



Certified Organic Acreage and Sales in Washington State: 2008-2016

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Introduction and Approach

WSU's Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources (CSANR) has compiled state organic crop acreage statistics since 2004 to provide annual updates of current, detailed information for use in farm and business planning, decision making, and risk management. This publication contains a series of tables with numerical data on organic farm number and acreage (2008-2016) and sales (2009-2016) based on certifier data. Earlier data, beginning in 2005, and graphical presentations of these data are available at http://csanr.wsu.edu/pages/Organic_Statistics. The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) has historically been the primary certifier working in the state, certifying an estimated 90% or more of the state's annual organic acreage. Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO) and California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) have been the next two largest certifiers, typically covering 6–9% of the acreage. Data from additional certifiers such as Quality Assurance International (QAI), Stellar Certification Services, and International Certification Services (ICS), and OneCert have been included as available.

The goal of the annual CSANR organic statistics reports is to provide timely, detailed, and accurate data regarding certified organic farms in the state to growers, businesses, policymakers, and other interested parties. The USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) have also collected state and national information on organic crops when funding has been available; however, publication has typically lagged several years behind the reported production year. The ERS data are based on certifier-reported values but have limited detail by individual crop. For example, apples are the only segregated temperate tree fruit crop (ERS 2013). NASS administered the 2008 Organic Production Survey (NASS 2010), the 2011 Certified Organic Production Survey (NASS 2013) the 2014 Organic Survey (NASS 2015), and the 2015 Organic Survey (NASS 2016). The 2008 and 2014 Organic Production Surveys included both certified and exempt producers; data reported in this publication are for certified producers only. The NASS 2011 survey included only certified producers, but participation was voluntary. Values in the survey results sometimes differ considerably from those reported in this publication, as not all growers participate in the surveys, and not all data are collected in the same manner. For example, the NASS surveys mostly report harvested acres, while this report contains all reported certified acres with no information about harvest status. The CSANR data complement these other sources and add value as they are provided in a more-timely manner each year (e.g., preliminary end-of-year data presented at fall and winter meetings so growers can use them in their production planning for the coming year) and at greater detail than the USDA sources. In addition, all data submitted from growers to USDA National Organic Program (NOP)-accredited certifiers are verified during farm inspections and audited for accuracy and completeness, whereas NASS data are not.

While the certifier data are expected to be the most accurate available, there are some inconsistencies. For example, certifier data collection methods vary and reporting forms have changed over time. Individual crops are not always entered into certifier databases in the same category each year, especially crops such as cover crops, forage, and seed crops.

Overview of Tables

The certified acreage numbers present a reliable picture of certified organic crop production in the state. Transition acres (land currently managed as organic that has not met the NOP 3-year period of no prohibited materials) are reported here where producers and certifiers opted to provide it. However, growers are not required to register transition acreage (as of 2002), and the reported transition numbers may underestimate the actual total. Historically, a large proportion of the reported transition acres have been tree fruit acres and other perennial crops. While likely under-reported, these numbers were still useful in predicting growth that occurred in the industry during the last decade. County acreage values are considered estimates because site information from farms with sites in multiple counties has not always

been segregated for the specific county. The newer WSDA database (beginning in 2016) links each site to the county it is in, improving accuracy.

The 2008-2016 values include data from WSDA, OTCO, CCOF, ICS, QAI and Stellar; 2015 and 2016 values also include data from OneCert. QAI and Stellar data are incomplete. In 2016, 4 farms were certified by Stellar and 3 poultry operations were certified by QAI. Whereas these 7 were included in the farm count total, acreage values were available for just 2 of these operations.

Table 1 provides an overview of acreage of the major crop categories from 2008-2016. Forage, tree fruit, and vegetables have been the leading categories (% of total column). Total certified area in the state peaked in 2009 and gradually declined each year from 2010 to 2014, while total acreage (including double crop) increased in 2014, 2015, and 2016. Total area (certified site acreage) is distinguished from total acreage which includes double-cropped land, most common for peas and sweet corn in the Columbia Basin; total acreage may not include some parcels of undefined land such as very small areas of crops, non-cropped land, or, beginning in 2016, areas of “non-commercial” value (e.g. fallow, cover crops, natural areas). Hay fields harvested or grazed multiple times had area counted just once for acreage.

Table 2(a-f) provides details by individual crop, as reported to the certifier. Major varieties are segregated for apples, pears and grapes. Some producers report different classes of wheat (e.g., hard red, soft white) but typically do not report varieties. Diversified farms often report land as ‘Mixed Vegetables’ that cannot be segregated for individual vegetable crops.

Table 3 presents the number of farms (certified or transition only) and acres by county for 2016. The percent columns describe what portion of certified farm numbers and acres are within that county (given that sites are not always tied to actual county), and are ordered alphabetically first for counties east of the Cascades, and then for those west of the Cascades. This allows an examination of the organic sector in these two very different agroclimatic regions. Tables 4 and 5 simply track changes in certified farm number and acreage by county over time.

