Highlights from the 2016 Certified Organic Survey: Ohio in Context

Conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA NASS), the 2016 Certified Organic Survey is a census of all certified organic farms and ranches. The 2016 data, as well as results of previous NASS organic surveys, are available at www.nass.usda.gov/organics.

Key National Findings from the 2016 Certified Organic Survey

♦ In 2016, there were 14,217 certified organic farms in the U.S., an increase of 11% since 2015.
♦ Those farms produced and sold more than $7.6 billion in organic commodities, up 23% from 2015.
♦ More than 5 million acres of land was certified organic in 2016, up 15% from the previous year.
♦ Of the $7.6 billion in organic sales, $4.2 billion came from organic crops, $2.2 billion from organic livestock and poultry products, and $1.2 billion from livestock and poultry.

Top Selling U.S. Organic Commodities in 2016

- **Milk** – $1.4 billion, up 18%
- **Eggs** – $816 million, up 11%
- **Broiler Chickens** – $750 million, up 78%
- **Apples** – $327 million, up 8%
- **Lettuce** – $277 million, up 6%
Ohio Certified Organic Production in Context

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<tr>
<th>Organic Crop</th>
<th>Number of Farms</th>
<th>Acreage</th>
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<td>Organic vegetables</td>
<td>93</td>
<td>473</td>
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<td>All field crops</td>
<td>468</td>
<td>45,740</td>
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<td>Corn for grain or seed</td>
<td>288</td>
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<td>Soybeans</td>
<td>168</td>
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<td>Milk from cows</td>
<td>212</td>
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<td>Chicken eggs</td>
<td>27</td>
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*These numbers were withheld by USDA to avoid disclosing individual farms’ data.*

The 2016 survey data did not include the amount of acreage transitioning to organic production, operator demographics, marketing practices, or crop loss due to presence of genetically engineered material. According to USDA NASS, 65% of farms responded to the 2016 survey.

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### Ohio Stands Out in Organic Sales and Production

Since 2015:
- Ohio’s organic sales increased by more than 30%.
- The number of organic farms in Ohio is up 24%.
- Organic cropland acreage grew by 11%.

### Ohio Rankings

- #7 in the number of organic farms (up from 8th in 2015)
- #5 in the number of organic dairy farms
- #9 in organic milk sales
- #5 in the number of organic field crop farms
- #4 in the number of organic corn farms
- #4 in the number of organic soybean farms
- #3 in the number of organic winter wheat farms
- #8 in the number of organic egg and layer farms
- #8 in organic egg sales
- #1 in the number of organic spelt farms
- #4 in organic spelt sales

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