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Washington's 2010 Agricultural Value Second Highest on Record

The value of Washington's 2010 agricultural production reached \$8.25 billion (including government payments), 13 percent above the 2009 revised figure of \$7.30 billion. This is the second highest value on record-second only to 2007's \$8.35 billion.

Record Highs: Record high value of production was set for blueberries, corn for grain, dry edible beans, cherries, grapes, pears, sheep and lambs, wool, non-storage onions, and fresh sweet corn. Among the major crops, cherry producers contributed \$367.2 million to the State's agricultural economy surpassing the previous high of \$327.1 million set in 2007.

"Last year, the hard work of Washington's farmers paid off as they grew the second most valuable harvest in state history," said **Dan Newhouse, director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture**. "While rising costs of agricultural production have had an impact on the bottom line, farming, food production and agricultural exports remain bright spots in Washington's economy. Our growers continue to produce a wide range of the finest-quality crops and livestock for the neighborhood market and consumers around the world."

Top Five: Apples remain the leading agricultural commodity in the State with a 2010 value of \$1.44 billion, a 2 percent increase from 2009. Apples

represented 18 percent of the total agricultural value compared with 20 percent in 2009. Milk ranked second with a value of \$950 million, 39 percent above 2009 followed by wheat with a value of \$925 million. Wheat posted a 56 percent gain from the 2009 crop. In fourth place were potatoes with a value of \$654 million and in fifth place were cattle and calves at \$568 million. These five commodities had a combined value of \$4.54 billion, or 57 percent of the 2010 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2009 had a combined value of \$3.81, or 54 percent of the total value. In 2008, comparable figures were \$4.22 billion and 55 percent.

Commodity Groups: the value of field crops, at \$2.83 billion, was 13 percent above last year. Fruit and nut crops, at \$2.23 billion rose 10 percent from 2009. Livestock, at \$1.90 billion, registered an increase of 25 percent. Alternately, Commercial vegetables, at \$483 million, were 14 percent below last year. The value of specialty products, at \$371 million, fell 2 percent from last year. Rounding out the groups were berry crops at \$120 million.

Non-storage onions had the highest value per harvested acre for 2010 with a value of \$16,533 per acre. Next in line were blueberries with a value of \$10,512 per acre and third were sweet cherries with \$9,830 per acre.

