

CCOF Statistics at a Glance

Statistics as of October, 2009

CCOF has been actively certifying and protecting the integrity of organic for 36 years and has grown to be one of the largest organic certifiers in North America. This directory boasts 1,296 different certified organic crops, products and services produced by CCOF's 2,168 certified farm, processor, and retail members.

In 2009, CCOF experienced an 8% growth in certified operations and total certified organic acres. The number of CCOF certified operations increased from 2,007 in 2008 to 2,168 in 2009, while the certified acreage grew from 558,137 to 603,545*. In 2008, the corresponding growth rates had been 11% for operations and 14% for acreage. So, while it is clear that the organic sector has felt the effects of the downturn in the economy in 2009, it continues to show growth rates that would be envied by other sectors of the economy, including the conventionally grown food market.

Who Does CCOF Certify?

CCOF certifies a wide range of operations across the food supply chain including growers, food processors/handlers, livestock, and retail operations. A breakdown of CCOF certification by category is shown in the table below.

Category of Certification	Number of Members in 2008	Number of Members in 2009	Change in Number of Members 2008 - 2009	Annual % Change in Member Category
Grower	1,238 (62%)	1,312 (60%)	74	6%
Grower/Handler	192 (10%)	217 (10%)	25	13%
Handler	468 (23%)	511 (24%)	43	9%
Livestock	104 (5%)	122 (6%)	18	17%
Retail	5 (<1%)	6 (<1%)	1	40%
Total	2,007	2,168	161	8%

The number of livestock operations continues to grow and the 14% increase in the grower/handler category reflects a continued trend by small to medium sized grower operations, towards the expansion into post-harvest activities, such as storage and packaging to produce value added goods.

New This Year: Processed Goods

The table below provides an overview of some of the key processed products certified by CCOF and the number of certified operations producing them. While personal care products appears to lead with 897 certified products, this figure relates a relatively small number of certified operations producing a large number of different essential oils and herbal extract tinctures. The beverages category is second largest with coffee, wine, dairy and tea products and organic chocolate and confections comes in third. CCOF will continue to track trends in this data in future years. The handler or food

processor category grew at 9%, a 50% higher growth rate than the grower category, which confirms that organic products are increasingly not just available in the periphery of fresh produce sections of supermarkets, but on the shelves of the beverage, baked goods and frozen foods aisles. CCOF anticipates that the processed goods certification category will continue to grow as consumers demand more and more organic products.

Category	Number of Certified Products/Services	Number of Certified Processors
Baby Food	61	4
Baked Goods	155	42
Beer	90	17
Chocolate & Confections	312	58
Coffee	716	65
Dairy Products	383	107
Distilled Spirits	18	7
Meat	57	36
Personal Care	897	33
Tea	374	53
Wine	588	85

Crops – 2009 Key Growth Areas

Fruit showed substantial growth in raisin grapes and citrus acreage. In 2009, CCOF added 1,545 new CCOF certified organic raisin grape acres, an increase of 45.4%. Raisin acreage has risen 168% over the last four years. CCOF certified organic citrus acreage grew 39.2% (888 acres). Organic berries once again showed strong growth with certified acreage increasing 20%. Certified organic acreage for berries has increased 203% in the last four years, from just over 1,500 acres in 2005 to 4,500 today - an impressive growth rate, especially taking into consideration the high farm-gate value of this crop.

Interestingly, the acreage for certified organic nuts took a turn upwards in 2009 from a growth rate of only 1.4% in 2008 to 18.8% in 2009. Pistachio orchards led the way with 42% growth from a plateau the previous year, while almonds grew by almost 1,000 acres (26%) to a total of 4,627 acres.

The vegetables category showed a mixed bag of results; some organic vegetable crop acreage grew while others declined. The gains were in mixed vegetables: garlic, onions, fresh tomatoes and herbs. In 2005, organic garlic acreage was less than 100 acres. Today, certified organic garlic acreage is 614, a growth of an astounding 533%. Declines in vegetable acreage were seen in lettuce, carrots and processing tomatoes, suggesting a constriction in some high production crop areas as a result of the economy. However, the 5.7% decrease in certified organic carrot acreage this year should also be placed within the longer-term context. Organic carrot acreage grew 341% in the period 2005 to 2009 from just over 5,000 to 22,275 acres.

