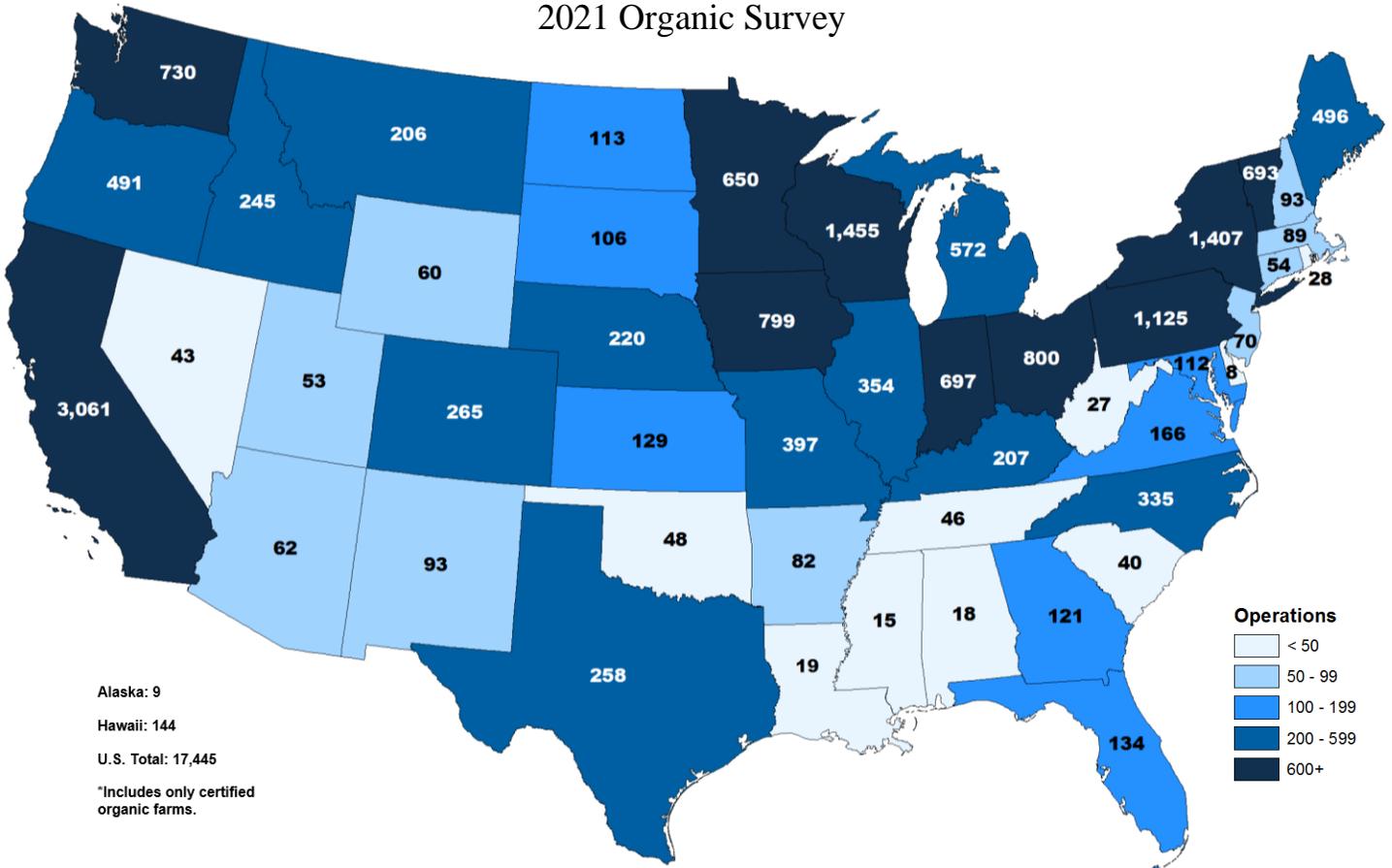
On December 31, Iowa producers had 5,424 certified organic **hogs** on hand, and comprised 35 percent of the national inventory. Iowa's organic hog inventory ranked number one among all other states.

