

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;



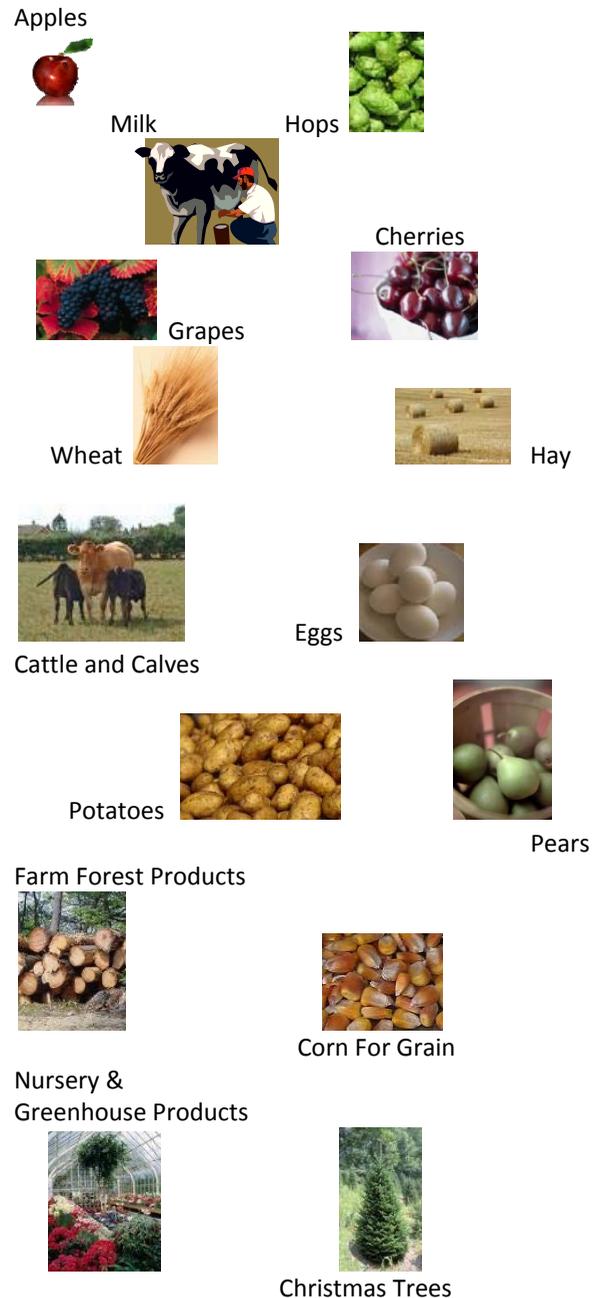
Crops sold worth \$121,115;



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:



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 2011 yields and values per acre are:

	Sweet Cherries	11,520 lbs per acre Worth \$15,500/acre
	Apples	37,100 lbs per acre Worth \$12,542/acre
	Wine Grapes	6,920 lbs per acre Worth \$3,418/acre
	Blueberries	8,710 lbs per acre Worth \$17,429/acre
	Non-Storage Onions	35,000 lbs per acre Worth \$7,980/acre
	Storage Onions	65,000 lbs per acre Worth \$5,206/acre
	Potatoes	61,000 lbs per acre Worth \$4,090/acre
	Wheat	4,296 lbs per acre Worth \$485/acre
	Fresh Sweet Corn	16,500 lbs per acre Worth \$6,540/acre
	Hops	2,200 lbs per acre Worth \$6,050/acre

TOP 40 COMMODITIES, 2011

Commodity	Value of Production
1. Apples	\$1,831,165,000
2. Milk	1,276,983,000
3. Wheat	1,136,226,000
4. Potatoes	771,040,000
5. Hay	715,712,000
6. Cattle & Calves	592,296,000
7. Cherries	533,507,000
8. Nursery/Greenhouse	306,422,000
9. Grapes	189,396,000
10. Pears	186,269,000
11. Corn for Grain	171,563,000
12. Sweet Corn	163,686,000
13. Eggs	142,005,000
14. Hops	141,097,000
15. Blueberries	122,000,000
16. Onions	121,686,000
17. Corn for Silage	101,861,000
18. Aquaculture	90,131,000
19. Broilers	69,040,000
20. Mint Oil	68,275,000
21. Dry Edible Beans	64,665,000
22. Red Raspberries	44,336,000
23. Christmas Trees	42,630,000
24. Barley	41,274,000
25. Lentils	36,376,000
26. Green Peas for Processing	24,116,000
27. Haylage	23,155,000
28. Dry Edible Peas	21,760,000
29. Mushrooms	19,421,000
30. Asparagus	18,936,000
31. Alfalfa Seed	14,200,000
32. KY Bluegrass Seed	13,260,000
33. Carrots for Processing	10,380,000
34. Farm Forest Products	10,000,000
35. Wrinkled Seed Peas	9,350,000
36. Strawberries	8,971,000
37. Peaches	7,809,000
38. Apricots	7,132,000
39. Cranberries	6,361,000
40. Canola	4,380,000

WASHINGTON'S RANK IN THE NATION'S AGRICULTURE

Commodity	Rank	% of US Production
Red Raspberries	1	92.3
Hops	1	79.2
Spearmint Oil	1	78.7
Wrinkled Seed Peas	1	73.5
Sweet Cherries	1	58.6
Apples	1	57.4
All Pears	1	47.9
Concord Grapes	1	37.3
Processing Carrots	1	35.6
Processing Green Peas	1	32.4
Processing Sweet Corn	1	29.7
Asparagus	2	28.6
Peppermint Oil	2	26.1
Dry Edible Peas	2	24.6
Niagara Grapes	2	23.0
Potatoes	2	22.7
Onions, All Summer	2	21.2
Lentils	2	17.8
Apricots	2	5.9
All Grapes	2	4.3
Nectarines	2	4.0
Tart Cherries	3	9.0
Prunes/Plums	3	1.3
All Wheat	4	8.4
Fresh Market Sweet Corn	4	6.8
Blueberries	5	14.1
Cranberries	5	1.5
Strawberries	5	0.4

Based on 2011 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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CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE FORMS WILL BE MAILED OUT THIS WINTER.

RETURN YOUR FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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