Table 6(a-b) presents farmgate sales as reported by WSDA and OTCO-certified producers; numbers typically do not include handler or processor income, but may include sales of some value-added products from the farm itself. An (nr) was inserted for counties where there were no reported values, or where necessary to protect confidentiality. There is temporal variability in the income period; growers can report on calendar, crop or fiscal year basis. Another source of variability is the crop or product marketing period. For example, an apple crop may be harvested in September and sold at various points over the next 10-12 months. Producers differ in the reporting period they choose to use, and thus value for a single apple crop could be split among two different reporting years. Comparable data to 2009-2017 were not available for 2008 and thus 2008 was not included.

Values in Table 6(a-b) underestimate total Washington organic farmgate sales for various reasons: data from other certifiers (e.g. CCOF, QAI) are not included; data are not collected from WSDA and OTCO-certified producers who do not recertify in the year following the sales period; and, some producer-processor operations do not segregate and report gross farmgate value, but instead report value-added totals not included in these tables. For example, a producer-processor winery may report the sales value of the wine, but not the value of the grapes. WSDA- and OTCO-certified producer farmgate data are not available for a few major producer-processor operations (e.g., eggs, broilers, wine grapes) and for dairies representing about 10% of organic milkers in the state. Much of the missing data is for products from western Washington; thus the aggregate sales values for producers west of the Cascades is likely to be underestimated.

The 2015 Organic Survey by NASS (2016) reported gross farmgate sales in Washington of \$626.4 million. This is higher than the \$592.1 million reported here. As in the past, part of the difference is due to lack of sales data from producer/processors described above. Mushroom production of at least \$18 million is not included. At the same time, participation in the NASS survey was 60% for Washington. Thus, since our data underestimate total sales due to the missing items above, and the NASS data underestimate total sales due to low survey participation, it is likely that the actual farmgate sales for 2015 exceeded \$630 million. The estimate for 2016 is \$652 million, representing continued growth from the previous year.

Dairy livestock numbers are found in Table 7. Organic dairies in the state expanded rapidly during the mid-2000s as demand for organic dairy products was rising. The number of certified dairies doubled from 23 in 2006, to 46 in 2008, then declined during the recession; organic dairy numbers appear to have recovered, with 45 certified in 2016. Despite regulatory changes and shortages of organic feed, organic cow numbers have also increased since 2010, and represented 3.3% of the state dairy herd in 2016.

The values reported here were compiled from data provided by multiple certifiers, based on farm certification records. This report covers acreage through calendar year 2016, and sales through the end of 2016, as reported by producers.

Further detailed organic statistical information compiled by WSU-CSANR is posted online at http://csanr.wsu.edu/pages/Organic_Statistics and at <http://tfrec.cahnrs.wsu.edu/organicag/organic-statistics/>

Tables

Table 1. Summary of certified organic acreage in Washington, 2008-2016.

Category	Acres										Change (ac)	% of Total
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	T2016	C15-16	C2016
Forage	30,031	32,659	27,753	26,823	28,949	29,642	27,779	29,661	32,615	937	2,954	28.6
Tree Fruit	16,983	21,862	20,662	19,592	18,855	19,139	19,228	19,685	21,771	4,991	2,086	19.1
Vegetables	19,836	15,668	13,263	15,191	15,585	16,326	19,945	21,474	24,639	783	3,165	21.6
Grains, Dry Beans, Oilseeds	8,508	13,084	14,540	10,991	9,867	8,530	11,253	12,760	19,114	652	6,354	16.8
Small Fruit & Nuts	3,205	3,392	3,707	4,276	4,176	4,214	4,245	4,165	4,762	461	597	4.2
Herbs	1,137	1,190	1,358	1,565	1,585	1,407	1,133	1,203	1,342	--	139	1.2
Other Crops	787	811	986	982	1,437	2,009	1,192	2,333	569	--	-1,764	0.5
Fallow	9,819	15,303	15,769	7,697	6,751	4,111	3,072	3,509	66	--	-3,443	0.1
Other Land	985	1,226	1,027	732	534	511	1,007	845	782	--	-63	0.7
Undefined Area	4,848	3,141	2,868	2,259	1,522	922	674	143	8,291	677	8,148	7.3
Total Acres (with double crop)	96,139	108,336	101,933	90,108	89,261	86,811	89,528	95,778	113,951	8,501	10,025	100%
Total Area	92,555	104,962	100,553	89,186	88,072	84,868	84,848	91,088	107,003	8,153	15,915	--
Annual % Change	18	13	-4	-11	-1	-3.6	-.02	7.4	17.5	--	--	--
No. of Producers	689-53	753-10	735-5	729-2	731-3	712-4	700-7	724-22	797	34	--	--

Combined certifier information; T=Transition to organic acres. Vegetable category includes melons. Certified acreage totals include 6,948 ac double crop; transition includes 347 double crop ac. Total 2016 certified site area is 107,003 ac including 8,291 ac undefined land (either not cropped or from multiple small cropped sites). The numbers of producers in red font are farms in transition to organic with no certified organic land. In 2016, WSDA database typically did not include fallow, cover crops, and some smaller crop acreages, resulting in the increased undefined land value.

Table 2a. Certified organic acres in Washington by specific crop, 2008-2016: Forage.

