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Catherine Greene is a Senior Agricultural Economist in the Resource and Rural Economics Division of USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS). She has conducted economic research and analysis on the U.S. organic sector for over 25 years in ERS. She also served as the Economics Editor of USDA's Agricultural Outlook magazine in the early 1990s. Cathy's research agenda includes projects on the adoption of organic farming systems in the United States, the practices and profitability of organic production, and the changing policy and market conditions in this sector. Cathy is the author of numerous reports and articles on organic agriculture, including *U.S. Organic Farming Emerges in the 1990s: Adoption of Certified Systems*.

Other activities include initiating and leading planning teams for USDA organic research and policy conferences, including the including the major conference held in Washington DC in 2011, *USDA Organic Farming Systems Research Conference: Exploring Agronomic, Economic, Ecological, and Social Dimensions*.

In September 2011, USDA Secretary Vilsack presented her with the Plow Honor Award for Personal and Professional Excellence in recognition of her pioneering economic research and analysis in USDA. She was also part of the team that received USDA's Plow Honor Award in 2001 for establishing the first national organic standards in the U.S. Cathy earned a B.S. degree in Sociology (1977) and an M.S. degree in Agricultural Economics (1983) from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in Blacksburg, Virginia.