


MOFGA CERTIFICATION SERVICES

## YEAR IN REVIEW

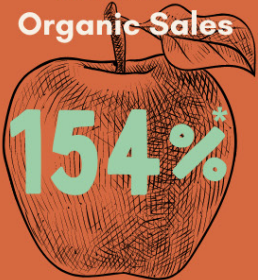
2022

529

Certified Producers



Growth in Organic Sales




154%\*

Growth in organic sales from 2016 to 2020 as reported by MOFGA certified producers.  
\*Based on gross organic sales of \$122M for 2020.

57,910

Total Certified Acres



Total Production Categories


766

- Crops/Vegetables = 340
- Processor/Handlers = 89
- On-Farm Processors = 94
- Low-Bush Blueberries = 49
- Dairies = 59
- Livestock (Non-Dairy) = 42
- Maple syrup = 53
- Mushrooms = 20
- Sea Vegetables = 20


Acreage Categories

- Vegetables = 1,216
- Low-Bush Blueberries = 2,484
- Flowers = 35
- Hay = 18,294
- Pasture = 7,610
- Sugarbush = 20,157
- Grains = 1,938
- Potatoes = 222
- Fruit = 405
- Mushrooms = 31
- Herbs = 32

Number of Greenhouses/Hoophouses Certified = 152



MCS CERTIFIED 53  
NEW PRODUCERS IN  
2022



## Demographics of MOFGA Certified Producers

Starting in 2023, there will be a new series of questions on the organic system plan updates requesting information about the demographic information for certified producers. These questions will be optional but are designed to help MOFGA Certification Services (MCS) and MOFGA better understand what communities our certified organic producers represent. Please let us know if you have any questions about this change in 2023.

Later this fall/early winter, there will also be a survey sent around to all certified producers asking questions about how you use, if at all, the MOFGA brand to promote your products. Please be sure to fill out the survey so that MOFGA can understand how to best understand and meet the marketing needs of certified producers.



### JP APPLICATION DEADLINE COMING UP!



The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association will be accepting applications for the Journey Person Program (<https://www.mofga.org/trainings/farmer-training-programs/journeyperson-program/>), a two-year program designed to help Maine farmers overcome barriers in their first few years of business, until January 31, 2023. The program provides holistic support for farmers including support in accessing land, capital, business planning, mentorship, and one-on-one technical assistance alongside a network of farmers. Learn more about the program on MOFGA's website ([mofga.org](https://www.mofga.org)). Please contact Bo Dennis, beginning farmer programs specialist, at [bdennis@mofga.org](mailto:bdennis@mofga.org) with any questions.



### MOFGA's MC3 Program



MOFGA's Certified Clean Cannabis Program (MC3) currently certifies 19 producers within the medical and adult-use market. In 2022, we welcomed the following new operations into the program:

- Black Bog Farm, Porter
- Kender Farms Cultivation DBA Blue Sky, Farmington

To find the full directory of MC3 producers, visit our webpage at: [mofgacertification.org/mc3-producer-directory](https://mofgacertification.org/mc3-producer-directory). The 2023 application period for MC3 will open around March 1, 2023. Please contact our office for more information.

