

Organic Statistics 2003

ONTARIO

FARMERS

Number certified: 487
 % of total farmers 0.8%
 Number in transition: 41
 Estimated gross value of sales: unknown - more than \$25M
 % less than \$10000 gross sales: Unknown
 % over \$50,000 gross sales: Unknown

Acreage in Production: 91,047 acres
 Additional acreage in program: 739
 Transitional acreage: 7401

TYPE OF PRODUCTION

Vegetables

1311 acres
 Mixed vegetable/market gardens: 545 acres; 117 producers
 See chart for large scale production reported (data incomplete - breakdowns not provided by all CBs)
 Less than 1% of total vegetable land in province

Herbs

45 acres including 11 acres of Echinacea; 11 producers

Fruit & Nuts

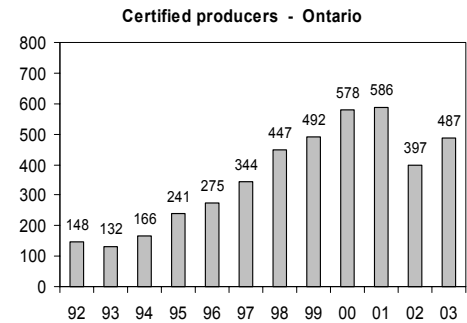
1056 acres, 1.6% of total fruit acreage in province.
 Apples: 873 acres, 20 producers, 3.8 % of apple acreage
 Grapes: 30 acres, 6 producers
 Tree fruit unidentified: 93 acres
 Mixed berries: 12 acres,
 Strawberries: 16 acres, Raspberries: 7 acres
 Hazelnuts: 1 acre.

Grains & Oilseeds

54829 acres seeded
 Wild rice lakes 2470 acres
 Number of producers not provided by all CBs
 Estimated potential farm gate value of production: \$25 M
 [Spelt \$10 M, Soybeans \$ 6.1M, Corn \$ 3.4M, Wheat \$1.3M
 Barley \$532,440; Oats \$389,200; Rye \$ 286,500; Buckwheat \$ 242,550]

Forages & Green manures

31,244 acres:
 Pasture and Hay: 26733 acres, 279 producers;
 Alfalfa: 1036 acres, 23 producers; Clover: 1224 acres, 42 producers; Green manures 2142 acres; Oilradish: 48 acres.



(Note 2002 figure in above chart is not accurate - some data missing)

Crop	Acres	Farms
Potatoes	249	19
Sweet Corn	142	10
Cole crops	76	2
Onions	37	2
Squash	69	7+
Asparagus	43	9
Garlic	32	15

Crop	Acres	Farms
Crop unidentified	2472	10+
Barley	1438	59 +
Buckwheat	1222	40+
Corn	3993	97+
Flax	536	9+
Hemp	1772	8+
Millet	12	4
Mixed grains	2984	62+
Mustard	71	1
Oats	1374	90+
Beans	134	4+
Peas	408	18
Rye	943	45
Soybeans	12857	145+
Spelt	20782	85+
Sunflowers	59	3+
Triticale	115	7
Tobacco	2	1
Wheat	3656	87+

Livestock

Type	Head	Farms
Beef cattle	1988	47
Dairy cows & heifers	3401	46
Sheep	620	8
Goats	1	1
Pigs	119	7
Alpaca	12	1

Maple syrup

3 producers; 17200 taps; 468 acres of maple bush

Poultry

Type	Head	Farms
Meat birds	66344	23+
Layers	12959	25
Turkeys	55	?
Geese	17	2
Ducks	24	2
Guinea fowl	24	2
Ostrich	8	1

Estimated egg production:
288,338 dozen

PROCESSORS & DISTRIBUTORS

64 certified enterprises including 43 food processors, 3 livestock feeds, 4 seed companies, 3 fruit/vegetable packers and 1 food distributor.

Processed products include milk, butter, cheese, ice cream, sour cream, breads, flours, breakfast cereals, hemp foods, nut butters, apple & other fruit juice, fruit spreads, chili sauce, meats, wine, hot chocolate.

Retail stores selling organic produce

364 mainstream grocery stores
334 other retail outlets.
\$ value unknown

These statistics were compiled from data provided by the following CBs:
OCPP, OCIA, Garantie-Bio/Ecocert, Biodynamic/Demeter, QAI, PACS

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