	Acres									
Forage	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	T2016
Hay*	16,454	18,532	17,022	18,459	19,235	19,288	18,436	18,838	22,379	937
<i>Alfalfa</i>	4,527	4,628	2,888	2,626	2,504	2,046	2,095	3,175	3,688	623
<i>Mixed (Alfalfa-Grass)</i>	1,626	1,731	1,401	1,286	779	190	225	484	472	--
<i>Grass and Mixed Grass</i>	5,133	4,316	5,127	5,358	4,739	4,890	7,549	8,810	15,684	314
<i>Small Grain</i>	516	449	386	529	190	110	243	269	959	--
<i>Unspecified</i>	4,652	7,408	7,220	8,660	11,023	12,052	8,324	6,100	1,576	--
Corn Silage	166	1,020	459	490	664	858	767	1,027	998	--
Pasture	13,411	13,085	10,271	7,874	9,049	9,308	8,576	9,796	9,219	--
Forage, Unspecified	--	22	--	--	--	188	--	--	19	--
Total Forage	30,031	32,659	27,752	26,823	28,949	29,642	27,779	29,661	32,615	937

T=Transition to organic. Hay acreage includes ground with any cut hay (e.g., haylage, silage); acres were counted only once. Typically 30% or more of hay ground acres were reported as also used as pasture but acres were counted only once.

Table 2b. Certified organic acres in Washington by specific crop, 2008-2016: Grains, dry beans and oilseeds.

Grains, Dry Beans & Oilseeds	Acres									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	T2016
Grains										
Wheat	4,644	7,791	6,526	5,785	5,189	3,929	4,721	7,915	12,056	140
<i>Wheat, Hard Red</i>	96	803	1,686	1,140	959	1,260	798	1,658	7,094	140
<i>Wheat, Soft White</i>	440	561	447	100	63	273	654	566	247	--
<i>Other & Unspecified</i>	3,779	5,524	3,210	3,522	3,576	1,630	2,702	5,013	4,260	--
<i>Spelt</i>	254	747	1,013	935	481	539	244	453	296	--
<i>Emmer</i>	75	156	170	88	99	142	204	99	82	--
<i>Einkorn</i>	--	--	--	--	11	85	119	126	77	--
Corn	2,265	2,796	2,672	1,648	1,707	1,531	1,506	1,635	2,283	--
Triticale	365	705	1,137	940	629	772	734	417	582	--
Rye	28	131	206	35	4	4	9	55	1	--
Barley	311	231	151	783	788	962	673	859	682	134
Oat	112	74	41	162	70	147	1,665	138	92	--
Buckwheat	2	--	21	3	--	--	--	33	56	--
Teff	--	--	50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other & Unspecified	17	39	145	87	192	160	349	215	115	173
Total Grains	7,744	11,767	10,949	9,443	8,579	7,505	9,657	11,257	15,867	447
Dry Beans/Pulse										
Pea	87	167	252	58	189	76	465	113	--	--
Lentil	75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	84	--
White kidney Bean	--	19	15	24	--	--	4	--	--	--
Fava Bean	1	1	1	1	--	--	6	--	5	--
Pinto Bean	20	170	505	130	588	542	901	588	422	205
Black Bean	--	--	865	13	--	23	59	31	244	--
Other & Unspecified	481	933	1,823	1,320	510	276	99	537	2,492	--
Total Dry Beans/Pulse	664	1,290	3,461	1,546	1,287	917	1,534	1,269	3,247	205
Unspecified Grains/Dry Beans	--	19	34	1	--	--	11	--	--	--
Oilseeds										
Canola	87	--	--	--	--	105	--	--	--	--
Flaxseed	1	--	90	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Camelina	10	8	2	--	1	3	51	99	--	--
Sunflower	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mustard	--	--	4	--	--	--	--	125	--	--
Total Oilseeds	100	8	96	1	1	108	51	224	--	--

Table 2c. Certified organic acres in Washington by specific crop, 2008-2016: Vegetables.

