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## US organic top fifty

State	Total value of organic sales (\$1000)	Organic as % of all sales	Organic as % of all state ag sales (ranking)	Organic as % of US organic sales	Organic as % of US organic sales (ranking)
California	149,137	0.468%	8	37.966%	1
Idaho	25,328	0.582%	6	6.448%	2
Wisconsin	20,828	0.303%	12	5.302%	3
Washington	20,326	0.346%	11	5.174%	4
Texas	15,183	0.092%	22	3.865%	5
Iowa	13,333	0.091%	23	3.394%	6
New York	12,920	0.354%	10	3.289%	7
Colorado	12,516	0.228%	14	3.186%	8
Oregon	9,933	0.269%	13	2.529%	9
Pennsylvania	8,808	0.181%	16	2.242%	10
Minnesota	8,330	0.085%	25	2.121%	11
Vermont	8,136	1.398%	2	2.071%	12
Massachusetts	7,837	1.893%	1	1.995%	13
Michigan	7,019	0.163%	18	1.787%	14
Florida	5,913	0.086%	24	1.055%	15
Ohio	5,616	0.103%	21	1.430%	16
North Carolina	5,365	0.065%	28	1.366%	17
Hawaii	4,801	0.873%	3	1.222%	18
Virginia	4,306	0.160%	19	1.096%	19
Nebraska	4,145	0.035%	33	1.055%	20
Maine	4,113	0.743%	4	1.047%	21
Montana	3,847	0.172%	17	0.979%	22
Maryland	3,614	0.207%	15	0.920%	23
Nevada	3,613	0.031%	35	0.920%	24
Arizona	3,410	0.111%	20	0.868%	25
North Dakota	3,262	0.080%	26	0.830%	26
Kentucky	2,987	0.072%	27	0.760%	27
Connecticut	2,822	0.536%	7	0.718%	28
Kansas	2,320	0.024%	38	0.591%	29
South Dakota	2,239	0.046%	30	0.570%	30
Illinois	1,778	0.018%	40	0.453%	31
New Mexico	1,576	0.061%	29	0.401%	32
New Hampshire	1,154	0.683%	5	0.294%	33
Missouri	979	0.017%	41	0.249%	34
Indiana	851	0.014%	43	0.217%	35
South Carolina	746	0.039%	32	0.190%	36
Georgia	671	0.011%	44	0.171%	37
Mississippi	649	0.016%	42	0.165%	38
Tennessee	637	0.025%	37	0.162%	39
Utah	437	0.035%	34	0.111%	40
Rhode Island	270	0.423%	9	0.069%	41
Wyoming	268	0.024%	39	0.068%	42
New Jersey	222	0.026%	36	0.057%	43
Alabama	186	0.005%	45	0.047%	44
West Virginia	176	0.042%	31	0.045%	45
Arkansas	136	0.002%	47	0.035%	46
Louisiana	51	0.002%	46	0.013%	47
Oklahoma	12	0.000%	49	0.003%	48
Delaware	8	0.001%	48	0.002%	49
Alaska	-	0.000%	50	0.000%	50

Source: Center For Food Safety. Based on USDA 2002 census of agriculture.