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Mushrooms, vegetables, and berries lead organic sales in New Jersey

Trenton, NJ – Results of the Certified Organic Survey released December 15 show that New Jersey farms produced and sold \$22.4 million in all organic commodities in 2021 from 2,786 organic acres on 70 farms according to Bruce Eklund, state statistician of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, New Jersey Field Office.

The survey results include the following in organic sales for New Jersey in 2021:

- All vegetables - \$8.51 million from 715 acres on 30 farms
- Fresh Cut Herbs - \$967 thousand in sales
- Lettuce - \$1.03 million in sales
- Tomatoes - \$1.84 million in sales
- Blueberries - \$1.66 million in sales
- Mushrooms - \$9.50 million in sales

“Organic sales have continued to show that consumers in New Jersey have choices, and this is backed by the data,” said Eklund. “Data published from this report will help provide the industry with a reliable source of timely information to use in justifying research projects and fund requests that benefit producers.” The report is also rich in other insight such as production practices and grower expenses.

The 2021 Organic Survey, conducted in coordination with the USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) is a survey of all known U.S. farms and ranches with certified organic production in 2021, as well as those transitioning into organic production. Producers must meet the standards set out by the RMA’s National Organic Program and be certified compliant by an approved agent of the program. Additional survey results as well as the results of previous NASS organic surveys are available at www.nass.usda.gov/organics or in NASS’s online [Quick Stats](#) database.

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