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## SOUTH DAKOTA ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

**Sioux Falls, SD** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service has released the results of its 2015 Certified Organic Survey. Certified organic operations in South Dakota sold a total of \$17.5 million in organic products in 2015, up 9 percent compared to 2014. The number of certified organic operations in South Dakota increased 21 percent to 97 during this time.

The 2015 Certified Organic Survey collected acreage, production, and sales data for a variety of certified organic crop and livestock commodities. In addition, the survey collected information on genetically modified organisms and genetically engineered presence, marketing practices, future planning, and transitional acreage.

Access the National publication for this release at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/OrganicProduction/OrganicProduction-09-15-2016.pdf>

Access the National Executive Briefing at:

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