AGRICULTURE - A Cornerstone of Washington’s Economy
Market Value of Crops and Livestock and Number of Farms by County from 2012 Census of Agriculture, USDA

KEY ECONOMIC FACTS ON WASHINGTON AGRICULTURE

- 37,249 farms
- 300 commodities grown
- $51 billion overall value of food and agriculture industry
- $10.16 billion market value of crops and livestock
- 12% of Washington’s economy
- 160,000 employed in agriculture and food industry
- Rank No. 1 in U.S. production in 11 commodities:
  - Apples
  - Grapes
  - Greenhouse/Nursery
  - Wheat
  - Pears
  - Potatoes
  - Milk
  - Hay
  - Christmas Trees
  - Cattle
  - Broccoli
- $15.1 billion in food and bio-products exported through Washington ports in 2013, third largest total in U.S.

WASHINGTON’S Top 10 Commodities (in millions of dollars):

- APPLES - $2.169
- MILK - $1.299
- WHEAT - $1.014
- POTATOES - $792
- CATTLE/ CALVES - $706
- HAY - $675
- CHERRIES - $385
- GRAPES - $279
- PEARS - $225
- HOPS - $202

LEGEND

Legend: Top 10 counties in market value are Leading commodities listed for each county

Source: U.S. Dept of Agriculture 2012 Census of Agriculture
USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Olympia
www.nass.usda.gov/wa
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Serving Washington agriculture and the public since 1913
Mason $41 million
377 Farms
Aquaculture, Cattle, Christmas Trees

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Food Processing Industry Gross Sales and Employment by County

KEY ECONOMIC FACTS ON THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN WASHINGTON

$17.05 billion industry
Employs 40,000 people

The Washington State Department of Agriculture licenses nearly 3,000:
- Food and milk processors
- Milk producers
- Food storage warehouses
- Custom meat facilities
- Egg dealers

Many food crops grown by Washington farmers are sold to independent food processors or are used by grower cooperatives for processing.

Washington is:
- The U.S. leader in potatoes grown for processed foods such as French fries.
- The leading U.S. producer of apple juice and a leader of grape and berry juices.
- The second-largest premium wine producer in the U.S. with 850 licensed wineries.

Other major commodities processed include:
- Vegetables and Fruit
- Dairy foods
- Beef
- Seafood products

Top 10 counties in food processing sales are:
- Whatcom
- Skagit
- Snohomish
- King
- Pierce
- Yakima
- Benton
- Walla Walla
- Franklin
- Skamania

Legend:
- Washington State Department of Agriculture
- Serving Washington agriculture and the public since 1913

Source: Department of Revenue and Employment Security Department, 2013 data.
* Gross sales or jobs data not available.