* Total crop acreage is higher than certified organic acreage due to crop rotation.

CCOF Certified Crop Acreage

	2006	2007	2008	2009		2006	2007	2008	2009
FRUIT					VEGETABLES				
Berries	2,558	3,070	3,827	4,619	Assorted Vegetables				
Citrus	2,101	2,059	2,267	3,155	Beans (Fresh)	352	391	206	207
					Garlic	245	250	380	614
Subtropical Fruit					Lettuces (Inc. salad mix)	12,828	13,285	13,877	12,921
Avocados	752	934	1,051	1,131	Mixed Vegetables	6,735	7,837	10,004	17,012
Figs	2,099	1,518	1,493	1,448	Onions	3,452	3,406	3,824	4,974
Dates	282	274	285	333	Peas	50	148	219	312
Kiwi	321	350	352	348	Potatoes	3,121	3,461	3,792	4,293
Other	367	332	429	695	Sweet Potatoes	460	387	747	839
Total	3,821	3,408	3,610	3,955	Total Assorted Vegetables	27,243	29,165	33,049	41,172
					Tomatoes				
Grapes					Processing	4,713	5,934	5,918	5,422
Raisin	1,750	2,438	3,401	4,946	Fresh	638	920	1,065	1,408
Table	2,985	3,734	4,152	4,482	Total Tomatoes	5,350	6,854	6,983	6,830
Wine	8,370	9,240	9,722	10,318	Umbells & Herbs				
Juice	46	38	30	30	Carrots	6,953	11,566	23,623	22,275
Other	2,970	2,971	4,065	4,632	Herbs	441	451	498	728
Total Grapes	6,120	18,421	21,370	24,408	Total Umbells & Herbs	7,394	12,017	24,121	23,003
					Brassicas	2,915	2,645	3,361	3,547
Pome Fruit					Other Vegetables	7,279	12,695	25,227	12,447
Apple	998	1,182	1,272	1,683	Total Vegetables	50,181	63,376	92,741	86,999
Pear	508	444	491	385	FIELD & SEED CROPS				
Other	3	3	3	0	Cotton	38	240	241	201
Total Pome Fruit	1,509	1,629	1,766	2,068	Oil Crops	142	900	23,630	22,248
					Legumes				
Stone Fruit					Beans (Dry)	443	439	679	767
Peach	649	777	921	1,144	Other	1,756	2,722	3,133	4,242
Nectarines	415	508	727	826	Total Legumes	2,199	3,161	3,812	5,009
Cherries	194	190	226	292	Grain & Forage				
Apricots	349	361	330	333	Alfalfa	9,064	11,750	18,440	19,942
Prunes	1,474	1,314	1,319	1,079	Barley	5,284	4,030	4,961	11,408
Other	1,739	1,894	2,111	2,498	Corn (Dry)	745	1,013	2,602	3,236
Total Stone Fruit	4,820	5,044	5,634	6,172	Corn (Pop)	355	289	172	294
					Oats	3,181	4,822	3,557	4,391
Other Fruit	1,138	1,708	1,614	1,861	Rice	19,004	28,375	25,194	17,470
Total Fruit	32,068	35,339	40,088	46,238	Wheat	10,342	14,104	35,810	36,447
					Other	18,050	35,228	35,503	47,809
NUTS					Total Grain & Forage	66,026	99,611	126,239	140,997
Almonds	3,286	3,528	3,675	4,627	Pasture & Field	165,546	228,759	238,888	253,529
Pistachios	758	886	886	1,260	Other Field & Seed	3,129	8,312	11,506	7,143
Walnuts	4,274	4,652	4,638	5,001	Total Field & Seed	237,080	340,983	404,316	429,127
Other	62	61	56	105	TOTAL CERTIFIED CROP ACREAGE	346,969	488,340	597,589	630,928
Total Nuts	8,381	9,127	9,255	10,993	TOTAL CERTIFIED OPERATIONS	1,523	1,808	2,007	2,168
OTHER CROPS & LAND									
Nursery & Flower	299	415	279	523					
Fallow	18,960	39,100	50,910	57,048					
Total Other Crops & Land	19,259	39,515	51,189	57,571					

Data as of October 26, 2009

