

WASHINGTON FRUIT SURVEY 1993

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Acknowledgement

Information presented in this publication is the result of the Fruit Acreage Survey conducted during the summer of 1994 and relate to acreage and tree inventories January 1, 1993. This survey is comparable to the previous survey conducted for January 1, 1986 in many aspects and comparisons may be made to indicate trends. The cooperation of fruit growers indicates strong interest and support for the information to plan the future of the fruit industry in Washington.

Support for this survey was very strong. The Area Fruit Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service helped develop the specification and actively participated in sharing their knowledge during the survey. These individuals are Karen Maib, Ephrata; Brooke Peterson, Yakima; Paul Tvergyak, Wenatchee; and Jack Watson, Prosser. In addition, Dr. Ray Folwell, Washington State University, provided valuable assistance with the grape data. The Washington Apple Commission and the Washington Fruit Commission provided funding and public relations to sponsor the survey. Our thanks go to these groups and many individual fruit producers who participated by providing information about their operations.

Similar surveys have been conducted in Oregon and Idaho and their data have been published. Montana and Utah are currently summarizing data from their Fruit Acreage Surveys and will soon be available. Data from the 1992 Census of Agriculture will be available during 1994 for all states. Accurate information is needed to make decisions, especially in the fruit industry which requires high investments and often entails risk. Strong support of this survey by individual growers deserves recognition and conveys their desire for accurate industry data.

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Sincerely,


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Major Fruit Counties and Districts

The Fruit Acreage Survey was conducted statewide. The survey results are presented for the state total, the three major fruit districts, and all other areas. The total fruit acreage represented in the three major districts is 95 percent of the state total acreage. Tree fruits represented by these three districts are 96 percent of the state total and 89 percent of the total grape acreage.

The three major districts are: Wenatchee District which includes Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan Counties; Yakima Valley District which includes Benton, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties; and Columbia Basin District which includes Adams, Franklin, and Grant Counties.

Data presented for 1986 were by county and included all of the counties in major districts plus Klickitat, Spokane, and Walla Walla Counties. The total coverage of the 1986 survey was 99 percent of the state's total tree fruit acreage. These three counties are still major producers of fruit for the other area data in this publication. Production estimates made at the end of the season and presented in the Washington Agricultural Statistics (Annual Bulletin) are made for each of the seven Fruit Reporting Districts, but acreage estimates are not made for the seven districts.

Fruit Reporting Districts (FRD)

