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NORTHEAST ORGANIC FARMING ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK

Organic Farming in New York

New York continues to be a leading state in organic production.

330,000+
acres of organic farmland
(second only to CA).

1,900+
total organic operations
(third in the nation).*

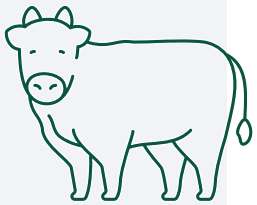
$325M+
in annual farmgate sales
(sixth in the nation).
Over half of the sales are from meat, eggs, and dairy, over a third are from organic crops, and the rest are from livestock sales.

Organic in New York is growing! Nearly 40% of organic farmers are planning to increase production.

Organic Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops

New York ranks #1 in the nation for:
- greatest number of farms raising organic cattle
- greatest number of organic sheep
- greatest acreage of organic field crops (corn and soy)
- greatest acreage of organic hay (260,000 acres)
- greatest number of organic dairy operations

New York ranks #3 in the nation for:
- amount of organic milk produced and sold



Organic Specialty Crops

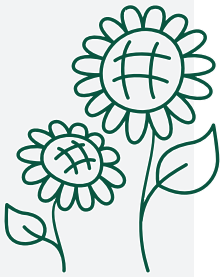
New York is also a top producer of specialty crops, many of which are grown on small diversified operations.

New York ranks #1 in the nation for:
- greatest number of organic mushroom farms

New York ranks #2 in the nation for:
- number of organic maple syrup operations, taps, and sales
- number of organic flower farms

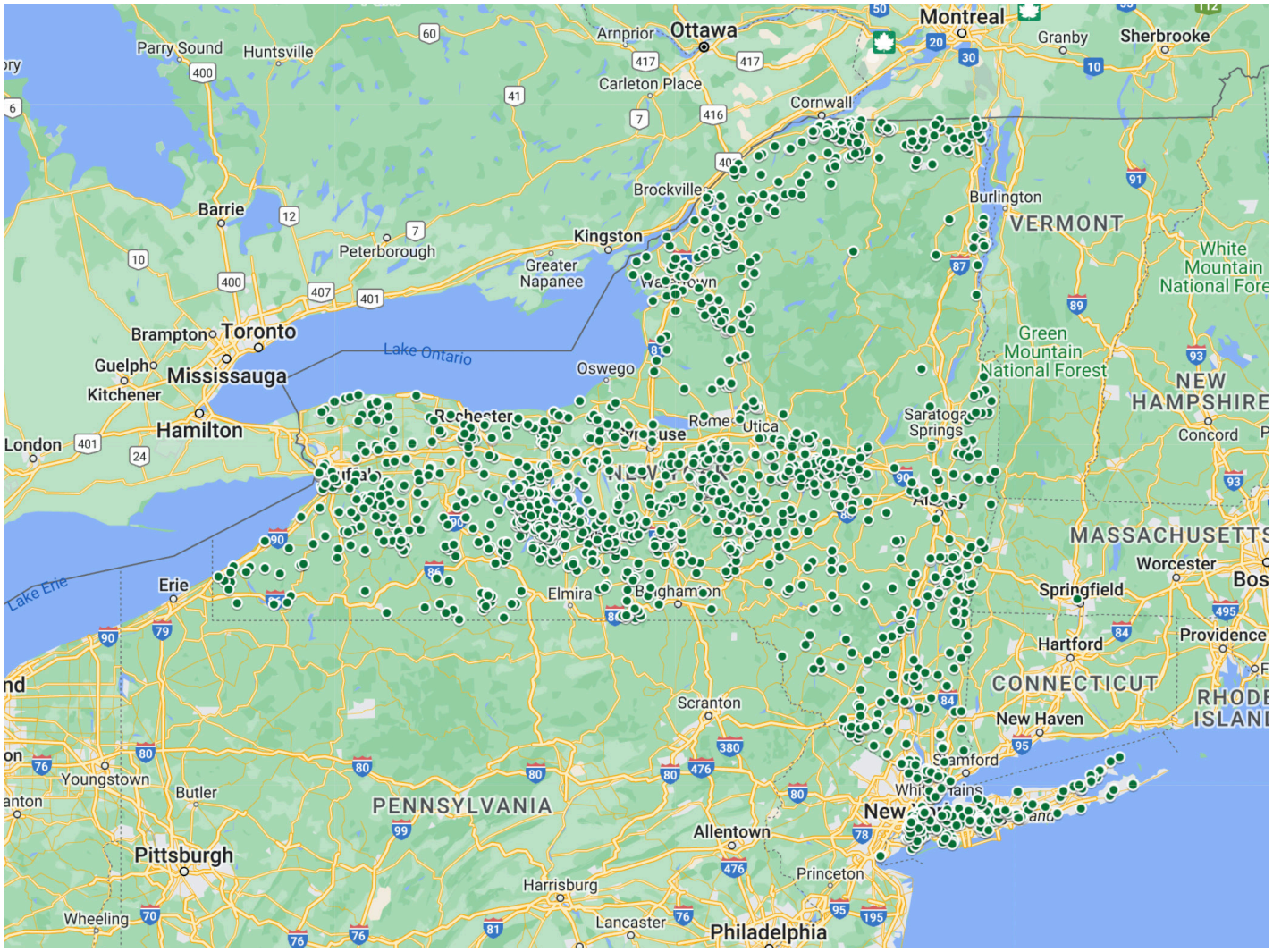
New York ranks #3 in the nation for:
- number of organic apple orchards
- number of organic vegetable farms (top crops include: squash, sweet corn, snap beans, and lettuce)

New York ranks #4 in the nation for:
- number of organic fruit farms (top crops include: blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries)



**The USDA organic integrity database shows over 1,900 total organic operations as of March 2023, the 2021 Organic Survey includes 1,407 farms. The Organic Survey farm count only includes farms with 2021 organic farm production. Handling only operations, certified operations without 2021 certified organic production, and operations with surrendered or revoked certification in 2021 are excluded from the farm count.*

Certified Organic Operations in New York



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About NOFA-NY

NOFA-NY is an organization of farmers, gardeners, and consumers working together to create a sustainable regional food system that's ecologically sound, socially just, and economically viable. Through demonstration and education, we promote land stewardship, organic food production, and local marketing. We bring consumer and farmer together to make high-quality food available to all people.

NOFA-NY Provides:

- USDA accredited organic certification to more than half of the organic farms and businesses in New York State
- Educational programming, technical assistance, and mentorship programs to farmers across New York State
- Tools to connect consumers with local and organic products
- Opportunities to advocate for thriving, sustainable, local, and organic food and farming systems