



**United States Department of Agriculture
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2016 Certified Organic Survey – Colorado**



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Certified Organic Highlights

The 2016 Certified Organic Survey is a survey of all operations identified as having certified organic production. Certified organic farms must meet the standards set out by USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service’s (AMS) National Organic Program (NOP) and be certified compliant by an approved agent of NOP. Results from the survey provide acreage, production, and sales data for a variety of certified organic crops and certified organic livestock.

In 2016, the United States had 14,217 certified organic farms that produced \$7.6 billion in certified organic products. Colorado had 181 certified organic farms that produced \$181.3 million in certified organic products. Of the 176,496 acres of certified land in Colorado, 118,641 acres were cropland and 57,855 acres were pastureland/rangeland. The top two certified commodities sold in Colorado were potatoes with sales valued at \$29.2 million and dry hay with sales valued at \$11.8 million.

For more information on the 2016 Certified Organic Survey and related reports, please visit the NASS Organic Agriculture page at: www.nass.usda.gov/organics.

Farms, Land, and Value of Sales on Certified Organic Farms: 2016 and 2015

Geographic area	2016			2015		
	Total certified farms	Total certified acres	Total certified sales (\$1,000)	Total certified farms	Total certified acres	Total certified sales (\$1,000)
United States	14,217	5,019,496	7,553,872	12,818	4,361,849	6,163,472
Colorado	181	176,496	181,297	136	151,571	155,206

Certified Organic Crops Value of Sales: 2016

Crop	Farms	Value of sales (dollars)
All vegetables grown in the open		
United States	3,121	1,644,431,203
Colorado	52	40,231,113
All field crops		
United States	5,077	762,613,158
Colorado	89	25,032,503
All apples		
United States	583	327,422,541
Colorado	12	1,090,555
All grapes		
United States	667	218,400,863
Colorado	4	68,405
All berries		
United States	1,400	406,116,676
Colorado	3	(D)
All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, citrus fruits, and berries)		
United States	1,101	253,746,497
Colorado	14	(D)
All tree nuts		
United States	345	78,900,277
Colorado	(NDP)	(NDP)

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(NDP) No data present.

Certified Organic Floriculture Crops, Nursery Crops, Mushrooms, and Vegetables/Herbs Under Protection Value of Sales: 2016

Crop	Farms	Value of sales (dollars)
Floriculture and bedding crops		
United States	338	24,273,779
Colorado	11	632,944
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants		
United States	135	35,315,048
Colorado	4	310,400
Propagative materials sold		
United States	143	53,320,374
Colorado	2	(D)
Mushrooms		
United States	111	110,974,221
Colorado	2	(D)
Tomatoes grown under protection		
United States	583	39,536,601
Colorado	12	(D)
Other vegetables and fresh herbs grown under protection		
United States	666	49,417,138
Colorado	11	2,262,330

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Top Certified Organic Livestock and Poultry Inventory and Sales: 2016

Commodity	Peak inventory		Value of sales	
	Farms	Number	Number	Dollars
Milk cows				
United States	2,559	279,021	50,136	57,801,387
Colorado	6	(D)	(D)	(D)
Beef cows				
United States	490	46,014	7,827	10,531,380
Colorado	8	1,774	363	471,125
Other cattle				
United States	3,048	256,031	189,634	164,407,528
Colorado	17	9,566	14,308	9,011,750
Hogs and pigs				
United States	151	19,817	17,818	6,891,039
Colorado	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)
Chickens - layers				
United States	818	17,516,491	5,484,267	2,462,123
Colorado	7	80,100	(NDP)	(NDP)
Chickens - broilers				
United States	215	21,732,541	105,260,615	749,929,661
Colorado	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)	(NDP)

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Top Certified Organic Livestock Products and Poultry Products Sales: 2016

Commodity	Farms	Quantity	Dollars
Milk from cows (pounds)			
United States	2,531	4,034,989,854	1,385,789,843
Colorado	6	(D)	(D)
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States	788	345,269,340	815,881,254
Colorado	7	1,841,431	4,093,114

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