

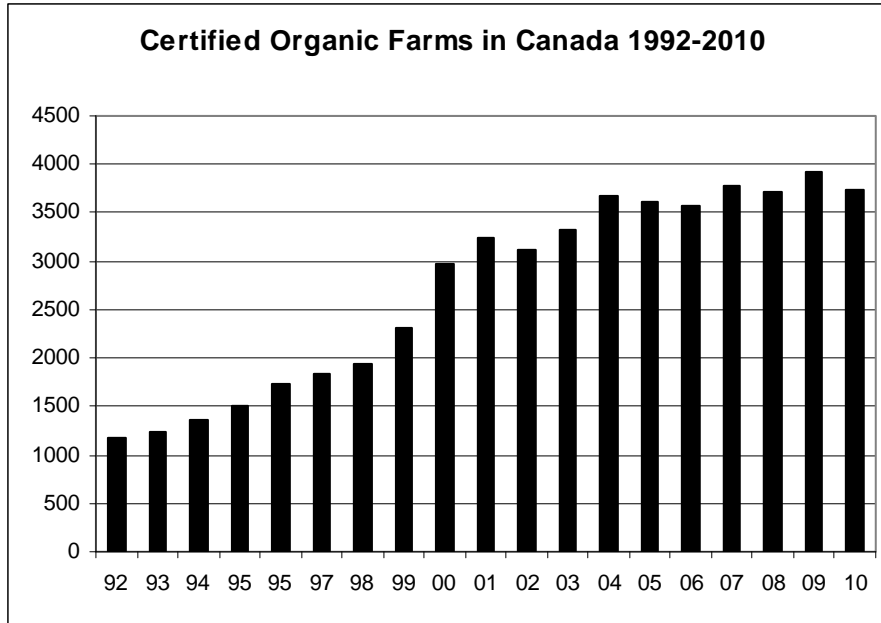
Certified Organic Production Statistics for Canada 2010

The following report was prepared for Canadian Organic Growers (COG) by Anne Macey using data provided by organic certification agencies operating in Canada. Other sources are referenced in the text as appropriate. Our thanks to all those who have continued to support this project by providing data on an annual basis.

1. Certified Organic Operators

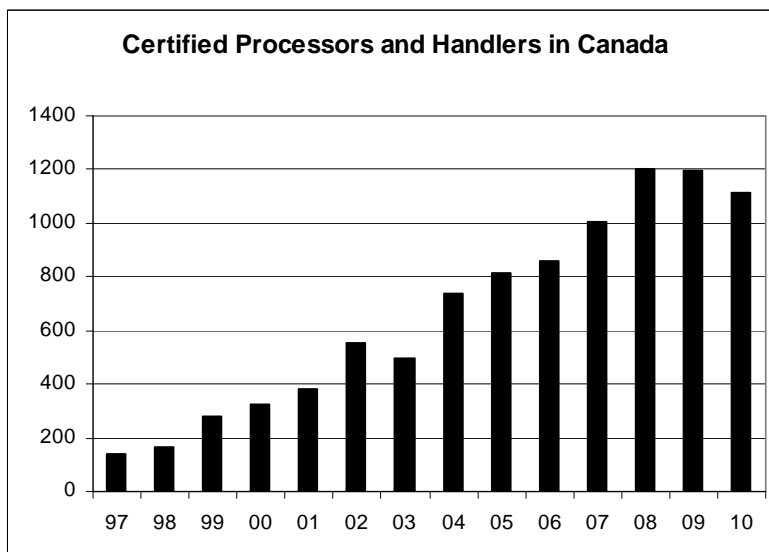
The following numbers are from data provided to Canadian Organic Growers by the certification bodies operating in Canada or compiled from listings available on the CB websites and for Quebec from CARTV and the report "Statistiques 2010 Usage de l'appellation biologique au Québec". Figures from May 2011 census are added for comparison and are considered comparable given that data is pre 2011 crop year.

Province	Farms/primary producers 2009	Farms/primary producers 2010 & 2011 census ()	% change primary producers from 09	Farms in Transition	Processors (includes food manufacturers & seed cleaners)	Handlers (includes packers, brokers & retail)
BC	475	471 (470)	-0.8%	62	124	57
AB	319	275 (290)	-10.6%	1	59	15
SK	1123	938 (963)	-16%		72	3
MB	168	158 (169)	-5.9%		34	3
ON	716	685 (674)	-4.3%	33	248	18
QC	956	1054 (1015)	10.25%	96	291	143
NB	56	56 (59)	0	1	13	1
NS	47	43 (41)	-8.5%	2	20	2
PEI	48	43 (39)	-10.4%	2	6	3
NFL	2	2 (1)	0		3	0
YK	4	6 (5)	50%		0	0
NT		1			0	0
Totals	3914	3732 (3713)	-4.6%	197	870	245



Overall there were 182 fewer certified farms/primary producers reported in 2010 compared with 2009. The greatest decline occurred in the Prairie provinces likely for a number of different reasons – organic grain markets, retiring farmers etc. Quebec is the only province to consistently report increasing numbers of certified producers which is attributed to the fact that province is the only province to have a mandatory regulation. Elsewhere for intra-provincial sales there is nothing to stop operators making organic claims without certification as long as they are in fact producing organically. The result is that producers growing only for the local market are increasingly dropping certification.