Vegetable	Acres									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	T2016
Assorted										
Asparagus	98	84	83	135	159	157	167	125	163	22
Pea	5,243	3,256	3,636	3,241	3,975	4,259	4,776	4,236	5,276	--
Pepper	15	41	32	29	37	44	42	65	90	--
Salad Greens	35	96	83	86	83	109	148	116	193	--
<i>Lettuce</i>	29	42	37	35	42	45	54	46	42	--
<i>Spinach</i>	1	10	15	15	10	25	55	59	143	--
<i>Other, Mixed</i>	5	44	31	36	31	39	39	11	8	--
Sweet corn	7,689	5,528	4,462	6,091	5,178	4,768	7,330	7,869	9,301	582
Tomato	50	38	39	36	50	31	37	29	26	--
Eggplant	3	6	6	12	16	9	8	13	6	--
Rhubarb	12	9	9	14	32	32	36	32	40	3
Mixed Vegetable & Other	1,186	1,084	1,104	1,251	1,851	1,546	1,096	948	935	176
Allium										
Garlic	35	35	17	50	34	48	39	43	54	--
Leek	124	103	135	172	163	148	146	124	103	--
Onion	1,051	653	408	499	480	664	783	941	1,274	--
Other & Unspecified	9	13	16	9	13	18	14	33	32	--
Bean										
Green, Snap	1,432	2,107	1,169	1,602	1,247	1,505	1,788	2,451	1,339	--
Black, Shell	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fava, Shell	2	--	1	1	4	--	9	5	--	--
Lima, Shell	183	183	215	48	62	268	240	109	--	--
Edamame, Shell	--	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
Brassica										
Broccoli	58	32	21	20	10	36	32	156	184	--
Brussels Sprout	--	--	--	--	4	3	1	32	19	--
Cabbage	33	29	35	30	23	16	23	34	40	--
Cauliflower	6	8	8	4	7	8	5.5	4	4	--
Chard	--	--	--	--	10	6	8	21	21	--
Kale	3	15	14	12	11	14	20	49	48	--
Other & Unspecified	4	9	17	6	2	46	17	11	6	--
Cucurbit										
Cucumber	80	79	85	69	65	61	69	82	88	--
Watermelon	45	34	120	39	52	9	56	121	121	--
Melons, Mixed	32	53	35	36	37	41	40	51	46	--
Squash, Mixed	109	170	152	261	312	373	340	576	927	--
Pumpkin	68	37	60	77	22	34	31	25	97	--
Root and Tuber										
Beet	21	38	46	29	103	100	216	253	421	--
Carrot	552	217	215	273	280	240	522	571	973	--
Parsnip	3	2	3	1	4	9	7	7	9	--
Potato	1,600	1,697	1,032	1,044	1,253	1,717	1,895	2,333	2,741	--
Seed Potato	24	4	--	2	2	2	--	--	--	--
Radish	--	4	4	4	2	3	1	4	4	--
Turnip	1	4	2	3	1	1	2	2	--	--
Other & Unspecified	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	3	58	--
Total Vegetables	19,836	15,668	12,095	15,191	15,585	16,326	19,945	21,474	24,639	783

Table 2d. Certified organic acres in Washington by specific crop, 2008-2016: Tree fruit.

Tree Fruit	Acres									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	T2016
Apple										
Gala	2,710	3,458	3,201	3,332	3,207	3,264	3,333	3,437	4,159	959
Fuji	2,280	3,045	3,366	3,472	3,449	3,354	3,235	3,271	3,689	859
Honeycrisp	756	879	1,099	1,087	1,158	1,587	1,727	1,804	2,034	1,030
Red Delicious	1,459	1,630	1,461	1,380	1,337	1,375	1,344	1,303	1,383	264
Granny Smith	1,268	1,700	1,470	1,364	1,274	1,258	1,223	1,263	1,394	369
Golden Delicious	1,154	1,480	988	900	768	739	798	797	823	162
Gold/Yellow type, other	71	77	70	88	128	157	146	151	156	--
Cripps Pink	1,047	1,081	1,016	952	828	841	897	888	989	195
Braeburn	956	1,083	884	551	479	443	315	268	269	12
Cameo®	436	436	458	552	399	319	322	292	298	1
Other & Unspecified	799	866	777	618	630	693	712	805	997	393
Total Apple	12,936	15,735	14,790	14,296	13,657	14,030	14,052	14,283	16,191	4,244
Pear										
Bartlett	591	656	692	629	627	631	596	643	715	172
D'Anjou	519	616	636	614	618	564	586	646	706	92
Bosc	223	276	301	282	322	310	315	350	380	51
Red D'Anjou	67	83	95	94	93	79	100	125	139	31
Red Bartlett	52	88	69	55	40	39	41	56	65	8
Concorde	60	43	31	31	34	34	38	44	49	14
Asian	43	44	43	33	34	29	18	28	27	--
Other & Unspecified	158	158	166	179	132	134	149	154	162	6
Total Pear	1,713	1,964	2,033	1,917	1,900	1,820	1,843	2,050	2,243	374
Stone Fruit										
Apricot	107	265	299	296	266	285	299	260	251	--
Cherry	1,738	2,437	2,147	1,827	1,792	1,850	1,939	2,056	2,078	373
Nectarine	114	472	550	528	488	464	440	395	379	--
Peach	199	644	701	619	618	594	580	553	553	--
Plum/Prune/Pluot	97	130	125	92	89	64	58	56	75	--
Other & Unspecified	79	151	13	17	45	22	17	32	--	--
Total Stone Fruit	2,334	4,099	3,835	3,379	3,298	3,279	3,333	3,352	3,336	373
Mixed Tree Fruit	--	64	4	--	--	10	--	--	1	--

Table 2e. Certified organic acres in Washington by specific crop, 2008-2016: Small fruit and nuts.

