

If there was such a thing as an “AVERAGE” farmer, and our statistics were evenly distributed over the farms of Washington State, this “AVERAGE” farmer would be:

A 57 year old family farm operator with a farm spanning 381 acres and worth \$759,146;

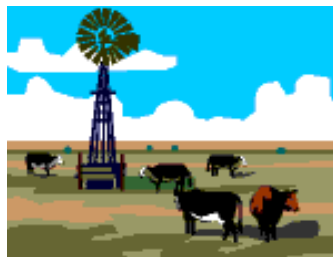
Farm machinery and motor vehicles valued at \$83,468;



Crops sold worth \$121,115;



And livestock, poultry, and products sold valued at \$51,878.



This farm has the potential to produce one (or several) of Washington’s major commodities:

Apples



Milk



Hops



Cherries



Grapes



Wheat



Hay



Cattle and Calves

Eggs



Potatoes



Pears



Farm Forest Products



Corn For Grain

Nursery & Greenhouse Products



Christmas Trees

In 2007, this “AVERAGE” farmer paid:










\$29,309 for contract & hired labor  
 \$18,238 for seed  
 \$16,887 for feed  
 \$12,348 for repairs & maintenance  
 \$ 9,682 for fertilizer & lime  
 \$ 8,305 for livestock and poultry  
 \$ 8,089 for chemicals  
 \$ 6,747 for fuel & oil  
 \$ 6,621 for cash rent to non-operator landlords  
 \$ 5,591 for real estate & nonreal estate interest  
 \$ 4,119 for property taxes  
 \$ 4,743 for utilities  
 \$15,506 for other expenses

Therefore, this farmer spends about **\$376 PER DAY** to cover these expenses!

After this farmer’s 2007 production costs were paid, his net farm income was **\$45,454**, including government payments. (For those farms with net gains, the average net farm income was **\$156,938** versus an average of **\$21,146** for those farms with net losses, including government payments.)

The market value of agricultural products sold and government payments averaged **\$176,436** per farm.

One acre of a Washington farmer’s land is worth about **\$1,650**. An acre of land is roughly the size of a football field. Major crops, their 2007 productions and values per acre are:

	Sweet Cherries	10,120 lbs per acre Worth \$10,423/acre
	Apples	32,900 lbs per acre Worth \$11,048/acre
	Wine Grapes	8,320 lbs per acre Worth \$3,972/acre
	Blueberries	8,000 lbs per acre Worth \$13,421/acre
	Non-Storage Onions	38,000 lbs per acre Worth \$12,350/acre
	Storage Onions	61,000 lbs per acre Worth \$1,977/acre
	Potatoes	58,000 lbs per acre Worth \$4,152/acre
	Wheat	3,774 lbs per acre Worth \$438/acre
	Fresh Sweet Corn	16,500 lbs per acre Worth \$4,604/acre
	Hops	2,058 lbs per acre Worth \$5,635/acre

## TOP 40 COMMODITIES, 2007

Commodity	Value of Production
1. Apples	\$1,745,620,000
2. Milk	1,061,952,000
3. Wheat	974,516,000
4. Potatoes	685,063,000
5. Cattle & Calves	580,947,000
6. Hay	516,568,000
7. Nursery/Greenhouse	342,683,000
8. Cherries	327,118,000
9. Pears	178,224,000
10. Grapes	172,203,000
11. Hops	128,165,000
12. Farm Forest Products	119,000,000
13. Corn for Grain	114,660,000
14. Eggs	105,372,000
15. Aquaculture	87,042,000
16. Sweet Corn	85,088,000
17. Corn for Silage	81,608,000
18. Barley	68,580,000
19. Broilers	63,925,000
20. Onions	60,033,000
21. Mint Oil	58,815,000
22. Christmas Trees	51,000,000
23. Blueberries	49,656,000
24. Haylage	29,156,000
25. Dry Edible Beans	28,254,000
26. Red Raspberries	27,886,000
27. KY Bluegrass Seed	26,606,000
28. Other Grass Seed	26,040,000
29. Lentils	23,075,000
30. Mushrooms	not published
31. Processing Green Peas	20,993,000
32. Asparagus	17,802,000
33. Dry Edible Peas	15,815,000
34. Alfalfa Seed	15,075,000
35. Carrots for Processing	9,344,000
36. Peaches	8,873,000
37. Strawberries	7,982,000
38. Nectarines	7,266,000
39. Apricots	7,137,000
40. Wrinkled Seed Peas	not published

## WASHINGTON'S RANK IN THE NATION'S AGRICULTURE

Commodity	Rank	% of US Production
Red Raspberries	1	91.7
Hops	1	77.3
Wrinkled Seed Peas	1	75.0
Spearmint Oil	1	74.7
Apples	1	57.3
Sweet Cherries	1	46.1
Concord Grapes	1	45.6
Peppermint Oil	1	40.6
Prunes/Plums	1	38.5
Processing Carrots	1	37.1
Processing Sweet Corn	2	29.5
Niagara Grapes	2	27.5
Asparagus	2	27.0
All Potatoes	2	25.0
Processing Green Peas	2	24.2
Apricots	2	8.1
All Grapes	2	5.4
Lentils	3	23.6
Dry Onions	3	19.3
Dry Edible Peas	3	8.2
Tart Cherries	3	4.6
Blueberries	4	10.5
Barley	4	6.4
Trout, Value of fish sold	5	5.7
Peaches	5	3.0
Cranberries	5	2.7
Strawberries	5	0.5

Based on 2007 Production

## DID YOU KNOW?

Washington's potato growers have the highest yields per acre in the United States! We produce almost twice as many pounds per acre as our more famous neighboring state to the east.

Washington's Whitman County produces more wheat than any other county in the United States and ranks number two nationally in barley production.

Washington apples are sold in all 50 states and in more than 50 countries.

Washington is second only to California in the number of agricultural commodities produced – over 230.

In 2007, more than 20% of Washington farms were operated by women.

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