

### Agriculture in Washington

The value of Washington's 2004 agricultural production reached a record \$5.94 billion, slightly above 1995, the previous record high.

**Top Five:** Apples continue to top the list with a value of production of \$962 million, 18.3 percent below 2003. Apples represented 16 percent of the total agricultural value produced. Milk ranked second with a value of \$861 million, 28 percent above the \$675 million in 2003. The value of wheat, at \$524 million, increased 0.6 percent over 2003, ranking third. Cattle slipped by potatoes for fourth place, at \$476 million. Rounding out the top five was potatoes with production valued at \$460 million, a decrease of 6.0 percent from last year.

These five commodities had a combined value of \$3.28 billion, or 55 percent of the 2004 total value for all commodities. The same five commodities in 2003 had a combined value of \$3.34 billion. In 2002 comparable figures were \$3.16 billion and 56 percent.

**Record Highs:** Record high values of production were recorded for milk, all hay, wrinkled seed peas, all cherries, all pears, Kentucky bluegrass seed and blueberries. The value of production for milk was \$861 million compared with the previous high of \$847 million set in 1998. All hay was \$377 million, compared with the second highest value of \$375 million set in 2002. Wrinkled seed peas 2004 value was \$10 million compared with previous high of \$8 million recorded in

1998. Cherries (both sweet and tart) had an estimated \$242 million, compared with 2003's \$177 million in second place. Kentucky Bluegrass contributed \$28 million to the economy compared with \$26 million in 2000. Bartlett and winter pears growers contributed \$133 million to the States economy surpassing 2003's previous record of \$129. Blueberries generated \$16.0 million in 2004 compared with the previous record of \$12.1 million last year.

**Commodity Groups:** Field Crops had the highest value of all commodity groups in 2004 with \$1.80 billion, 4.0 percent above 2003. The Livestock group was close behind with \$1.68 billion, 15.8 percent above the previous year. In third place was Fruits and Nuts at \$1.49 billion, a drop of 10 percent from 2003. Specialty products rose in 2004 to \$535 million from \$504 last year. Rounding out the groups were Commercial Vegetables, at \$366 million, and berry crops at \$78.8 million

Another way to evaluate each crop is to look at the value per harvested acre, which reflects both the yield and price. Sweet cherries topped the list for 2004 with a value of \$8,159 per acre. Next in line was non-storage onions with a value of \$8,050 per acre and blueberries with a value of \$6,667 per harvested acre.

Government payments in 2004 totaled \$197 million, less than 4 percent of the total value. This was 26 percent below the previous year.

### Value of Production and Government Payments, Washington, 1995-2004

Year	Field Crops	Fruits and Nuts	Commercial Veg	Berry Crops	Total Crops	Speciality Products <sup>1</sup>	Livestock and Products	Total Value of Prod.	Govt. Paymts.	Total Value <sup>2</sup>
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>					
1995	2,121,180	1,351,311	317,143	53,159	3,842,793	682,704	1,396,058	5,921,555	116,062	6,037,617
1996	2,083,200	1,232,736	307,635	54,431	3,678,002	619,731	1,457,443	5,755,176	155,364	5,910,540
1997	1,869,686	1,235,820	357,558	50,183	3,513,247	577,012	1,447,592	5,537,851	147,263	5,685,114
1998	1,648,070	1,070,299	357,016	40,405	3,115,790	584,544	1,542,459	5,242,793	260,524	5,503,317
1999	1,617,658	1,233,033	299,306	66,252	3,216,249	592,518	1,553,370	5,362,137	270,594	5,632,731
2000	1,697,526	1,164,734	329,667	46,739	3,238,666	587,994	1,519,056	5,345,716	352,503	5,698,219
2001	1,750,181	1,315,196	310,235	61,534	3,437,146	535,386	1,604,115	5,576,647	298,784	5,875,431
2002	1,798,986	1,450,719	361,775	62,378	3,673,858	515,334	1,396,461	5,585,653	215,911	5,801,564
2003	1,730,268	1,653,018	419,806	66,161	3,869,253	503,751	1,449,168	5,822,172	265,396	6,087,568
<b>2004</b>	<b>1,798,977</b>	<b>1,485,034</b>	<b>365,930</b>	<b>78,762</b>	<b>3,728,703</b>	<b>534,974</b>	<b>1,678,414</b>	<b>5,942,091</b>	<b>197,011</b>	<b>6,139,102</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, nursery and other horticultural products, and agaricus and other (shitake, oyster, etc.) mushrooms.

<sup>2</sup> Includes government payments.