Small Fruit and Nuts	Acres									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	T2016
Berry										
Blackberry	69	71	105	137	102	73	73	67	68	40
Blueberry	481	599	903	1,258	1,379	1,447	1,540	1,705	2,364	279
Cranberry	--	--	--	--	--	10	10	10	20	--
Raspberry	166	143	161	180	178	106	61	57	106	--
Strawberry	21	38	35	44	87	69	96	97	109	--
Other & Unspecified	20	22	14	30	34	30	25	34	43	61
Total Berry	757	873	1,218	1,649	1,780	1,735	1,805	1,970	2,710	380
Grape, Juice										
Concord	--	--	--	1,467	1,467	1,468	1,379	1,223	1,121	45
Niagara	--	--	--	49	53	53	53	68	68	--
Total Juice Grape	1,476	1,475	1,581	1,516	1,520	1,521	1,432	1,291	1,189	45
Grape, Wine										
Cabernet Sauvignon	--	--	--	166	159	179	326	245	244	29
Merlot	--	--	--	170	70	70	99	107	129	--
Syrah	--	--	--	65	55	107	122	112	131	--
Red, Other	--	--	--	51	52	46	37	36	37	4
Riesling	--	--	--	358	229	257	134	209	124	--
Chardonnay	--	--	--	174	174	165	165	83	81	--
Gewurztraminer	--	--	--	18	18	18	18	16	16	--
White, Other	--	--	--	59	48	46	51	53	55	1
Wine, Unspecified	--	--	--	5	33	28	26	12	9	--
Total Wine grape	881	969	868	1,066	838	916	978	873	826	34
Grape, Table & Mixed	35	18	14	13	7	10	6	9	7	2
Total Grape	2,392	2,462	2,463	2,599	2,365	2,447	2,416	2,173	2,022	81
Other Fruit										
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--
Kiwi	3	2	7	2	2	2	2	1	1	--
Nut										
Almond	6	5	5	9	12	12	4	4	4	--
Chestnut	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	--
Filbert/Hazelnut	37	39	2	4	4	4	4	3	5	--
Walnut	5	6	6	6	7	8	8	8	8	--
Other & Unspecified	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	--	--
Total Nut	53	55	19	26	29	30	22	21	20	--

Table 2f. Certified organic acres in Washington by specific crop, 2008-2016: Herbs, other crops, and other land.

Herbs, Other Crops & Other Land	Acres									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	T2016
Herbs										
Medicinal	545	568	487	626	718	547	586	606	697	--
Culinary	120	128	165	194	95	138	213	230	247	--
Mixed	227	275	474	453	492	474	48	30	53	--
Mint	199	182	193	258	240	214	250	299	306	--
Lavender	46	37	39	34	40	34	36	38	39	--
Total Herbs	1,137	1,190	1,358	1,565	1,585	1,407	1,133	1,203	1,342	--
Other Crops										
Flowers, Cut or Edible	16	17	16	9	9	10	9	11	25	--
Cover Crop	171	218	361	157	369	577	303	1,712	4	--
Hops	54	65	66	58	156	203	190	210	214	--
Mushrooms*	6	1	<1	<1	<1	1	1	2	3	--
Seed Crops	119	88	139	353	391	463	266	102	197	--
<i>Mixed/Other Vegetable</i>	30	46	20	5	23	23	25	27	14	--
<i>Beets</i>	17	20	50	25	62	40	35	35	22	--
<i>Carrot</i>	61	--	60	158	138	120	64	--	77	--
<i>Spinach</i>	11	22	1	--	--	10	21	--	1	--
<i>Onion</i>	--	--	--	3	1	--	118	--	--	--
<i>Pumpkin</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	--
<i>Grass</i>	--	--	--	158	148	144	--	--	71	--
<i>Other Seed</i>	--	--	8	4	19	126	3	40	1	--
Greenhouse/Nursery	4	3	6	15.4	12	15	16	104	121	--
Mixed Horticulture	57	12	10	14	16	5	50	9	5	--
Wild craft	360	362	375	375	403	360	282	90	--	--
Other & Unspecified	--	45	12	--	80	375	75	93	--	--
Total Other Crops	787	811	986	982	1,437	2,009	1,192	2,333	569	--
Other Land										
Fallow/Summer Fallow	9,819	15,303	14,256	7,697	6,751	4,111	3,072	3,309	66	--
CRP, CREP land	--	--	1,512	--	--	--	200	200	--	--
Timber/Woods	925	931	864	524	478	510	737	768	780	--
Other & Unspecified	60	295	164	208	56	1	70	77	2	--
Undefined Acreage	4,848	3,141	2,868	2,259	1,522	922	674	143	8,292	677
Total Other Land	15,652	19,670	19,664	10,688	8,807	5,544	4,753	4,497	9,139	677

*Certified mushrooms are produced in WA but individual farm production areas can be small and not entered in database.

Table 3. Number of certified organic producer operations and area in Washington by county, 2016.