Organic Sales, Top 5 Commodities
Certified Organic Farms
Iowa: 2021



Organic Farms* – States and United States

2021 Organic Survey



Certified Organic Farms – Top 10 States: 2021

	Organic ag land	Operations	Total organic sales	Average sales per farm
	(acres)	(number)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
California	813,710	3,061	3,550,489	1,160
Indiana	65,727	697	190,469	273
Iowa	169,361	799	237,616	297
Minnesota	163,835	650	149,890	231
New York	331,438	1,407	327,910	233
Ohio	111,293	800	177,571	222
Pennsylvania	104,805	1,125	1,094,356	973
Vermont	203,083	693	152,979	221
Washington	134,911	730	1,139,532	1,561
Wisconsin	245,333	1,455	312,592	215
United States	4,895,279	17,445	11,205,222	642

Organic Livestock, Poultry, and Livestock Products Inventory and Sales, Certified Organic Farms – Iowa: 2021

Commodity	Inventory			Value of sales		
	Farms	Peak	On Dec 31	Farms	Quantity sold	Total sales
	(number)	(head)	(head)	(number)	(units)	(dollars)
Livestock						
Milk cows	58	3,854	3,600	53	836	913,361
Beef cows	9	388	366	7	58	68,046
Other cattle & calves	72	2,999	2,693	68	2,097	2,213,556
Hogs & pigs	12	7,703	5,424	12	11,462	3,226,208
Goats & kids	12	1,320	1,040	12	442	44,002
Chickens, layers	73	847,430	818,694	58	362,714	782,991
Chickens, broilers	4	443,500	(D)	4	2,159,788	18,124,252
Livestock products						
Milk from cows	(X)	(X)	(X)	56	42,734,760	12,576,195
Milk from goats	(X)	(X)	(X)	12	1,310,694	614,898
Chicken eggs	(X)	(X)	(X)	73	20,048,418	34,753,364

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

Organic Crops Production and Sales, Certified Organic Farms – Iowa: 2021

Crop	Harvested			Value of sales		
	Farms	Area	Quantity	Farms	Quantity	Total sales
	(number)	(acres)	(units)	(number)	(units)	(dollars)
Field crops						
Barley	25	1,754	98,669	24	93,738	626,371
Corn for grain	543	62,811	9,869,362	502	9,525,407	88,006,659
Corn for silage	35	776	12,973	2	(D)	(D)
Hay, dry	339	15,792	51,637	274	39,573	5,365,703
Hay, dry, alfalfa & alfalfa mix	269	11,784	39,123	219	30,970	4,419,629
Hay, dry, all other	90	4,008	12,514	73	8,603	946,074
Haylage	65	3,499	21,494	36	7,646	679,790
Oats	253	19,291	1,691,617	224	1,633,313	9,137,470
Rye	28	1,361	57,308	26	48,937	459,202
Sorghum for silage	8	192	1,553	2	(D)	(D)
Soybeans	457	39,114	1,715,950	443	1,650,404	48,246,705
Wheat, all	44	1,857	101,545	39	95,855	872,438
Wheat, spring	7	196	12,800	7	12,800	121,400
Wheat, winter	40	1,661	88,745	35	83,055	751,038
Fruits & Berries						
Apples	7	5	27,580	7	27,580	57,680
Berries	46	199	(X)	46	(X)	558,484
Grapes	3	(Z)	1	3	1	4,500
Vegetables						
Vegetables grown in the open	61	324	(X)	61	(X)	(D)
Vegetables/herbs grown under protection	12	46,156*	(X)	12	(X)	179,694
Tree nuts, all	3	20	(X)	3	(X)	53,501

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(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
* Square feet.