



Fact Sheet

ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION PROFILE: OHIO

OVERVIEW OF ORGANIC PRODUCTION (2008)¹

Organic Sales at Farmgate \$42.8 Million	Total Organic Farms — 547 • Certified — 420 • Exempt — 127	Total Organic Acreage — 61,996
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PRODUCTION DETAILS

Total Organic Vegetables, Potatoes, and Melons Harvested — 472 acres

- Certified — 384 acres
- Exempt — 88 acres

Organic Fruit and Tree Nuts Harvested — 57 acres

- Certified — 26 acres
- Exempt — 32 acres

Organic Pastureland/Rangeland — 11,776 acres

MARKETING PRACTICES

Consumer Direct Sales — 13.4%
Direct-to-retail — 2.3%
Wholesale Market Sales — 84.3%

OTHER FACTS

- Ranks **8th** in the nation for total number of organic farms
- Strong average annual growth rate in certified organic farms—**approximately 7.5%**³

USDA ORGANIC RESEARCH COMPETITIVE GRANTS FUNDED (2001-2010)²

8 awards, totaling \$4,778,278

Specific projects include—

▶ Transition Strategies That Control Perennial Weeds and Build Soil	\$545,102
▶ Enhancing Productivity and Soilborne Disease Control in Intensive Organic Vegetable Production with Mixed-Species Green Manures	\$1,089,190
▶ Grafting to Improve Organic Vegetable Production in Field and High Tunnel Systems	\$858,507
▶ Paths of Transition: Strategies for Peri-Urban Organic Farmers	\$398,447

¹ 2007 Census of Agriculture: Organic Production Survey (2008). USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Washington, D.C.

² Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative Funded Projects.

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/organicagricultureresearchandextensioninitiative.cfm>, date accessed: 2/17/11.

Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program - Organic Transitions (ORG).

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/organictransitionsprogram.cfm>, date accessed: 2/17/11.

³ ERS USDA, Table 3. Certified organic and total U.S. acreage, selected crops and livestock, 1995-2008.

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/Organic>, date accessed: 12/17/10.