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## SOUTH DAKOTA ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. September 20, 2017** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service has released the results of its 2016 Certified Organic Survey. Certified organic operations in South Dakota sold a total of \$17.3 million in organic products in 2016, down 1 percent compared to 2015. The number of certified organic operations in South Dakota totaled 86, down 11 percent from last year.

The 2016 Certified Organic Survey is a census of all known U.S. farmers and ranchers with certified organic production in 2016. The survey collected acreage, production, and sales data for a variety of certified organic crop and livestock commodities.

Access the National publication for this release at: <a href="http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/OrganicProduction/OrganicProduction-09-20-2017.pdf">http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/OrganicProduction-09-20-2017.pdf</a>

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