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## U.S. and New England States Certified Organic Agriculture Sales, Farms, and Acres Up

**CONCORD, NH** – Results of the 2019 Certified Organic Survey released on October 22, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) show that U.S. farms produced and sold \$9.93 billion in certified organic commodities in 2019, up 31% from 2016. During the same year, the number of certified organic farms in the country increased 17% to 16,585, and the number of certified acres increased 9% to 5.50 million.

New England farms produced and sold \$276 million in organic commodities in 2019, up 16% from 2016, according to Pam Hird, state statistician of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. The number of certified organic farms in New England increased 3% to 1,407 and the number of certified acres increased 36% to 280,089 acres.

The survey results show the following about organic agriculture in New England in 2019:

- Vermont accounted for 58% of New England’s certified organic sales with \$160 million.
- Maine accounted for 23% of New England’s certified organic sales with \$63.8 million.
- New England accounted for 79% of all organic maple syrup sales at \$71.5 million.
- Vermont accounted for 60% of national sales of organic maple syrup at \$54.4 million.

The 2019 Certified Organic Survey is a special study conducted by U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and is part of the 2017 Census of Agriculture program.

*For the complete “2019 Organic Survey” report, go to*  
[https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AqCensus/2017/Online\\_Resources/Organics/index.php](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AqCensus/2017/Online_Resources/Organics/index.php)

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