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In 2014, Virginia had 167 organic farms producing \$41.3 million in organic products. This includes both certified organic farms and farms exempt from certification. Of the organic farms identified in the 2014 Organic Survey, 139 were certified organic farms and 28 were exempt. Certified and exempt farms together accounted for 28,412 acres of organic production in 2014.

Of the \$41.3 million in organic sales \$33.4 million or 81 percent came from crop production. Livestock and poultry totaled \$2.2 million or 5 percent, and \$5.7 million, or 14 percent came from sales of livestock and poultry products.

Organic farms spent \$23.6 million in production expenses in 2014. These expenses included organic certification as well as other cash operating expenses. Capital expenses are not included. The largest expenses were for hired labor and repairs, supplies, and maintenance costs, which together accounted for 40 percent of all production expenses in 2014.

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Organic Sales by Product Type, Virginia

		2008	2014
Total organic product sales	farms	156	167
	dollars	19,191,000	41,302,000
Crops	farms	138	150
	dollars	5,367,000	33,393,000
Livestock and poultry	farms	36	30
	dollars	1,068,000	2,243,000
Livestock and poultry products	farms	36	20
	dollars	12,755,000	5,667,000

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