

Organic Agriculture in Iowa and U.S.

2001 USDA Data

- **United States totals in 2001:**
 - 6,949 certified organic farms
 - 2,344,272 certified organic acres
 - 174,467 certified organic soybean acres
 - 93,551 certified organic corn acres
- **Iowa totals in 2001:**
 - 384 certified organic farms
 - 80,354 certified organic acres
 - 27,226 certified organic soybean acres
 - 15,232 certified organic corn acres
 - 138,894 Layer Hens
 - 36,000 Broilers
 - 1,338 Dairy Cows
 - 1,198 Hogs/pigs

The Iowa Organic Program is growing each year. While there are approximately 9 other certifiers certifying organic farms in the state, nearly 40% of Iowa's organic farms are certified by IDALS.

Iowa Dept. of Agriculture (IDALS) – Organic Certification Program

- Year 2000: IDALS certified 30 farms
- Year 2001: IDALS certified 90 farms
- Year 2002: IDALS certified 130 farms operations
- Year 2003: IDALS will certify approximately 140 farms and 23 organic processors
- Year 2004: IDALS will certify 155 farms and 33 organic processors.

Notables

- In 2001 Iowa was #2 Nationally in organic soybean and organic corn production;
- While data is not all in, it appears that organic laying hen and broiler production has increased precipitously since 2001.
- Organic dairy production continues to increase.
- 2004 value of organic soybeans: feed-grade \$10-12; food-grade \$15.00 - \$19.00 (2004 yields and quality are up and anticipating 35 – 40 bushels of soybeans/acre).
- 2004 value of organic corn: feed-grade ; food-grade \$

U.S Marketplace

- \$23 billion organic food & beverage market in 2002;
- 20% annual increase in consumer demand in U.S. during the 1990's and into 2000;
- 63% of Americans buy organic foods & beverages at least some of the time;
- U.S. organic sales were \$9 - \$9.5 billion in 2001.