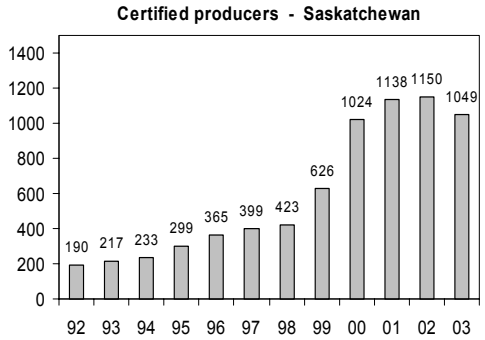
Organic Statistics 2003

SASKATCHEWAN

FARMERS

Number certified: 1049
% of total farmers: 2%
Number in transition: 25
Estimated gross value of sales: unknown
% less than $10000 gross sales: 14%
% over $50,000 gross sales: 64%
Acreage in production: 561496 acres
Additional acreage in program: 12,420 acres
Transitional acreage: unknown



TYPE OF PRODUCTION

Vegetables
25 acres mixed vegetables, 11 farms
53 acres potatoes, 15 farms

Herbs & Specialty crops
See chart

Crop	Acres	Farms
Mixed herbs	53	16
Echinacea	19	12
Borage	348	6
Caraway	110	3
Coriander	89	3
Fenugreek	76	1
Yellow dock	25	1
Sea buckthorn	30	4

Fruit
Saskatoon berries: 88 acres, 8 producers
Mixed berries: 3 acres, 2 producers
Strawberries: 1 acre, 4 producers
Raspberries: 1 acre, 3 producers.

Grains & Oilseeds
385,961 acres.
Saskatchewan has the large acreage of organic crop production in Canada.
31580 acres of wild rice lakes, 163 harvesters
Number of producers growing crop not provided by all CBs
Estimated potential farm gate value of crops: $ 92 million

Crop	Acres	Farms
crops unidentified	49235	
Barley	13534	151+
Buckwheat	1846	25+
Canola	429	3
Flax	65109	514+
Hemp	160	4
Kamut	9090	41
Millet	420	12
Mustard	2597	31
Oats	48707	426+
Pulses	25514	203+
Peas	10978	110
Quinoa	267	2
Rye	11377	141
Spelt	1162	9
Sunflowers	42	2+
Triticale	412	11
Wheat & Durum	145043	730+

Forages & Green manures
Pasture and Hay: 21650 acres, 111 producers
Alfalfa: 7835 acres, 54 producers
Alfalfa for seed: 3412 acres, 30 producers
Clover: 7835 acres, 63 producers,
Vetch/medic/sainfoin: 2797 acres,16 producers
Fallow/green manure: 5951 acres, 38 producers
Green manures: 84978 acres, 291 producers
Crown land, native pasture & brush: 12420 acres, 63 producers

Livestock

Type	Head	Farms
Beef cattle	3839	39
Bison	107	3
Dairy	0	0
Sheep	390	3
Goats	0	0
Pigs	0	0
Deer/elk	100	1

Poultry

Type	Head	Farms
Meat birds	340	
Layers	370	3
Turkeys	100	1

Estimated egg production:
8263 dozen

PROCESSORS & DISTRIBUTORS

94 certified enterprises including:
18 processors
13 seed/bulk grains/livestock feed
5 handler/traders
58 unidentified

Processed products include:
Flours, flax products; pulses (consumer ready); oils, hemp foods, medicinal herbs, meats.

Retail outlets selling organic foods
Saskatchewan has the least number of retail outlets selling organic food; only 3 mainstream grocery outlets and 17 other outlets were identified
$ value unknown

These statistics were compiled from data provided by the following CBs:
OCIA, PROCERT, OPAM, SOCA. COCC, FVO-ICS, QAI, BFPA

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