In 1987 WSDA inspected the first 68 farms for organic certification. Today* WSDA organic inspectors visit more than 1,300 organic farms, processors, handlers, and retail stores each year.

WASHINGTON STATE ORGANIC FARMERS PRODUCE

93% of fresh organic apples
91% of organic sweet cherries
81% of organic pears
54% of organic yellow onions
51% of organic sweet corn
33% of organic blueberries
27% of organic potatoes
16% of organic peaches

$667 Million
Total Farm Gate Sales
88% of sales are Eastern WA crops
12% of sales are Western WA crops

ORGANIC LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION IN WASHINGTON:

Organic milk sales
$43.9 million
Organic livestock and poultry sales
$37.3 million
Organic egg sales
$21.5 million

114,726 acres in organic production
6,693 acres in certified transition

WHAT IS ORGANIC?

Organic is a labeling term that indicates that the food or other agricultural product has been produced through approved methods. These methods integrate cultural, biological, and mechanical practices that foster cycling of resources, promote ecological balance, and conserve biodiversity. Synthetic fertilizers, sewage sludge, irradiation, and genetic engineering may not be used.

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