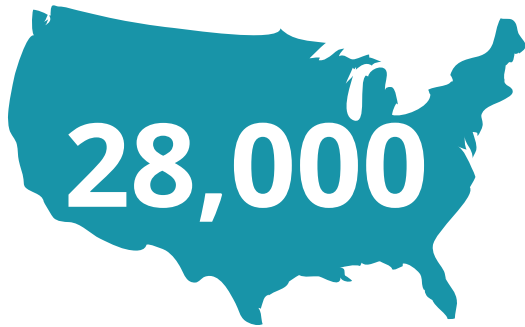


Farmers, families and businesses

are **choosing** organic food and farming.



The **\$62 billion-a-year** U.S. organic sector is supported by over



certified organic operations nationwide



Organic farms, suppliers and handlers are

creating jobs

by **opening, expanding and retooling handling and manufacturing processing facilities**

OVER **80%** of households across the country purchase organic



Ranking **27th** in the nation, Massachusetts has **278 organic businesses.**



85% of Massachusetts households are buying organic.



Massachusetts organic commodity sales are **nearly \$33 million** annually.



32% of Massachusetts organic farms plan on **increasing production** over the next 5 years.



50% of counties in Massachusetts are Organic Hotspots.



Milk, Berries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, and Squash are the top crops in Massachusetts.



Organic Operations by Massachusetts **Congressional District:**

District	Organic Operations
MA01	38
MA02	56
MA03	31
MA04	20
MA05	17
MA06	21
MA07	27
MA08	23
MA09	46