



USDA NASS Ag Census

Organic Survey

[2022 Census of Agriculture](#)

The Census of Agriculture is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Even small plots of land - whether rural or urban - growing fruit, vegetables or some food animals count if \$1,000 or more of such products were raised and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the Census year. The Census of Agriculture, taken only once every five years, looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures. For America's farmers and ranchers, the Census of Agriculture is their voice, their future, and their opportunity.

The Ag Census was mailed out in November by USDA NASS (National Agricultural Statistics Service). You can complete the Ag Census online and save time. Just use the survey code included in your mailing to start your survey at the [Ag Census Respondent Portal](#). The data from this Ag Census will be released in spring or summer of 2024.

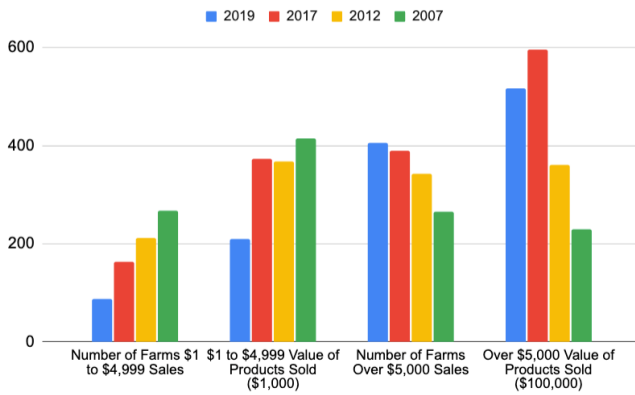
[2019 Organic Survey](#)

USDA NASS just released the 2019 Organic Survey of farms that use organic practices to produce crops and livestock. This survey is not as detailed as the 2022 Census of Agriculture and only includes data for states, not counties.

Going back through previous Census of Agriculture organic farming data this chart shows the progress of organic farming in Maine through the years. This is a compilation of the 2007, 2012, 2017 Census of Agriculture and the 2019 Organic Survey. It is divided into Maine organic farms with less than \$5,000 in sales and those with over \$5,000 in sales and includes the number of farms and the value of the ag products sold. Note that with the less than \$5,000 in sales farms, the value of ag products is multiplied by 1,000 and those over \$5,000 sales, the value of ag products is multiplied by 100,000.

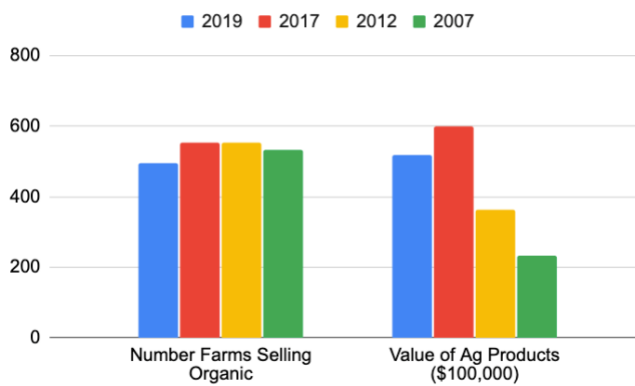
Since 2007 the number of organic farms selling under \$5,000 of agriculture products decreased to 88 farms from 268 (30%) and sales dropped to \$209,000 from \$414,000 (50%). Many of those farms moved up to the \$5,000 and over sales which increased to 406 from 266 (152%) farms and sales also increased from \$233,000 in 2007 to \$518,00 in 2019 (225%). But total number of farms selling organic products and the value of organic products was highest in 2017.

Number and Value of Ag Products from Maine Organic Farms By Value of Sales
2007 to 2019



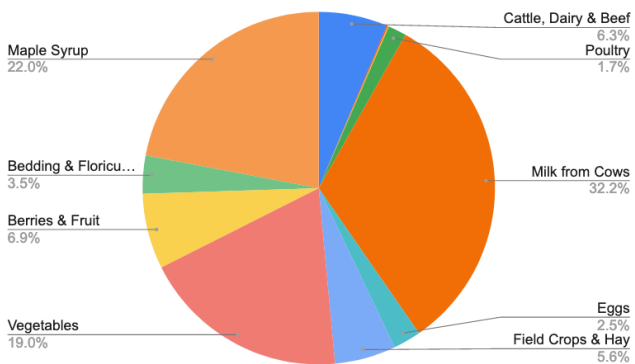
Total farms selling organic products and total value of farm sales.

Number Maine Farms Selling Organic and Value of Ag Products
(\$100,000)



Value of Maine Organic Agriculture Products 2019 (percent)

Value of Organic Production in Maine 2019 - USDA NASS
(percent)



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