

Organic Initiative

Purpose

This effort provides financial assistance to implement conservation practices to assist organic producers in addressing resource concerns including

- developing a conservation plan,
- establishing buffer zones,
- planning and installing pollinator habitat,
- improving soil quality and organic matter while minimizing erosion,
- developing a grazing plan and supportive livestock practices,
- improving irrigation efficiency, and
- enhancing cropping rotations and nutrient management.

Contact your local NRCS service center to sign up for this effort. Find your nearest center: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

Organic Signup Results

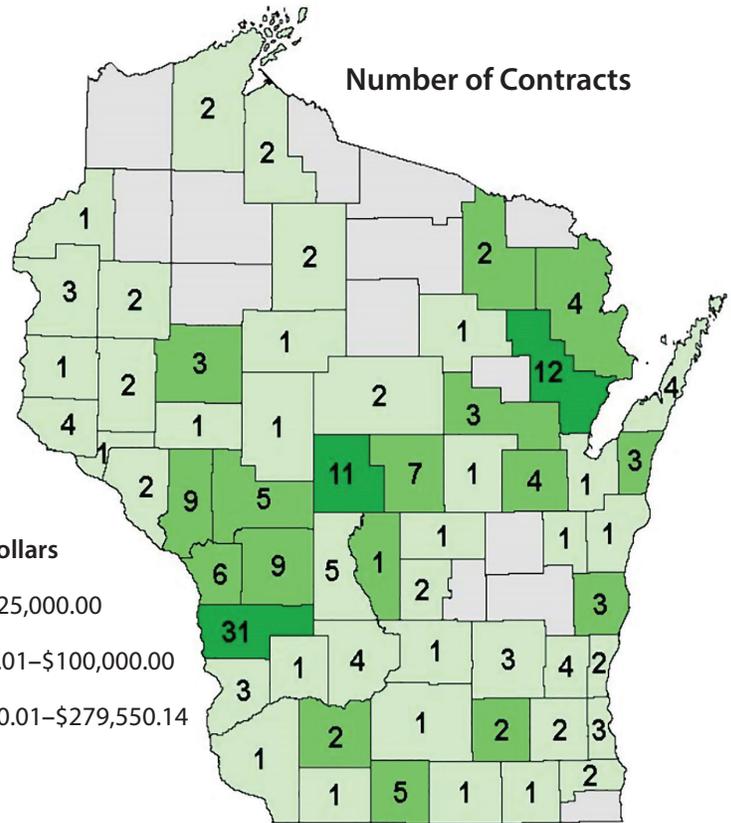
Fiscal Year	Certified / Transitional Totals	Contracts (No.)	Dollars (\$)
2009	Certified	50	494,361
	Transitional	67	455,760
	Total	117	950,121
2010	Certified	49	729,390
	Transitional	42	165,943
	Total	91	895,333
2011	Certified	74	626,625
	Transitional	48	221,621
	Total	122	848,246
2012 ^a	Certified	9	54,134
	Transitional	10	104,639
	Total	19	158,773
2013	Certified	25	320,812
	Transitional	19	83,517
	Total	44	404,329
2014 ^b	Certified	14	200,682
	Transitional	7	94,460
	Total	21	295,142
2015	Certified	5 ^c	77,440
	Transitional	4 ^c	9,171
	Total	9^d	86,611
Grand Total FY 09–15		423	3,638,555

^aNational ranking threshold: minimum ranking score required to be funded

^bFirst year allocations to Organic Initiative from EQIP-General (previously national allocation to state)

^cSix eligible applications.

^dTwelve eligible applications.



We can help you develop a grazing plan and supportive livestock practices

NRCS Grazing Land Specialist Brian Pillsbury (left), and Farmer Dan Flood (right), assess pastured dairy cows grazing.