

MUSHROOMS

White button (*Agaricus*) Mushroom production for the 2004-2005 season in Washington rose 12 percent to 11.1 million pounds, compared with 9.9 million pounds last year. Total fillings were 2.27 million square feet, compared with 2.25 million square feet last year. The value of production in 2004-2005 is estimated at \$15.9 million, 17 percent above the 2003-2004 total of \$13.5 million. The average price per pound was \$1.43, 6 cents above last year's price.

Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the point of first sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold. For example, in a given State, part of the fresh mushrooms are sold F. O. B. packed by growers, part are sold bulk to brokers or repackers, and some are sold retail at roadside stands. The mushroom average price as sold is a weighted average of the average price for each method of sale.

Agaricus Mushrooms: Area, Production, Price, and Value, Washington, 1995-2004

Year	Total Fillings <i>1,000 Sq. Ft.</i>	Volume of Sales <i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	Price Per Pound <i>Dollars</i>	Value of Sales <i>1,000 Dollars</i>
1995-1996	2,232	12,582	1.25	15,704
1996-1997	2,227	12,298	1.20	14,731
1997-1998	2,228	12,043	1.20	14,392
1998-1999	2,228	12,764	1.23	15,751
1999-2000	2,327	12,350	1.24	15,307
2000-2001	2,252	11,512	1.23	14,160
2001-2002	2,263	12,522	1.33	16,711
2002-2003	2,242	11,205	1.29	14,497
2003-2004	2,254	9,881	1.37	13,525
2004-2005	2,267	11,103	1.43	15,877