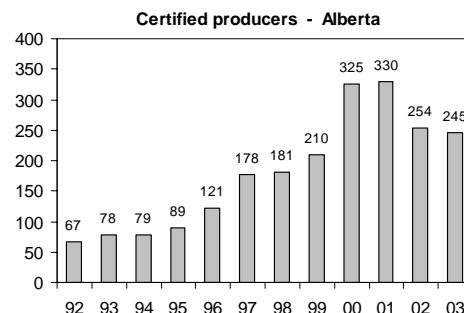


# Organic Statistics 2003

## ALBERTA

### FARMERS

Number certified: 245  
 % of total farmers in Alberta: 0.4%  
 Number in transition: at least 8 (only 1 CB reporting)  
 Estimated gross value of sales: unknown  
 % less than \$10000 gross sales: unknown  
 % over \$50,000 gross sales: unknown  
 Acreage in Production: 188,306 acres  
 Additional acreage in program: 35,924 acres  
 Transitional acreage: unknown



### TYPE OF PRODUCTION

#### Vegetables

Acres: 333 acres; 41 farms  
 17 % of organic farms grow vegetables  
 Direct to Consumer Sales: 100% of market garden production, 50% of potatoes.

Crop	Acres	Farms
mixed vegetables	201	31
potatoes	115	9
carrots	8	2
salad greens	6	2
borage	279	1
Echinacea	8	4
Mixed herbs	22	20

#### Herbs

Acres: 309 acres; 25 farms  
 Wildcrafting acres: 871

#### Fruit & Nuts

Acres: 66  
 Saskatoons: 28 acres, 4 farms  
 Mixed berries: 10 acres, 3 farms  
 Raspberries: 7 acres, 2 farms  
 Tree fruit: 9 acres, 1 farm

#### Grains & Oilseeds

Total acres: 49,764 acres (data missing for 5% of farms.)  
 1 CB provided acreage data but not the number of producers.  
 Value of production estimated at \$11 Million

Crop	Acres	Farms
Barley	3649	30 +
Buckwheat	20	2
Canola	2376	4+
Flax	8167	22+
Hemp	15	1
Kamut	299	2
Mixed grains	458	3
Mustard	233	1+
Oats	10050	61+
Pulses	1044	9+
Peas	907	8
Rye	4512	23+
Spelt	77	2+
Sunflowers	3	1
Triticale	70	1
Wheat	17885	40+

#### Forages & Green manures

Pasture and Hay: 109459 acres, 91+ producers  
 Alfalfa: 2856 acres, 19 producers; plus 870 acres for seed, 8 producers;  
 Clover seed: 790 acres, 4 producers  
 Fallow/green manure: 14661 acres; Green manure: 6249 acres;  
 Green feed: 1718 acres, 11 producers  
 Total of native pasture, range land and brush 35,924 acres; 28 producers.

## PROCESSORS & DISTRIBUTORS

### 54 certified enterprises include:

Processors 22  
Seed plants 13  
Handler 1  
Unidentified 16

### Types of Processing:

Dairy products, breakfast cereal, flours, pasta, tortilla chips, flax products, oils, vegetable powders, frozen vegetables, herbal extracts and meats.

**Production value:** unknown

### Retail outlets selling organic food

73 mainstream grocery outlets, 59 other outlets identified  
C\$ value unknown

## Livestock

Type	Head	Farms
Beef cattle	5148	30 +
Bison	436	3
Dairy	25	1
Sheep	108	2
Goats	38	1
Pigs	211	4
Bee hives	4000	

Alberta has:

- 33% of organic beef cattle in Canada
- 66% of organic bison in Canada

## Poultry

Type	Head	Farms
Meat birds	19880	6
Layers	2366	5
Turkeys	2331	7
Ducks	750	1
Geese	100	1
pheasant	200	1

Estimated egg production: 54,000 dozen

**These statistics were compiled from data provided by the following CBs:**

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