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Organic sales up 48% in Pennsylvania according to latest USDA survey *Pennsylvania organic growers third in nation in sales*

HARRISBURG, PA – Results of the Certified Organic Survey released December 15 show that Pennsylvania farms produced and sold \$1.09 billion in organic commodities in 2021, up 48% from 2019, according to King Whetstone, director of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. This ranks Pennsylvania third nationally, behind California and Washington in the value of sales.

The number of certified organic farms in Pennsylvania increased 7% to 1,125 farms, placing Pennsylvania fourth in the nation behind California, Wisconsin, and New York. Certified acres in Pennsylvania decreased 3% from 2019 to 104,805 acres.

The survey results show the following top commodity groups in organic sales for Pennsylvania in 2021:

- Livestock and poultry - \$730 million, up 63%
- Crops - \$150 million, up 21%
- Mushrooms - \$95.4 million, up 23%

“Total organic product sales have continued to show substantial growth over the last few years in Pennsylvania and so has the interest for more updated data,” said Whetstone. “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 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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