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## Production of Kentucky Organic Products Increases Significantly

In 2014, Kentucky had 107 organic farms producing \$7.76 million in organic products, up from \$2.45 million in 2008. This includes both certified organic farms and farms exempt from certification. Of the organic farms identified in the 2014 Organic Survey, eighty-six were certified organic farms and twenty-one were exempt. Certified and exempt farms together accounted for 7,187 acres of organic production in 2014.

Of the \$7.76 million in organic sales \$1.88 million or 24.2 percent came from crop production. Livestock and poultry totaled \$1.90 million or 24.4 percent, and \$3.98 million, or 51.4 percent came from sales of livestock and poultry products.

Organic farms spent \$4.82 million in production expenses in 2014. These expenses included organic certification as well as other cash operating expenses. Capital expenses are not included. The largest expenses were for feed purchased for livestock and poultry and hired agricultural labor which together accounted for 43.1 percent of all production expenses in 2014.

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### Organic Sales by Product Type, Kentucky

		2008	2014
Total organic product sales	farms	101	107
	dollars	2,445,000	7,757,000
Crops	farms	86	80
	dollars	1,200,000	1,876,000
Livestock and poultry	farms	24	33
	dollars	479,000	1,897,000
Livestock and poultry products	farms	14	30
	dollars	766,000	3,984,000

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