

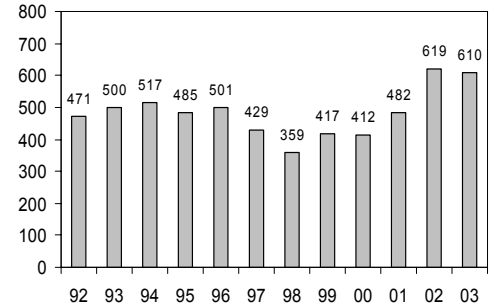
Organic Statistics 2003

QUEBEC

PRODUCERS

Number certified: 610
 % of total farmers: 1.9%
 Includes 253 maple syrup producers who do not have other organic crops or livestock.
 Number in transition: 67
 Estimated gross value of sales: unknown at least \$25 M
 % less than \$10000 gross sales: Unknown
 % over \$50,000 gross sales: Unknown
 Land in Production: 17,748 ha
 Transitional land: 87 ha

Certified producers - Quebec



TYPE OF PRODUCTION

Vegetables

688 ha, (1701 acres); Number of farms: at least 115
 1.6% of total vegetable area in province.
 11% increase from 2001 to 2003
 Small diversified farms average 20 types of vegetables.
 10% of producers specialize in a few crops on large acreages

Crop	Ha	Farms
Mixed vegetables	548	115
Greenhouses	9	21
Large scale misc.	89	?
Corn	40	?

Herbs

71 ha (176 acres) including 11.7 ha of burdock; at least 21 producers.

Fruit & Nuts

149 ha (370 acres); at least 35 producers:
 18.2 ha mixed berries; 106 ha cranberries; 24 ha tree fruit.

Grains & Oilseeds

11547.7 hectares seeded (28535 acres)
 Estimated potential farm gate value: \$9.5 M
 Soybeans \$3,502,578; Corn \$2,279,000; Wheat \$1,715,875;
 Oats \$935,200; Barley \$416,772; Spelt \$ 393,600;
 Buckwheat \$158,270; Rye \$92,250.

Crop	Hectares	Farms
barley	454.5	5+
buckwheat	322.9	4+
canola	36	?
corn	1075.1	12+
flax	14.2	?
hemp	7.7	?
millet	16.2	1
mixed grains	2814.7	9+
oats	1336.2	9+
pulses (beans)	30.1	2
peas	10.1	1
rye	123.3	?
soybeans	2986.2	29+
spelt	328.2	3
sunflowers	30.8	?
wheat	1961.5	15+

Forages & Green manures

11,516.3 hectares (28457 acres) including:
 Pasture and Hay: 11212.5 ha. Alfalfa: 14.6 ha
 Fallow/green manure: 282.4 ha. Lupin: 2 ha

Livestock

71 certified livestock enterprises, plus 13 in transition.

Type	Head	Farms
Beef cattle	2573	6+
Bison	74	?
Dairy	2513	50
Sheep	2926	8?
Goats	57	?
Pigs	3033	5?
Bee Hives	1412	

Quebec is the only province with large numbers of sheep and pigs and these show a marked decline since 01/02 with a 60% reduction in pig numbers.

Milk production

2001-2002: 10,527,567 litres/\$6,657,132 93% increase
2002-2003: 14,328,627 litres/\$9,346,563 36% increase
2003-2004 projection 16,000,000 litres/ \$10,436,800 11.6% increase
Source SPLBQ (FABQ-UPA)

Maple Syrup

257 operations reported by certifiers plus 20 in transition.
42% of certified producers.
3,232,933 taps
FPAQ reported 366 organic producers.
Different sources provided 2 different estimates of quantity:
5,800,000 - 8% of all syrup production in province
9,381,321 -12% of all syrup production in province
\$ Value: at least \$10.25 Million at bulk prices for organic syrup
15% premium.

PROCESSORS & DISTRIBUTORS

109 certified enterprises including:
60 small scale (artisan) processors, 29 industrial processors,
6 distributors, 1 retail, 4 traders.

Processed products include: cheese, yogurt, butter, ice cream, breads, flours & mixes, soy products, flax products, juice, bars, fruit spreads/jams, pasta sauce, medicinal herbs, vinegar, meats, coffee roasting, wine, chocolate.

Poultry

Type	Head	Farms
Meat birds	84,848	?
Layers	35,613	?
Turkeys	1058	?
Ducks	1805	?
Guinea fowl	400	?
Geese	100	?
Unidentified birds	455	?

Estimated egg production:
792,389 dozen

Organic Retail Sales

\$ value unknown
Outlets for organic sales:
495 mainstream stores
151 other

\$1.47M CSA sales
(Source EquiTerre)

These statistics were compiled from data provided by the following agencies:
OCIA, FVO-ICS, QAI, Garantie-Bio/Ecocert; Quebec Vrai; CAAQ, FPAQ, FABQ-UPA

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