Top Forty Agricultural Commodities, Washington, 2008-2010

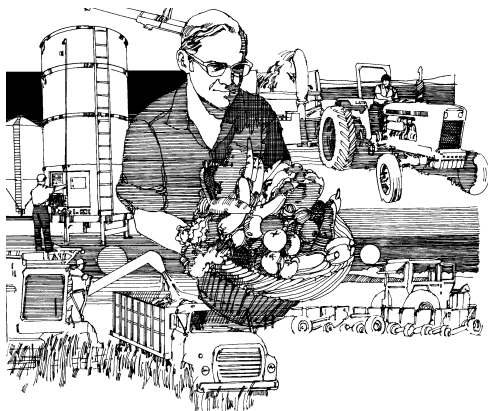
Commodity	Rank	Value of Production			Change
		2010	2008	2009	2010
		\$1,000			Percent
Apples	1	1,288,128	1,412,846	1,443,890	2.2
Milk 1/	2	1,002,496	684,003	950,061	38.9
Wheat	3	745,163	594,267	925,265	55.7
Potatoes	4	692,850	645,502	654,456	1.4
Cattle & Calves	5	496,127	472,958	568,317	20.2
Hay, All	6	581,302	452,410	508,680	12.4
Cherries, All	7	297,061	230,905	367,208	59.0
Nursery & Greenhouse Products 2/	8	321,006	299,868	300,002	0.0
Grapes, All	9	199,165	210,084	213,744	1.7
Pears, All	10	170,734	158,336	189,319	19.6
Onions, All	11	140,332	219,417	168,810	-23.1
Hops	12	258,642	265,330	160,937	-39.3
Sweet Corn, All	13	141,208	173,447	146,656	-15.4
Corn for Grain	14	84,132	103,619	139,656	34.8
Eggs	15	136,448	106,499	120,732	13.4
Aquaculture(incl. trout eggs & fish) 3/	16	115,320	118,873	102,689	-13.6
Corn for Silage	17	94,185	80,782	82,013	1.5
Broilers 4/	18	70,387	57,248	61,360	7.2
Mint Oil	19	54,932	71,012	60,832	-14.3
Blueberries	20	43,360	30,525	54,664	79.1
Red Raspberries	21	92,093	57,154	50,254	-12.1
Christmas Trees	22	51,000	43,350	42,750	-1.4
Dry Edible Beans	23	32,657	32,604	38,528	18.2
Kentucky Bluegrass Seed	24	42,550	32,500	30,800	-5.2
Lentils	25	20,631	28,140	25,912	-7.9
Barley	26	38,791	18,003	22,512	25.0
Haylage	27	29,385	22,230	20,965	-5.7
Mushrooms	28	21,417	21,973	20,669	-5.9
Alfalfa Seed	29	26,200	28,000	20,500	-26.8
Green Peas for Processing	30	30,831	26,527	19,061	-28.1
Asparagus	31	18,310	20,302	17,588	-13.4
Dry Edible Peas	32	17,280	19,210	14,858	-22.7
Other Grass Seed	33	18,000	12,865	9,910	-23.0
Carrots for Processing	34	11,280	10,013	9,471	-5.4
Wrinkled Seed Peas	35	12,600	18,183	8,580	-52.8
Farm Forest Products 5/	36	30,000	15,000	8,000	-46.7
Strawberries	37	10,092	8,338	7,640	-8.4
Apricots	38	6,614	7,727	6,908	-10.6
Cranberries	39	6,259	9,762	6,726	-31.1
Peaches	40	8,361	5,222	5,017	-3.9
Total Top 40 Value of Production		7,457,329	6,825,034	7,605,940	11.4
TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTION		7,736,891	7,113,839	7,934,483	11.5

- 1/ Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption and milk fed to calves.
- 2/ Includes floriculture.
- 3/ Excludes value of distributed fish.
- 4/ Washington Fryer Commission total weight multiplied by USDA US average bird liveweight price per pound.
- 5/ Value of forest products sold from operations meeting the USDA farm definition.

Value of Production and Government Payments, 2001-2010

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/}
1,000 Dollars										
2001	1,750,181	1,315,186	310,235	61,534	3,437,136	389,386	1,604,115	5,430,637	299,021	5,729,658
2002	1,798,986	1,450,719	361,775	62,378	3,673,858	400,334	1,396,461	5,470,563	215,912	5,686,565
2003	1,732,339	1,467,682	322,026	66,164	3,588,211	408,751	1,449,091	5,446,053	265,398	5,711,451
2004	1,814,623	1,265,784	264,957	77,620	3,422,984	424,951	1,678,175	5,526,110	196,974	5,723,084
2005	1,797,042	1,671,172	339,939	76,238	3,884,391	418,912	1,749,286	6,052,589	239,909	6,292,498
2006	2,067,154	2,012,920	495,204	68,104	4,643,382	402,676	1,560,454	6,606,512	196,466	6,802,978
2007	2,810,960	2,486,567	328,123	97,159	5,722,809	420,962	2,021,377	8,165,148	185,104	8,350,252
2008	2,795,746	1,976,392	473,862	153,244	5,399,244	423,423	1,914,224	7,736,891	200,928	7,937,819
2009	2,510,918	2,032,781	563,791	106,898	5,214,388	380,191	1,519,260	7,113,839	189,356	7,303,195
2010	2,830,592	2,231,625	483,443	120,237	5,665,897	371,421	1,897,165	7,934,483	314,685	8,249,168

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



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