In Ontario, although numbers show a decline of 4.3% from 2009 the acreage reported as being under organic management has increased by 6.7% percent.



The number of certified processors and handlers appear to have dropped slightly from 1195 in 2009 to 1115 in 2010 but this may have more to do with how operations are classified and the

fact that service providers are not certified under the Organic Products Regulations than any real differences. In Quebec the numbers of certified processors continue to increase each year.

2. Certified Organic Acreage 2010

Several certifiers failed to provide acreage data for 2010. The table below shows the incomplete data. No attempts have been made to extrapolate numbers to provide estimates for each province.

The only complete data for 2010 is that for Quebec and Ontario with both provinces showing increases in acreage from 2009. An additional 1108 hectares (2738 acres) were reported in Quebec for 2010 (2.7%) and 3139 hectares (7756 acres) in Ontario (6.7%). Some of the Ontario increase may be due to the fact that for one CB only a rough estimate was provided in 2009.

Given the lack of data for other provinces it is not possible to draw any meaningful conclusions.

Table 2: Certified acreage by province: grey shaded = data incomplete

Province	Farmed land				Wild land for harvesting/pasture		Comments
	Ha	Ha in Transition	Acres	Ac in Transition	Ha	Acres	
BC	5082	?	12557	?	?	?	Acreage data only available for 50% of operators.
AB	11900	?	294,055	?	?	?	Acreage data only available for 57% of operators. Wild land includes native pasture/crownland for cattle range.
SK	197407	?	487,803	?	?	?	Acreage data only available for 53% of operators
MB	10137	?	25050	?	?	?	Acreage data only available for 23% of operators.
ON	49909	2320	123,328	5732	4707	11,632	Data from 100% of operators
QC	42492	3609	105000	8918			Data from 100% of operators except Wild blueberries & maple forest not included.
NB	?	?	?	?	3250	8044	Numbers under wild land are Maple forest acreage from 2009 which is not considered to have changed significantly
NS	?	?	?	?			
PEI	906.5	?	2240	?			Data from 23% of operators
NFL, YK & NT	?	?	?	?	?	?	
CANADA	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	

It is disappointing that after 8 years of tracking changes in acreage the numbers are not available for 2010. Some certifiers are asking for financial help so they can donate the staff time for collating data; others no longer record acreage in their database and therefore extracting them from individual files becomes too onerous. Complete data for Ontario is available for 2010 because funds were made available by the provincial government via the Organic Council of Ontario. Submission of operator data is a compulsory component of the Quebec regulation which enables CARTV to produce an annual statistics report. It remains to be seen if the Canada Organic Regime will include a data collection or reporting component in the future.

2.1 Acreage by Crop: Individual crop acreage is only available for Ontario for 2010. See the report “Certified Organic Production Ontario 2010” compiled by Anne Macey for the Organic Council of Ontario May 2011. Some data was provided for other provinces but given that data is missing for 50% or more of the producers in most provinces it was decided not to include incomplete data in this report.

3. Livestock

Readers are referred to the reports mentioned above for livestock numbers for Quebec and Ontario. Data is incomplete for other provinces.

3.1 Organic Milk Production - note this is the same data as provided in the 2009 report which included information for the 2009/2010 dairy year. From: AAFC-AID Dairy Section with data sourced from B.C Milk Marketing Board, Manitoba Milk Marketing Board, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec, and Alberta’s Dairy Producers.

Year	BC		AB		MB		ON		QC		CANADA	
	hl	Producers	hl	Producers	hl	Producers	hl	Producers	hl	Producers	hl	Producers
2009/10	183,892	15	73,336	9	18,348	4	255,768	78	336,482	100	869,826	206
2008/09	159,057	15	10,928	3	12,062	4	243,415	75	308,540	101	734,002	198
2007/08	116,045	14	4,156	2	2009	1	198,000	67	303,842	90	624,053	174
2006/07	93,538	14	3,615	2			144,000	51	255,742	80	496,895	147
2005/06	81,164	11	2,791	2			116,000	44	211,295	68	411,250	125
2004/05	63,392	5	2,594	2			103,000	42	186,435	63	355,420	112
2003/04	39,989	3	1,560	2			98,938	43	164,136	50	304,214	98
2002/03	31,989	3	869	1			96,000	43	143,351	47	272,209	94
2001/02	15,749	2					95,372	41	105,508	41	216,628	84
2000/01	198	2					45,000	37	54,315	26	99,513	65

There has been significant growth in the organic dairy sector. In recent years the largest increase year to year was 25% from 06/07 to 07/08. 09/10 shows a 8.5% increase from the previous year. Although impressive growth, the numbers only represent 1% of total Canadian milk production.

Percentage of organic milk by province: QC- 39%; ON-29%; BC- 21%; AB -8%; MB- 2%

Number of certified producers: 206; QC- 48%; ON-38%; BC - 7%; AB- 4%; MB-2%

4. Maple Syrup Production

There is certified maple syrup production in Quebec (434 producers; 7,217,617 taps which is a 12% increase from 2009), Ontario (6 producers; 774 acres, New Brunswick (16 producers, 3250 ha/8044 acre (?)) and Nova Scotia (1).