County	No. of producers ¹			Area (acres) ²		Co. Percent	
	C _P	C _S	T Only	C	T	C Farms	C Area
Adams	22	5	1	4,933	824	2.8	4.6
Asotin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Benton	24	1	2	6,819	473	3.0	6.4
Chelan	45	3	3	1,633	372	5.6	1.5
Columbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Douglas	31	--	4	2,492	428	3.9	2.3
Ferry	1	--	--	2	--	0.1	0.0
Franklin	33	--	7	5,511	1,845	4.1	5.2
Garfield	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grant	98	6	7	31,255	2,674	12.3	29.2
Kittitas	3	1	--	1,098	--	0.4	1.0
Klickitat	18	1	--	2,780	24	2.3	2.6
Lincoln	3	1	--	1,360	190	0.4	1.3
Okanogan	70	--	6	4,431	558	8.8	4.1
Pend Oreille	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Spokane	9	--	--	497	--	1.1	0.5
Stevens	25	--	--	2,449	--	3.1	2.3
Walla Walla	13	1	--	2,388	--	1.6	2.2
Whitman	4	--	--	413	--	0.5	0.4
Yakima	90	2	3	5,460	344	11.3	5.1
East of Cascades	489	(21)	33	73,521	7,732	61.4	68.7
Clallam	13	--	--	1,423	--	1.6	1.3
Clark	13	--	--	381	--	1.6	0.4
Cowlitz	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grays Harbor	5	2	--	1,298	--	0.6	1.2
Island	11	--	--	380	--	1.4	0.4
Jefferson	14	1	--	1,385	--	1.8	1.3
King	34	2	--	3,567	21	4.3	3.3
Kitsap	8	--	--	113	--	1.0	0.1
Lewis	33	2	--	6,336	309	4.1	5.9
Mason	2	--	--	39	--	0.3	0.0
Pacific	4	1	--	351	--	0.5	0.3
Pierce	18	1	--	1,492	5	2.3	1.4
San Juan	8	--	--	323	9	1.0	0.3
Skagit	55	2	1	7,844	68	6.9	7.3
Skamania	3	--	--	103	--	0.4	0.1
Snohomish	23	1	--	2,255	--	2.9	2.1
Thurston	26	1	--	2,840	--	3.3	2.7
Wahkiakum	2	--	--	674	--	0.3	0.6
Whatcom	36	--	--	2,678	9	4.5	2.5
West of Cascades	308	(13)	1	33,482	421	38.6	31.3
State Total	797	(34)	34	107,003	8,153	100	100

¹C = Certified organic and T= Transition to organic. Values were based on total site area and did not included double crop acres. C farms had certified organic acres but could also include transition land. T only farms had land in transition to organic but no certified organic acres. "C_P" indicates a producer's primary county. "C_S" indicates the number of producers that have certified land in a given second or multiple counties but are already counted in another county as their primary location (C_P).

²Acres based on site area (did not include double crop acres).

Table 4. Number of certified organic producer operations in Washington by county: 2008-2016.

County	Number of Certified Producers								
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	P/(S) 2016 ¹
Adams	7	10	10	9	9	12	10	10	22 (5)
Asotin	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	--	-- --
Benton	27	28	30	27	26	25	27	26	24 (1)
Chelan	49	51	50	51	44	40	42	44	45 (3)
Columbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-- --
Douglas	27	29	28	28	28	28	29	29	31 --
Ferry	--	--	--	1	1	2	1	1	1 --
Franklin	22	31	32	31	31	29	29	31	33 --
Garfield	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	-- --
Grant	64	88	91	87	87	83	85	90	98 (6)
Kittitas	4	4	3	5	6	4	3	3	3 (1)
Klickitat	13	17	18	19	21	17	17	17	18 (1)
Lincoln	4	6	5	4	4	3	3	3	3 (1)
Okanogan	60	61	58	57	61	67	63	66	70 --
Pend Oreille	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-- --
Spokane	4	5	5	10	12	10	8	10	9 --
Stevens	23	23	21	21	21	22	22	24	25 --
Walla Walla	13	9	9	12	13	13	13	12	13 (1)
Whitman	7	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	4 --
Yakima	108	109	103	94	94	91	92	88	90 (2)
East of Cascades	434	481	471	463	464	451	447	457	489 (21)
Clallam	11	11	11	12	13	13	12	12	13 --
Clark	14	15	15	14	15	15	15	14	13 --
Cowlitz	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	--	-- --
Grays Harbor	6	6	6	7	7	6	5	5	5 (2)
Island	7	7	9	11	9	8	9	9	11 --
Jefferson	11	12	13	13	11	10	10	13	14 (1)
King	24	26	24	22	26	23	22	24	34 (2)
Kitsap	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	8 --
Lewis	26	25	25	25	26	26	25	30	33 (2)
Mason	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2 --
Pacific	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4 (1)
Pierce	8	9	10	11	13	15	16	15	18 (1)
San Juan	10	11	11	10	11	8	6	8	8 --
Skagit	41	43	44	44	43	43	40	45	55 (2)
Skamania	2	5	2	2	2	3	2	2	3 --
Snohomish	19	21	21	21	17	20	23	18	23 (1)
Thurston	25	23	24	25	25	23	22	27	26 (1)
Wahkiakum	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2 --
Whatcom	36	40	34	34	33	33	32	34	36 --
West of Cascades	255	272	264	266	267	261	253	267	308 (13)
State Total	689	753	735	729	731	712	700	724	797 (34)

Combined certifier data. ¹“P” indicates a certified producer’s primary county. “S” indicates the number of producers that have additional certified land in a given second or multiple counties and are already counted in their primary county (P).

Table 5. Certified organic area in Washington by county: 2008-2016.

