

Agriculture in Washington

The value of Washington's 2002 agricultural production was \$5.56 billion, nearly the same as the \$5.53 billion produced in 2001. Although the value of production has increased for four consecutive years, it is still well below the record of \$5.9 billion attained in 1995.

Top Five: Apples top the list with a value of production reaching \$1.02 billion, a 14 percent increase over 2001. Apples represent 19 percent of total agricultural value produced. Milk ranked second with a value of \$674 million, a decrease of 18 percent over the previous year. The value of wheat increased by 26 percent over 2001, ranking third with \$537 million in production. Potatoes ranked fourth with production of \$513 million, a decrease in value of 7 percent. Rounding out the top five was cattle and calves with \$451 million, a decrease of 8 percent.

These five commodities had a combined value of \$3.20 billion or 58 percent of the 2002 total value for all commodities. The same five commodities in 2001, had a combined value of \$3.20 billion, 58 percent of the total. In 2000 comparable figures were \$2.92 billion and 55 percent.

Record Highs: Record high values of production were recorded for apples, all grapes, and all hay. Apple value of production was \$1.02 billion, grapes had a value of

production of \$135 million and hay climbed to \$381 million.

Commodity Groups: Looking at the major groupings of commodities, Field Crops had the highest value with \$1.82 billion, 4 percent above 2001. The Fruits group had a strong showing totaling \$1.46 billion. This was 11 percent above the previous year. Commercial Vegetables totaled \$343 million compared to \$307 million in 2001. Berry crops were \$60.9 million in 2002, down 1 percent from the 2001 level of \$61.4 million.

Livestock and livestock products decreased 14 percent below 2001 to \$1.35 billion. Specialty products which include forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, nursery and other horticultural products, and mushrooms had a combined value of \$522 million, 2 percent lower than 2001.

Another way to evaluate each crop is to look at the value per harvested acre, which reflects both the yield and price. Non-storage onions topped the list for 2002 with a value of \$8,604 per acre. Peaches and apples were close behind with values of \$7,935 and \$6,249, respectively, per harvested acre.

Government payments in 2002 totaled \$214 million, less than 4 percent of the total value. This was 28 percent below the previous year.

Value of Production and Government Payments, 1993-2002

Year	Field Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Berry Crops	Total Crops	Specialty Products 1/	Livestock & Products	Total Value of Prod.	Govt. Paymts.	Total Value 2/
Thousand Dollars										
1993	1,740,347	1,014,647	285,169	44,882	3,085,045	577,919	1,413,019	5,075,983	207,208	5,283,191
1994	1,621,096	1,061,984	302,586	59,359	3,045,025	648,367	1,441,631	5,135,023	152,840	5,287,863
1995	2,121,180	1,351,311	317,143	53,159	3,842,793	640,724	1,396,123	5,879,640	116,062	5,995,702
1996	2,082,200	1,232,736	307,635	54,431	3,677,002	575,704	1,459,933	5,712,639	155,364	5,868,003
1997	1,869,686	1,235,716	357,558	50,183	3,513,143	577,351	1,443,135	5,533,629	147,263	5,680,892
1998	1,648,007	1,080,581	357,016	40,405	3,126,009	583,185	1,540,559	5,249,753	260,524	5,510,277
1999	1,573,746	1,241,789	299,306	66,252	3,181,093	592,962	1,551,136	5,325,191	270,594	5,595,801
2000	1,697,526	1,172,932	320,095	46,679	3,237,232	588,739	1,515,104	5,341,075	352,503	5,695,796
2001	1,752,420	1,317,183	306,775	61,372	3,437,750	532,940	1,560,026	5,530,716	298,784	5,939,024
2002	1,824,386	1,461,311	342,550	60,863	3,689,110	521,987	1,348,847	5,559,944	214,138	5,774,082

1/ Includes forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, nursery and other horticultural products, and mushrooms.

2/ Includes government payments.