

Agriculture in Washington

Record Values for Apple, Cherry, Pear and Cattle and Calf Crops Push Washington's

2005 Agricultural Value to Record High

The value of Washington's 2005 agricultural production reached a record \$6.41 billion, 9 percent above last year's \$5.89 billion.

Record Highs: Record high values of production were recorded for apples, cattle and calves, cherries, and pears. Among the minor crops the value of the silage corn, mushroom, blueberry, mink pelt and sheep and lamb crops set new records. The value of production for apples was \$1.23 billion compared with the previous high of \$1.18 billion set in 2003. The value of production for cattle and calves was \$601 million, compared with the second highest value of \$561 million set in 2000. Sweet and tart cherry value was \$339 million compared with previous high of \$242 million recorded in 2004. In 2005 Bartlett and other pears contributed \$143 million with 2003, at \$129 million, in second place.

Top Five: Apples continue to top the list with a value of production of \$1.23 billion, 25.2 percent above 2004. Apples represented 19 percent of the total agricultural value produced. Milk ranked second with a value of \$836 million, 3 percent below the \$861 million set in 2004. The value of cattle and calves, at \$601 million, increased 26 percent over 2004, ranking third. In fourth place, potatoes recorded \$535 million. Rounding out the top five was wheat - with production valued at \$456 million, a decrease of 13 percent from last year.

These five commodities had a combined value of \$3.66 billion, or 57 percent, of the 2005 total value for all commodities. The same five commodities in 2004 had a combined value of \$3.31 billion. In 2003 comparable figures were \$3.39 billion and 58 percent.

Commodity Groups: For the first time in many years, fruit and nuts crops surpassed field crops for the highest value of all commodity groups in 2005 with \$1.89 billion, 26 percent above 2004. The Field Crops group came in second with \$1.77 billion, 2 percent below the previous year. In third place was Livestock at \$1.75 billion, an increase of 4 percent from 2004. Specialty products rose slightly in 2005 to \$544 million from \$540 last year. Rounding out the groups were Commercial Vegetables, at \$391 million, and berry crops at \$75.7 million

Another way to evaluate each crop is to look at the value per harvested acre, which reflects both the yield and price. Cherries topped the list for 2005 with a value of \$11,535 per acre. Next in line was non-storage onions with a value of \$8,732 per acre and third was apples with a value of \$7,600 per harvested acre.

Government payments in 2005 totaled \$240 million, less than 4 percent of the total value. This was 21 percent above the previous year.

Value of Production and Government Payments, 1996-2005

Yr	Field Crops	Fruits and Nuts	Commercial Veg	Berry Crops	Total Crops	Specialty Products ¹	Livestock and Products	Total Value of Prod.	Govt. Paymts.	Total Value ²
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>					
1996	2,083,200	1,232,736	307,635	54,431	3,678,002	619,731	1,457,443	5,755,176	155,364	5,910,540
1997	1,869,686	1,235,820	357,558	50,183	3,513,247	577,012	1,450,033	5,540,292	147,263	5,687,555
1998	1,648,070	1,070,299	357,016	40,405	3,115,790	584,544	1,542,459	5,242,793	260,524	5,503,317
1999	1,617,658	1,233,033	299,306	66,252	3,216,249	592,518	1,553,370	5,362,137	270,594	5,632,731
2000	1,697,526	1,164,734	325,760	46,739	3,234,759	587,994	1,519,056	5,341,809	352,793	5,694,602
2001	1,750,181	1,315,186	306,775	61,534	3,433,676	535,386	1,604,115	5,573,177	299,021	5,872,198
2002	1,798,986	1,450,719	361,775	62,378	3,673,858	515,334	1,396,461	5,585,653	215,912	5,801,565
2003	1,736,997	1,647,682	354,976	66,161	3,805,816	503,751	1,449,168	5,758,735	265,396	6,024,131
2004	1,798,487	1,499,894	294,995	77,614	3,670,990	539,951	1,678,139	5,889,080	197,009	6,086,089
2005	1,766,052	1,885,761	391,132	75,716	4,118,661	543,970	1,750,085	6,412,716	239,854	6,652,570

¹ Includes forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, nursery and other horticultural products, and agaricus and other (shitake, oyster, etc.) mushrooms.

² Includes government payments.