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# 2019 CERTIFIED ORGANIC SURVEY

## WISCONSIN

The **2019 Certified Organic Survey** is a special study conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and is part of the 2017 Census of Agriculture program. The primary purpose of the survey is to collect value of sales information at the commodity level along with acreage, production, and practices data for a variety of certified organic crop and livestock operations. This is the sixth comprehensive organic survey NASS has conducted and the first since the 2016 Organic Survey.

Complete results of the 2019 Certified Organic Survey are available at: [www.nass.usda.gov/organics/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/organics/)

**Top 10 States by Number of Certified Organic Farms: 2019**

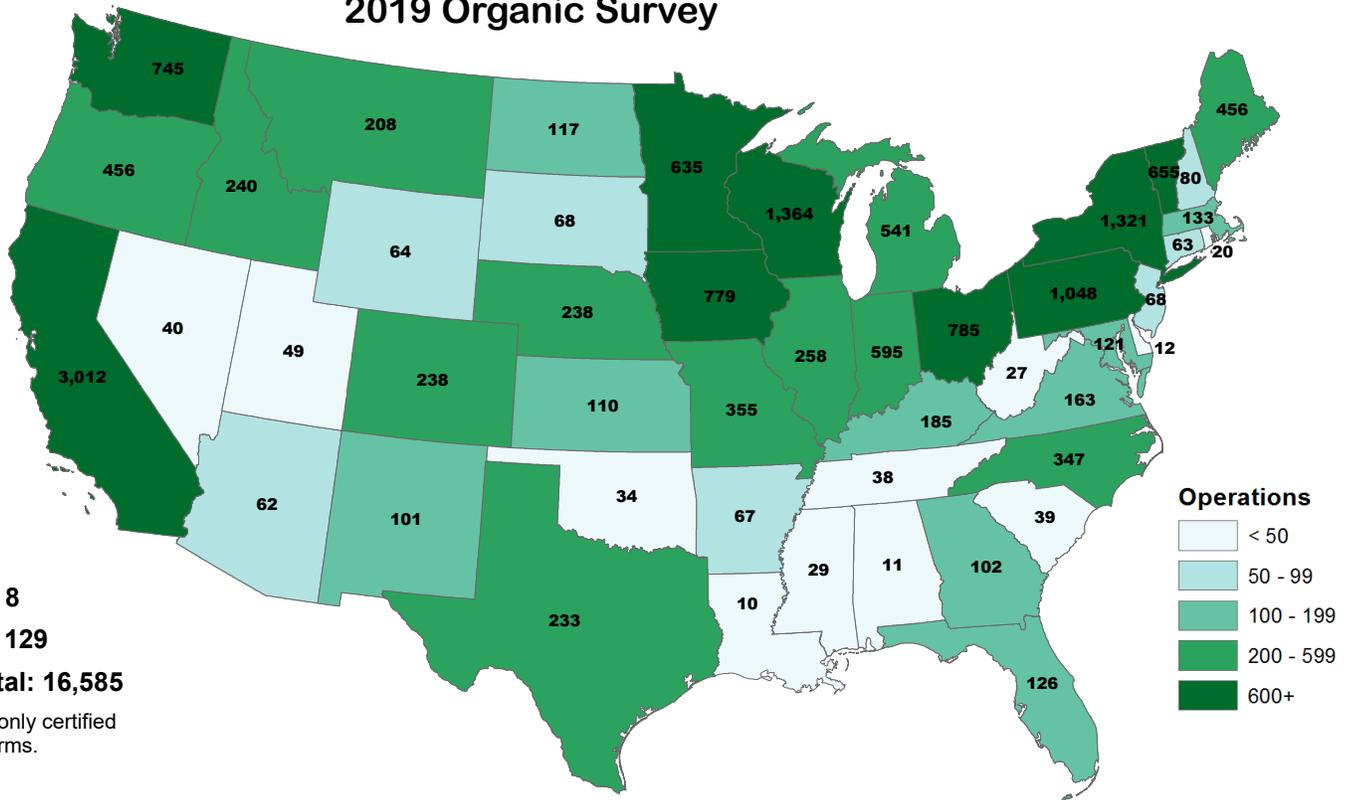
State	2019				Change in Sales 2019/2016 (percent)
	Organic ag land (acres)	Operations (number)	Total organic sales (million dollars)	Average sales per farm (thousand dollars)	
California	965,257	3,012	3,596.9	1,198	+24
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>250,940</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>268.9</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>+5</b>
New York	323,081	1,321	298.4	227	+38
Pennsylvania	107,550	1,048	741.8	714	+12
Ohio	111,920	785	117.0	150	+16
Iowa	133,691	779	144.6	186	+10
Washington	111,930	745	886.0	1,192	+39
Vermont	203,002	655	159.7	245	+26
Minnesota	172,968	635	113.6	179	+7
Indiana	(D)	595	181.0	305	+83
United States	5,495,274	16,585	9,925.9	601	+31

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**IN 2019, THE AVERAGE ORGANIC FARM IN WISCONSIN WAS 184 ACRES, COMPARED TO 331 ACRES FOR THE U.S.**

In 2019, Wisconsin ranked second in the nation for the total number of certified organic farms with 1,364 farms. That is just over 8% of the nation's total number of organic farms. There were 250,940 acres of certified organic farmland in Wisconsin. This was an increase of 31,674 acres from 2016.