County	Area (acres)									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	±15-16
Adams	3,145	4,217	5,914	2,506	2,483	3,258	2,688	2,745	4,933	2,188
Asotin	800	800	800	800	800	800	--	--	--	--
Benton	13,121	13,033	9,202	8,699	7,805	5,975	6,385	6,868	6,819	-49
Chelan	1,992	2,504	2,012	2,207	1,763	1,639	1,687	1,715	1,633	-82
Columbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Douglas	5,002	5,688	4,202	2,200	2,368	2,289	2,238	2,056	2,492	436
Ferry	--	--	--	4	4	5	2	2	2	0
Franklin	3,030	3,749	3,573	3,320	3,247	3,045	3,240	3,593	5,511	1,918
Garfield	328	328	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grant	18,519	20,859	23,796	23,360	21,996	19,509	21,677	24,767	31,255	6,488
Kittitas	124	124	133	219	199	1,012	1,013	975	1,098	123
Klickitat	2,390	3,032	3,359	4,071	3,419	3,052	2,524	2,799	2,780	-19
Lincoln	1,079	7,876	7,748	1,961	2,433	1,588	1,652	1,387	1,360	-27
Okanogan	4,396	4,000	4,055	3,926	3,710	3,827	3,823	4,103	4,431	328
Pend Oreille	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Spokane	95	95	87	85	975	932	921	1,204	497	-707
Stevens	2,252	2,225	2,176	2,117	2,103	2,559	2,569	2,416	2,449	33
Walla Walla	1,295	1,649	1,793	2,328	2,240	2,278	2,243	2,120	2,388	268
Whitman	153	165	75	64	64	59	46	116	413	297
Yakima	8,277	8,012	6,263	5,419	5,663	5,093	4,922	5,134	5,460	326
East of Cascades	65,999	78,356	75,188	63,286	61,272	56,920	57,630	62,000	73,521	11,521
Clallam	420	420	458	455	448	448	779	748	1,423	675
Clark	503	455	651	771	498	560	441	384	381	-3
Cowlitz	20	20	20	20	20	1	30	--	--	--
Grays Harbor	1,300	1,263	1,417	1,316	1,465	1,390	673	677	1,298	621
Island	279	275	288	291	294	258	284	342	380	38
Jefferson	939	961	824	810	756	819	876	841	1,385	544
King	3,040	3,117	2,940	2,959	3,321	3,306	3,062	3,456	3,567	111
Kitsap	109	113	111	111	127	127	118	112	113	1
Lewis	4,777	4,357	4,585	4,271	4,233	4,362	4,213	5,405	6,336	931
Mason	17	21	21	22	44	44	40	39	39	--
Pacific	500	500	10	10	10	10	10	10	351	341
Pierce	885	899	1,111	1,148	1,539	1,738	1,726	1,379	1,492	113
San Juan	253	421	396	371	304	192	142	178	323	145
Skagit	4,825	5,820	5,579	5,627	6,015	6,107	6,135	6,737	7,844	1,107
Skamania	59	121	79	80	68	98	94	100	103	3
Snohomish	2,122	1,417	755	1,235	1,102	1,156	1,243	1,164	2,255	1,091
Thurston	2,818	2,367	2,451	2,694	2,553	2,658	1,990	2,287	2,840	553
Wahkiakum	651	738	737	671	745	745	768	674	674	--
Whatcom	3,042	3,321	2,932	3,038	3,258	3,929	4,594	4,555	2,678	-1,877
West of Cascades	26,556	26,606	25,365	25,900	26,800	27,948	27,218	29,088	33,482	4,394
State Total	92,555	104,962	100,553	89,186	88,072	84,868	84,848	91,088	107,003	15,915

Combined certifier data. Values were based on total site area and do not include identified double crop acres.

Table 6a. Estimated gross farmgate sales of certified organic crop and animal products: Eastern Washington (WSDA and OTCO).

County	Eastern Washington Farmgate Value (\$)									% Sales	%± 15-16
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016			
Adams	4,712,747	4,450,809	6,075,215	13,039,630	13,313,041	12,237,781	32,515,731	50,926,323	7.8	57	
Asotin	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	--	--	
Benton	21,900,016	22,011,629	25,818,613	36,513,778	44,566,971	51,934,544	54,169,833	65,915,532	10.1	22	
Chelan, Douglas	23,932,300	24,111,199	27,518,678	31,818,755	41,293,785	43,239,154	61,745,595	49,046,353	7.5	-21	
Columbia	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	--	--	
Franklin	10,812,398	13,188,205	18,033,263	23,394,676	24,047,190	34,933,381	39,615,754	45,822,451	7	16	
Garfield	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	--	--	
Grant	52,924,663	64,005,943	87,771,761	106,772,592	144,063,298	180,029,662	166,638,444	194,464,866	29.8	17	
Kittitas	41,584	169,558	83,265	95,997	172,101	171,147	40,000	95,828	0.01	140	
Klickitat	5,792,017	6,645,054	8,411,142	6,475,147	5,876,317	9,038,215	9,724,736	11,469,159	1.7	18	
Lincoln	297,440	367,120	446,298	175,300	253,142	365,647	926,934	(nr)	--	--	
Okanogan	12,078,319	10,664,717	14,209,137	17,897,348	23,323,109	25,940,190	50,130,456	50,435,371	7.7	1	
Pend Oreille	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	--	--	
Spokane	72,306	126,430	157,213	176,592	162,360	262,662	178,107	268,009	0.04	50	
Stevens	390,822	468,898	503,562	644,607	726,703	1,064,080	1,043,014	1,098,371	0.2	5	
Walla Walla	10,483,575	20,011,407	22,049,205	27,734,332	35,317,450	33,439,506	46,465,975	53,761,052	8.2	16	
Whitman	70,512	100,056	111,032	99,039	108,186	95,980	192,197	98,974	0.02	-49	
Yakima	21,119,600	19,051,245	23,433,582	31,226,646	40,936,693	41,310,523	55,906,334	51,774,244	7.9	-7	
East of Cascades	164,634,092	185,408,918	234,625,546	296,070,971	374,178,890	434,081,017	519,300,933	575,290,731	88	11	
West of Cascades	46,070,879	52,305,399	49,827,602	59,469,172	61,327,505	62,385,889	72,818,671	77,044,573	12	6	
State Total	210,704,971	237,714,317	284,453,148	355,540,144	435,506,395	496,466,906	592,119,604	652,335,304	100	10	

