

Organic farming in US doubles as organic food sales reach \$7.6 billion annually

There were more than 14,000 certified organic farms in the United States in 2016, according to the latest available data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's [National Agricultural Statistics Service](#). This represents a 56% increase from 2011, the earliest comparable year. And while California remains king when it comes to the number of organic farms, several other states saw dramatic growth in organic farming over this time, particularly in the South.

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The rise in organic farming in the U.S. coincides with Americans' growing appetite for organic food over the past few decades....U.S. farms and ranches sold nearly \$7.6 billion in certified organic goods in 2016, more than double the \$3.5 billion in sales in 2011.

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According to the USDA's [Economic Research Service](#), retail sales of organic foods expanded rapidly from 1994 to 2014. And in 2015, the Organic Trade Association estimated U.S. organic retail sales at \$43 billion, representing [double-digit growth](#) in most years since 2000, when the USDA established national organic standards.

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Still, organic farming makes up a small share of U.S. farmland overall. There were 5 million certified organic acres of farmland in 2016, representing less than 1% of the 911 million acres of total farmland nationwide.

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