**ORGANIC FARMS\*—States and United States  
2019 Organic Survey**



**Cow milk** had the highest total value of sales of organically produced commodities in Wisconsin with \$125.7 million in sales.

On December 31, Wisconsin producers had 31,747 certified organic **milk cows** on hand, and comprised 9% of the national inventory. Wisconsin's certified organic milk cow inventory ranked fourth among other states, behind California, Texas, and New York.

Wisconsin ranked first and produced 17% of the Nation's organic **corn silage**, with sales totaling \$589,884.

**Organic Livestock, Poultry, and Livestock Products Inventory and Sales, Certified Organic Farms — Wisconsin: 2019**

Commodity	Inventory			Value of sales		
	Farms (number)	Peak (head)	On Dec 31 (head)	Farms (number)	Quantity sold (units)	Total sales (dollars)
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>						
Milk cows (head)	530	36,196	31,747	445	10,615	8,975,335
Beef cows (head)	69	1,231	1,126	24	138	130,907
Other cattle & calves (head)	597	30,853	27,958	558	17,585	16,076,312
Hogs & pigs (head)	27	2,480	1,874	23	2,911	1,026,716
Sheep & lambs (head)	11	176	155	3	19	1,345
Goats & kids (head)	5	398	339	3	(D)	2,145
Chickens, layers (head)	123	990,497	969,151	62	332,044	484,122
Chickens, broilers (head)	20	30,490	19,850	19	74,644	644,983
Turkeys (head)	5	387	155	3	225	17,475
<b>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</b>						
Milk from cows (lbs)	(X)	(X)	(X)	525	440,963,146	125,728,786
Milk from goats (lbs)	(X)	(X)	(X)	3	405,643	216,853
Chicken eggs (dozen)	(X)	(X)	(X)	118	19,595,841	42,476,120

(X) Not applicable. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

**Organic Field Crops Production and Sales, Certified Organic Farms – Wisconsin: 2019**

Crop and unit	Harvested			Value of Sales		
	Farms (number)	Area (acres)	Quantity (units)	Farms (number)	Quantity (units)	Total sales (dollars)
Barley (bu)	86	2,685	97,857	46	38,533	276,137
Corn for grain (bu)	685	28,213	2,938,152	408	1,496,837	12,268,719
Corn for silage (tons)	319	10,820	157,073	52	8,556	589,884
Dry edible beans, all (cwt)	7	68	397	7	397	24,342
Hay, dry (tons)	741	45,542	134,539	344	44,947	6,636,576
Hay, dry, alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures (tons)	505	29,667	91,358	244	34,309	5,283,052
Hay, all other dry hay (tons)	306	15,875	43,181	131	10,638	1,353,524
Haylage (tons)	410	47,496	252,530	117	30,234	3,492,817
Oats (bu)	234	3,969	172,311	102	66,178	325,171
Rye (bu)	47	1,011	37,366	31	26,063	257,722
Sorghum for silage (tons)	46	1,155	10,223	7	1,472	91,880
Soybeans (bu)	193	8,851	284,960	149	230,274	4,345,023
Wheat, All (bu)	69	2,838	120,764	50	66,462	634,192
Wheat, spring (bu)	10	529	10,475	4	(D)	93,017
Wheat, winter (bu)	61	2,309	110,289	47	(D)	541,175

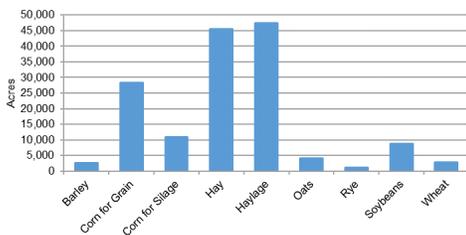
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**Organic Fruits, Berries, Vegetables, and Tree Nuts Production and Sales, Certified Organic Farms, Wisconsin: 2019**

Crop and unit	Harvested			Value of sales		
	Farms (number)	Area (acres)	Quantity (units)	Farms (number)	Quantity (units)	Total sales (dollars)
Apples (lbs)	20	98	659,052	20	659,052	509,194
Berries	51	274	(X)	51	(X)	1,356,877
Blueberries (lbs)	6	12	30,096	6	30,096	90,884
Cranberries (barrels)	6	239	9,913	6	9,913	1,162,984
Raspberries (lbs)	19	4	4,227	19	4,227	21,810
Strawberries (cwt)	22	5	135	22	135	50,111
Other berries (lbs)	6	13	6,220	6	6,220	28,158
All vegetables (grown in the open)	311	6,657	(X)	311	(X)	25,037,628
Other vegetables and fresh herbs (grown under protection) (*sq. ft.)	55	526,414*	(X)	55	(X)	2,693,043

(X) Not applicable.

Select Organic Field Crop Acres Harvested - Wisconsin: 2019



Wisconsin produced 25% of the Nation's organic **cranberries** in 2019.

Thirty-three Wisconsin farms made certified organic **maple syrup** in 2019. There were 64,568 gallons produced from 179,710 total taps. Sales totaled \$2,160,390.

**To WISCONSIN ORGANIC PRODUCERS: THIS REPORT CONTAINS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DATA COLLECTED FROM THE 2019 ORGANIC SURVEY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING TIMELY AND ACCURATE DATA ON THIS GROWING INDUSTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**