Percentage of sales is based on most recent year. An (nr) is used to indicate that either: no sales were reported in that county; or no value was reported in table to protect confidentiality. Values may not include income from producers who may report all sales as processors.

Table 6b. Estimated gross farmgate sales of certified organic crop and animal products: Western Washington (WSDA and OTCO).

County	Western Washington Farmgate Value (\$)									% Sales	% ± 15-16
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016			
Clallam	1,233,943	1,299,608	1,560,370	1,314,326	1,337,777	1,414,615	1,403,730	1,629,633	0.2	16	
Clark	1,632,818	1,541,910	1,831,544	1,504,563	1,231,430	1,001,903	1,410,217	1,326,056	0.2	-6	
Cowlitz	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	--	--	
Grays Harbor	1,806,137	1,402,045	1,327,370	1,404,447	967,374	948,191	1,604,076	1,912,584	--	--	
Island	112,993	247,466	189,899	236,847	167,446	295,906	283,042	392,970	0.1	39	
Jefferson	1,125,011	1,163,653	1,370,432	1,530,297	1,714,805	1,943,652	3,780,520	2,315,161	0.3	-39	
King	5,412,335	7,631,333	8,871,133	6,970,329	6,392,332	5,349,739	6,273,249	9,363,848	1.4	49	
Kitsap	262,028	332,138	362,990	365,997	503,220	643,018	725,065	810,057	0.1	12	
Lewis	5,613,327	5,787,645	6,082,515	6,781,391	7,259,315	8,899,534	9,813,156	10,851,286	1.7	11	
Mason	(nr)	332,324	3,930,876	5,143,980	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	--	--	
Pacific	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	--	--	
Pierce	1,912,661	1,502,865	1,983,393	2,307,708	2,303,301	2,426,558	2,404,978	2,915,454	0.5	21	
San Juan	111,021	90,628	141,693	64,084	68,177	73,491	46,296	86,954	.01	88	
Skagit	12,011,836	13,177,534	11,520,913	14,238,853	16,080,706	16,749,949	20,929,398	22,616,081	3.4	8	
Skamania	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)	--	--	
Snohomish	2,227,662	2,051,332	2,274,943	3,102,352	3,114,504	3,239,818	3,021,221	5,871,890	0.9	94	
Thurston	6,353,482	6,281,221	2,334,335	7,288,107	3,341,268	9,314,688	9,319,670	9,735,826	1.5	4	
Wahkiakum	694,973	(nr)	760,876	(825,972)	(875,553)	(904,200)	(nr)	(nr)	--	--	
Whatcom	5,288,494	5,218,145	5,047,268	6,048,047	7,516,742	8,593,461	10,644,037	5,466,540	0.8	-49	
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	%	%± 15-16	
East of Cascades	164,634,092	185,408,918	234,625,546	296,070,971	374,178,890	434,081,017	519,300,933	575,290,731	88	11	
West of Cascades	46,070,879	52,305,399	49,827,602	59,469,172	61,327,505	62,385,889	72,818,671	77,044,573	12	6	
State Total	210,704,971	237,714,317	284,453,148	355,540,144	435,506,395	496,466,906	592,119,604	652,335,304	100	10	

Percentage of sales is based on most recent year. An (nr) is used to indicate that either: no sales were reported in that county; or no value was reported in table to protect confidentiality. Values may not include income from producers who may report all sales as processors.

Table 7. Certified organic dairy producer and livestock numbers, 2006-2016.

	Number certified							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Organic dairies	23	46	34	34	36	38	39	45
Milkers and dry cows	2,970	9,022	5,898	6,311	7,095	7,505	8,290	9,012
Calves and replacement heifers	2,180	7,022	4,154	4,922	4,302	5,514	5,308	6,033
Total	5,150	16,044	10,052	11,233	11,397	13,091	13,598	15,045
In addition to 45 cow dairies, 1 goat dairy was certified organic in 2016.								

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