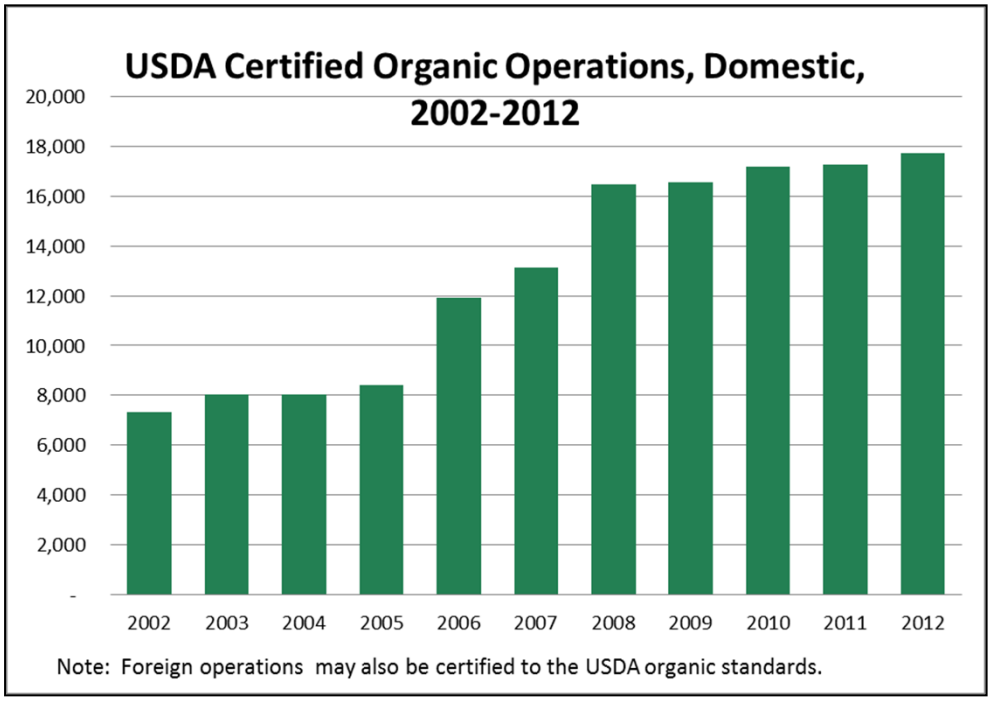
2012 List of Certified Operations

The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) has published the 2012 list of certified organic farms and businesses. http://apps.ams.usda.gov/nop.

As of the end of 2012, 17,750 organic farms and processing facilities in the United States were certified to the USDA organic regulations. That's approximately a 240 percent increase since NOP's tracking began in 2002. Worldwide, there are now approximately 25,000 certified organic operators across more than 100 countries.



- Most U.S. certified organic operations are on the west coast, in New England, and in the upper Midwest.
- 2012 saw a significant growth in the number of operations in California, Iowa, and New England.
- 2012 saw only slight growth in the number of operations in the southeastern U.S., and there were decreases in the number of operations in part of the Midwest and some Mountain states.
- Since 2010, there has been an decrease in the number of operations in areas with equivalency agreements (Canada, European Union), as operations in these countries no longer need dual certification.

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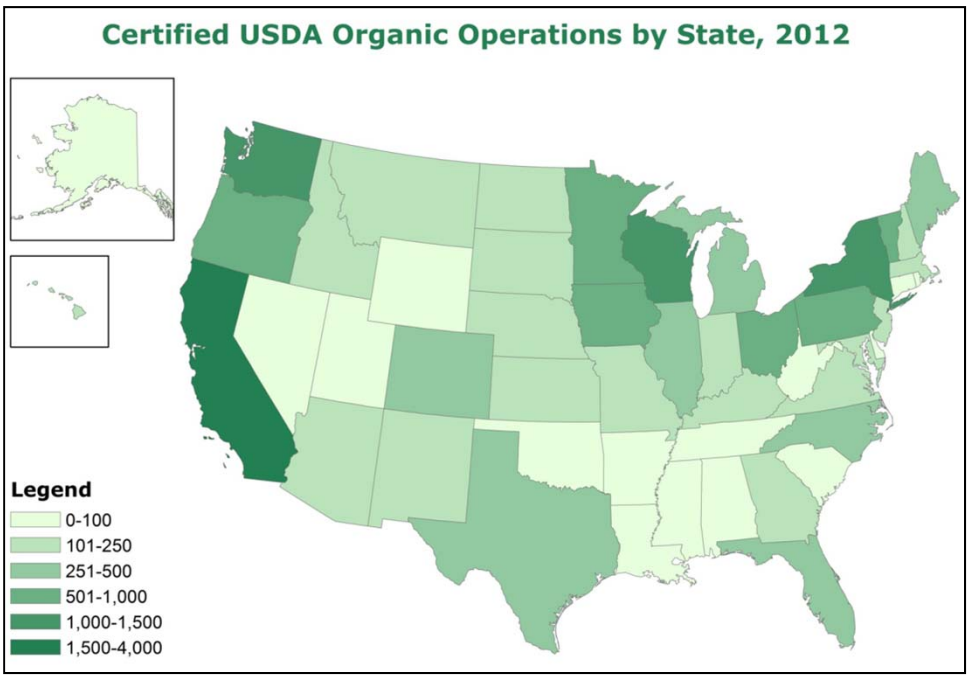
The Organic Literacy Initiative helps connect current and prospective organic farmers, ranchers, and processors with appropriate USDA resources. This package of training and outreach materials explains what the organic label means and how certification works. Through this effort, USDA staff around the U.S. can help farmers, ranchers, and processors understand organic certification and access USDA services. Access materials at www.ams.usda.gov/organicinfo.