

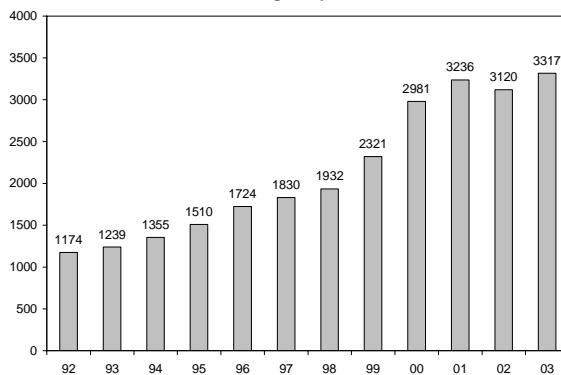
# Organic Statistics 2003

## CANADA

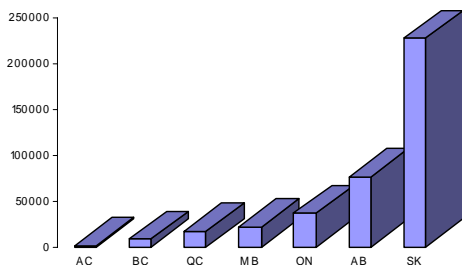
### FARMERS

Number certified: 3,317  
 % of total farmers: 1.3%  
 Number in transition: >250  
 Estimated gross value of sales: unknown  
 % less than \$10,000 gross sales: 26%?  
 % over \$50,000 gross sales: 46%?  
 % female organic operators: 31% (from 2001 census)  
 % female operators all farms: 26% (from 2001 census)  
 Acreage in Production: 966,482 ac; 391,123 ha  
 Additional acreage in program: 295,477 ac; 119,564 ha  
 Transitional acreage: 13,402 ac; 5,424 ha.

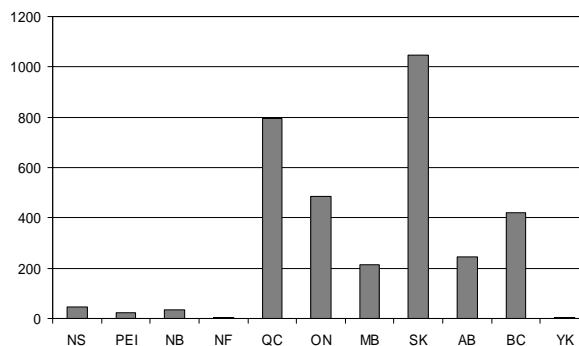
Number of certified organic producers in Canada



Hectares 2003



Producers 2003



### TYPE OF PRODUCTION

Crop	Acres	Ha
Vegetables	6306	2552
Herbs	1451	587
Fruit & Nut	3630	1469
Grains & oilseeds	549,091	222,210
Wild Rice lakes	39,425	15955
Pasture/Hay (tame)*	222,072	89870
Forages/Green manure	158,812	64269

\*Range, crown land & native pasture not included  
 Figures below are minimum values.  
 Detailed breakdowns were not provided by all CBs

Mixed vegetable/market gardens:  
 3429 ac/1388 ha; 557 producers, 39% in BC.  
 Apples: 1449 ac/586.4 ha, 96 producers, 78% in BC.  
 Wheat: 178,646 ac/72294.7ha; 941 producers, 69% in SK.  
 Flax: 79,041 ac/31986.7ha; 601 producers, 85% in SK.

Potential Organic Crop Value calculated from seeded acreage:  
 Prairie grains \$ 98 M; ON & QC grains: \$32 M

Livestock Type	Head	Farms *
Beef cattle	15608	163
Bison	665	8
Dairy	7113	102
Sheep	5062	32
Goats	320	7
Pigs	3690	23
Deer/elk	220	2
Meat birds	305662	62
Layers	118347	89
Turkeys	5264	12

\*Missing data - numbers of enterprises were not provided by all CBs

## PROCESSORS & DISTRIBUTORS

### Certified Processing and Handling Operations

Province	Total	U	M	SF	H	R	Value
BC	85	11	60	1	13	0	>\$16M
AB	52	16	22	13	1	0	unknown
SK	94	58	18	13	5	0	unknown
MB	27	3	4	15	5	0	unknown
ON	64	12	43	3	6	1	unknown
QC	152	141			10	1	unknown
NB	9		8	1			\$1,075,000
NS	13		13				\$1,582,139
PEI	3		1	1	1		>\$120,000

U type unidentified; M manufacturer; SF Seed/Feed;  
 H distributor/trader; R retail.  
 Maple syrup is not included in this table

## ORGANIC EXPORTS

Some companies involved in the organic export market did not provide data; figures represent reported amounts only and percentage of total is not known.

Type	Value	EU	US	Japan	Other	?
Grains / Seeds / Flour	\$39,939,439	52%	40%	5%	2%	1%
Apples	\$3,213,181	4%	96%			
Misc. fruit	\$898,000		100%			
Vegetables	\$2,000,000		100%			
Maple syrup	\$7,000,000?	30%?	57%?	13%?		
Food & beverages	\$10,000,000					100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,049,620</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>17%</b>

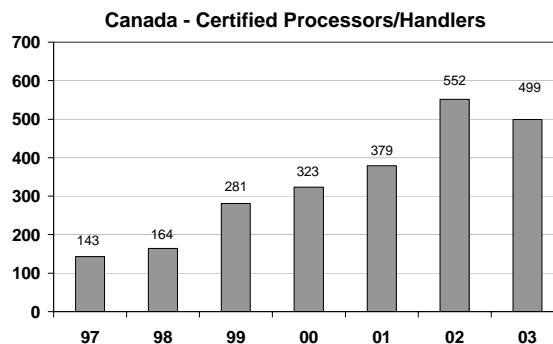
## DOMESTIC SALES

Total sales unknown; data provided for the survey accounted for \$219,410,042 of retail sales in 2003. The total is likely to be at least twice that and closer to \$800M than the higher estimates quoted in previous studies.

Canadian Origin: Produce 22%, Grocery 10%; Dairy 90%  
 In Atlantic Canada 2003 organic produce sales are 1.3% of total fresh fruit and 1% of total vegetables. (Source: [ACORN Organic Market Research & Action Plan](#)).

These statistics were compiled from data provided by CBs operating in Canada, organizations and individual companies.

From: "Certified Organic" The Status of the Canadian Organic Market in 2003. Prepared for Agriculture & Agri-food Canada by Anne Macey. March 2004. Revised May 2004 & July 2004.



(Use numbers with caution. 2002 figures are probably inaccurate, e.g. enterprises with more than one certification double counted).

### Organic retail sales - 2003

