ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION PROFILE: MICHIGAN

OVERVIEW OF ORGANIC PRODUCTION (2008)

Organic Sales at Farmgate — $71.1 Million
Total Organic Farms — 461
  • Certified — 309
  • Exempt — 152
Total Organic Acreage — 68,167

PRODUCTION DETAILS

Total Organic Vegetables, Potatoes, and Melons Harvested — 1,893 acres
  • Certified — 1,730 acres
  • Exempt — 162 acres
Organic Fruit and Tree Nuts Harvested — 849 acres*
  • Certified — 770 acres
  • Exempt — 78 acres
Organic Pastureland/Rangeland — 6,689 acres

MARKETING PRACTICES

Consumer Direct Sales — 9.0%
Direct-to-retail — 1.9%
Wholesale Market Sales — 54.4%

OTHER FACTS

• Ranks 11th in the nation for organic product sales
• Strong average annual increase in certified organic farms— approximately 16% from 2005 to 2008

USDA ORGANIC RESEARCH COMPETITIVE GRANTS FUNDED (2001-2010)

6 awards granted to Michigan State University, the second largest recipient of OREI grants, totaling $3,096,222

Partnering to Cultivate Organic Agriculture in Michigan and the Midwest — $754,442
Integrating Benefits of Organic Apple and Pork Production — $33,478
Building Integrated Weed Management Knowledge in Organic Systems — $106,335
Practical Perennials: Partnering with Farmers to Develop a New Type of Wheat Crop — $1,049,674
Holistic Integration of Organic Strategies and High Tunnels for Midwest/Great Lakes Fruit Production — $188,531
Organic Dry Bean Production Systems — $963,762

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