



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



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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. Virginia had 165 certified organic farms that produced \$55.9 million in certified organic products. Of the 24,848 acres of certified land in Virginia, 19,547 acres were cropland and 5,301 acres were pastureland/rangeland. The top two certified commodities sold in Virginia were tobacco with sales valued at \$18.5 million and broiler chickens with sales valued at \$17.5 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](http://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
Virginia .....	165	24,848	55,914	139	23,453	46,096

**Certified Organic Crops Value of Sales: 2016**

Crop	Farms	Value of sales (dollars)
<b>All vegetables grown in the open</b>		
United States .....	3,121	1,644,431,203
Virginia .....	41	3,599,838
<b>All field crops</b>		
United States .....	5,077	762,613,158
Virginia .....	78	21,516,436
<b>All apples</b>		
United States .....	583	327,422,541
Virginia .....	4	377,962
<b>All grapes</b>		
United States .....	667	218,400,863
Virginia .....	4	55,000
<b>All berries</b>		
United States .....	1,400	406,116,676
Virginia .....	18	(D)
<b>All other fruits (excludes apples, grapes, citrus fruits, and berries)</b>		
United States .....	1,101	253,746,497
Virginia .....	2	(D)
<b>All tree nuts</b>		
United States .....	345	78,900,277
Virginia .....	(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
Virginia .....	8	1,167,761
Nursery crops, including aquatic plants		
United States .....	135	35,315,048
Virginia .....	3	(D)
Propagative materials sold		
United States .....	143	53,320,374
Virginia .....	7	194,212
Mushrooms		
United States .....	111	110,974,221
Virginia .....	1	(D)
Tomatoes grown under protection		
United States .....	583	39,536,601
Virginia .....	5	(D)
Other vegetables and fresh herbs grown under protection		
United States .....	666	49,417,138
Virginia .....	10	992,016

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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
Virginia .....	15	1,492	353	520,412
Beef cows				
United States .....	490	46,014	7,827	10,531,380
Virginia .....	6	529	88	88,638
Other cattle				
United States .....	3,048	256,031	189,634	164,407,528
Virginia .....	20	1,325	1,289	1,550,687
Hogs and pigs				
United States .....	151	19,817	17,818	6,891,039
Virginia .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)
Chickens - layers				
United States .....	818	17,516,491	5,484,267	2,462,123
Virginia .....	10	15,506	12,265	17,275
Chickens - broilers				
United States .....	215	21,732,541	105,260,615	749,929,661
Virginia .....	15	730,800	2,927,000	17,489,353

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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
Virginia .....	15	18,044,921	6,258,881
Chicken eggs (dozens)			
United States .....	788	345,269,340	815,881,254
Virginia .....	10	349,148	770,802