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2014 Organic Survey - Maine**



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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. Maine had 517 organic farms that produced \$54.2 million in total value of organic products sold.

Of the 517 organic farms identified in the 2014 Organic Survey for Maine, 444 were certified organic farms and 73 were exempt from certification because they gross less than \$5,000 annually from organic sales. There were 298 farms with 100 percent total value of sales from certified organic production, compared to 72 farms with 75 to 99 percent, 25 farms with 50 to 74 percent, 11 farms with 25 to 49 percent, and 38 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
Maine	444	38	11	25	72	298

Certified Organic Acres Operated: 2014

Item	United States	Maine
Total certified organic acres operated	12,595 farms 3,642,933 acres	444 farms 55,988 acres
Land owned	10,970 farms 2,195,232 acres	343 farms 27,428 acres
Land rented from others	5,446 farms 1,505,912 acres	231 farms 29,094 acres
Land rented to others	475 farms 58,211 acres	20 farms 534 acres