

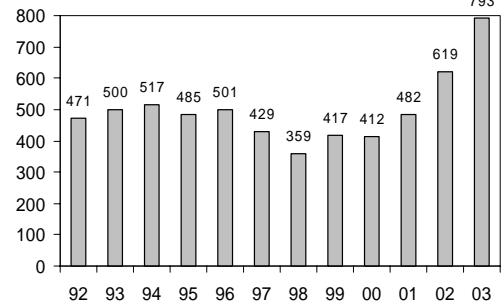
# Organic Statistics 2003

## QUEBEC

### PRODUCERS

Number certified: 793 (421 agri-food producers, 372 maple syrup producers)  
 % of total farmers: 2.5%  
 Number in transition: 67  
 Estimated gross value of sales: unknown, at least \$25 M  
 % less than \$10000 gross sales: Unknown  
 % over \$50,000 gross sales: Unknown  
 Land in Production: 17,748 ha  
 Transitional land: 87 ha

Certified producers - Quebec



### TYPE OF PRODUCTION

#### Vegetables

688 ha, (1,701 acres); Number of farms: at least 115  
 1.6% of total vegetable area in province.  
 11% increase from 2001 to 2003  
 Small diversified farms average 20 types of vegetables.  
 10% of producers specialize in a few crops on large acreages

Crop	Ha	Farms
Mixed vegetables	548	115
Greenhouses	9	21
Large scale misc.	89	?
Corn	40	?

#### Herbs

71 ha (176 acres) including 11.7 ha of burdock; at least 21 producers.

#### Fruit & Nuts

149 ha (370 acres); at least 35 producers:  
 18.2 ha mixed berries; 106 ha cranberries; 24 ha tree fruit.

#### Grains & Oilseeds

11547.7 hectares seeded (28,535 acres)  
 Estimated potential farm gate value: \$9.5 M  
 Soybeans \$3,502,578; Corn \$2,279,000; Wheat \$1,715,875; Oats \$935,200; Barley \$416,772; Spelt \$393,600;  
 Buckwheat \$158,270; Rye \$92,250.

Crop	Hectares	Farms
barley	454.5	5+
buckwheat	322.9	4+
canola	36	?
corn	1075.1	12+
flax	14.2	?
hemp	7.7	?
millet	16.2	1
mixed grains	2814.7	9+
oats	1336.2	9+
pulses (beans)	30.1	2
peas	10.1	1
rye	123.3	?
soybeans	2986.2	29+
spelt	328.2	3
sunflowers	30.8	?
wheat	1961.5	15+

#### Forages & Green manures

11,516.3 hectares (28457 acres) including:  
 Pasture and Hay: 11212.5 ha. Alfalfa: 14.6 ha  
 Fallow/green manure: 282.4 ha. Lupin: 2 ha

Quebec is the only province with large numbers of sheep and pigs and these show a marked decline since 01/02 with a 60% reduction in pig numbers.

### Milk production

2001-2002: 10,527,567 litres/\$6,657,132 93% increase  
 2002-2003: 14,328,6273 litres/\$9,346,563 36% increase  
 2003-2004 projection 16,000,000 litres/ \$10,436,800  
 11.6% increase  
 Source SPLBQ ([FABQ-UPA](#))

### Maple Syrup

372 operations, 47% of certified producers.  
 3,232,933 taps reported  
 Different sources provided 2 different estimates of quantity:  
 5,800,000 - 8% of all syrup production in province  
 9,381,321 -12% of all syrup production in province  
 \$ Value: at least \$10.25 Million at bulk prices for organic syrup 15% premium.

## PROCESSORS & DISTRIBUTORS

152 certified enterprises including:  
 51 small scale (artisan) processors, 90 industrial (more than 5 employees), 6 distributors, 1 retail, 4 traders.

Processed products include: cheese, yogurt, butter, ice cream, breads, flours & mixes, soy products, flax products, juice, bars, fruit spreads/jams, pasta sauce, medicinal herbs, vinegar, meats, coffee roasting, wine, chocolate.

### Organic Retail Sales

\$ value unknown  
 Outlets for organic sales: 495 mainstream stores, 151 other  
 \$1.47M CSA sales (Source EquiTerre)

### Livestock

71 certified livestock enterprises, plus 13 in transition.

Type	Head	Farms
Beef cattle	2573	6+
Bison	74	?
Dairy	2513	50
Sheep	2926	8?
Goats	57	?
Pigs	3033	5?
Bee Hives	1412	

### Poultry

Type	Head	Farms
Meat birds	84,848	?
Layers	35,613	?
Turkeys	1058	?
Ducks	1805	?
Guinea fowl	400	?
Geese	100	?
Unidentified birds	455	?

Estimated egg production:  
 792,389 dozen

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

[OCIA](#), [FVO-ICS](#), [QAI](#), [Garantie-Bio/Ecocert](#); [Quebec Vrai](#); [CAAQ](#), [FPAQ](#), [FABQ-UPA](#).

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