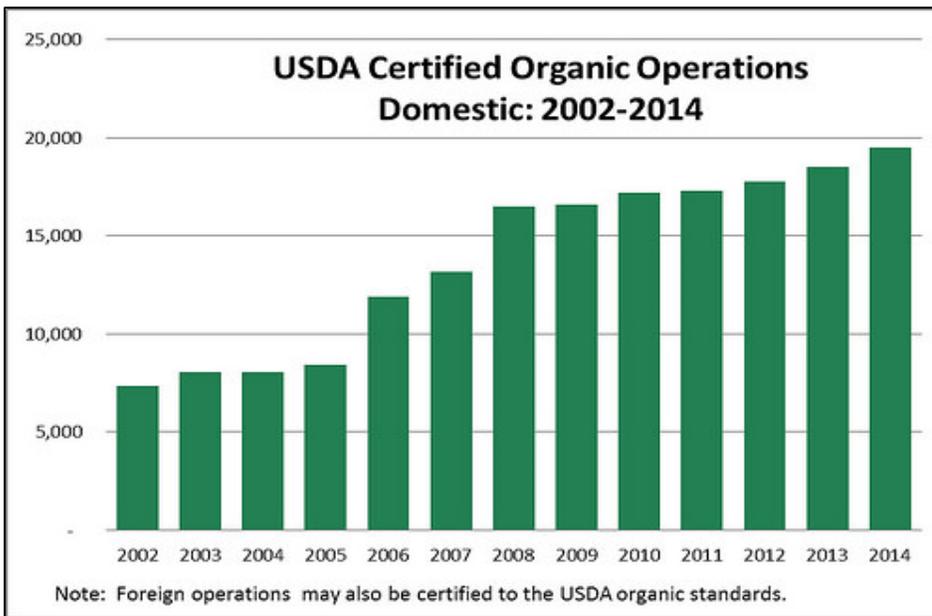


# 2014 List of Certified Operations



The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) has published the 2014 list of certified organic farms and businesses at <http://apps.ams.usda.gov/nop>. In 2015, with funding from the 2014 Farm Bill, NOP is developing a modern certified organic operations database that will be updated on a regular basis. The new system, the Organic Integrity Database, is a major upgrade. It will allow anyone to confirm an operation's certification status, support market research and supply chain connections between buyers and sellers, enable international verification of an operator's organic certification status, and establish technology connections with certifiers to provide accurate and timely data. The initial launch of the modernized system is planned for September 2015.



- As of the end of 2014, 19,474 organic farms and processing facilities in the United States were certified to the USDA organic regulations.
- Since the count began in 2002, the number of domestic organic operations has increased by over 250%.
- Worldwide, there are now 27,814 certified organic operators. This count does not include organic operations in other countries that operate under equivalence arrangements.

## Is Organic an Option for You?

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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/organicinfo).

