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2014 Organic Survey - South Carolina**



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Organic Highlights

In 2014, the United States had 14,093 organic farms producing \$5.5 billion in organic products. The number of organic farms varies across the country. South Carolina had 47 organic farms.

Of the 47 organic farms identified in the 2014 Organic Survey for South Carolina, 35 were certified organic farms and 12 were exempt from certification because they gross less than \$5,000 annually from organic sales. There were 18 farms with 100 percent total value of sales from certified organic production, compared to 14 farms with 75 to 99 percent, 2 farms with 25 to 49 percent, and 1 farm with less than 25 percent.

The 2014 Organic Survey provides acreage, production, and sales data for a variety of organic crops and inventory and sales data for organic livestock commodities. The 2014 survey collected data from U.S. farms and ranches that were certified organic, exempt from organic certification, or transitioning to organic certification. This survey was done in conjunction with the USDA’s Risk Management Agency to aid in improving insurance products for organic agriculture.

Organic Sales as Percent of Market Value of All Agricultural Products Sold - Certified Organic Farms: 2014

Geographic area	Farms	Farms by percent of total value of sales from organic production				
		Less than 25 percent	25 to 49 percent	50 to 74 percent	75 to 99 percent	100 percent
United States	12,634	1,067	693	1,044	2,563	7,267
South Carolina ..	35	1	2	-	14	18

- Represents zero.

Certified Organic Acres Operated: 2014

Item	United States	South Carolina
Total certified organic acres operated	12,595	35
..... farms		
..... acres	3,642,933	2,460
Land owned	10,970	32
..... farms		
..... acres	2,195,232	2,174
Land rented from others	5,446	7
..... farms		
..... acres	1,505,912	286
Land rented to others	475	-
..... farms		
..... acres	58,211	-

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