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Value of Washington's 2015 Agricultural Production Totals \$10.7 Billion

The value of Washington's 2015 agricultural production reached \$10.7 billion, setting a new record high. This is 5 percent above the previous record high in 2014 of \$10.2 billion.

Much of the increase in the total value of production can be attributed to the record high value of apples which increased 27 percent from 2014. Apples remain the leading agricultural commodity in the State with a 2015 value of \$2.40 billion. Apples represented 22 percent of the total agricultural value compared with 19 percent in 2014. The remaining top 5 commodities held the same positions as 2014. Milk remained in the second position and had value of production totaling \$1.14 billion dollars in 2015. However, this was down 30 percent from 2014 and lowest since 2010. Cattle and Calves, valued at \$858 million, were ranked third in 2015. This represents a 6 percent increase from the previous year. Potato value of production increased slightly to \$772 million and remained fourth in the State ranking. Wheat rounded out the top five with a value of \$600 million, down 16 percent from the previous year. These five commodities had a combined value of \$5.76 billion, or 54 percent of the 2015 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2014 had a combined value of \$5.81 billion, or 57 percent of the total value.

Record high values of production were established for four of the top ten Washington commodities, including apples, cattle and calves, eggs, and hops. There were other commodities outside the top ten that showed significant increases in value from the previous year. All onion production, with a value of \$213 million in 2015, increased 58 percent from the previous year. Blueberry value increased 25 percent from 2014 to \$147 million in 2015. The value of red raspberries, at \$89.0 million, increased 51 percent from the previous year. Five of the top ten commodities declined in value from the previous year, including milk, wheat, hay, cherries, and grapes. Other notable commodities that declined in value in 2015 were sweet corn, down 21 percent to \$98.0 million; corn for grain, down 35 percent to \$75.0 million; barley, down 25 percent to \$16.7 million; and strawberries, down 29 percent to \$7.84 million.

It should be noted that NASS periodically conducts a Census of Horticulture. The 2014 total value of horticultural specialty crops sold was \$366 million. This total value includes all floriculture, nursery, and Christmas tree production. For more information about this data that was released on December 14, 2015, you can access the complete 2014 Census of Horticultural Specialties at https://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Online_Resources/Census_of_Horticulture_Specialties/

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Top Ten Agricultural Commodities – Washington: 2013-2015

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Change 2015 / 2014
	2015	2014	2013	2014	2015	
			(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(percent)
Apples.....	1	1	2,133,995	1,892,697	2,396,250	26.6
Milk ¹	2	2	1,298,880	1,624,272	1,136,232	-30.0
Cattle and Calves.....	3	3	715,458	805,951	858,169	6.5
Potatoes.....	4	4	792,000	771,210	772,310	0.1
Wheat.....	5	5	1,014,032	714,858	599,904	-16.1
Hay, all.....	6	6	675,050	702,702	499,140	-29.0
Cherries, all.....	7	7	385,198	509,660	447,918	-12.1
Eggs.....	8	11	147,396	177,074	331,824	87.4
Grapes, all.....	9	8	277,508	301,845	296,787	-1.7
Hops.....	10	10	184,938	208,362	280,025	34.4
Value of crop production.....			7,388,213	6,922,402	7,777,745	12.4
Value of livestock production.....			2,724,816	3,264,165	2,950,058	-9.6
Total value of production, all commodities.....			10,113,029	10,186,567	10,727,803	5.3

¹ Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption and milk fed to calves.

Crop and Livestock Production and Rank Among All States — Washington: 2014-2015

Item and unit	Rank among States		Washington's production		Leading State
	2015	2014	Total	Percent of United States	
	(rank)	(rank)	(units)	(percent)	
Field crops					
Hops..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	59,453	75.4	Washington
Spearmint oil..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	2,218	72.2	Washington
Wrinkled seed peas..... 1,000 cwt	1	1	230	59.9	Washington
Potatoes, fall..... 1,000 cwt	2	2	100,300	24.8	Idaho
Peppermint oil..... 1,000 pounds	3	3	1,540	26.2	Oregon
Lentils..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	443	8.4	Montana
Dry edible peas..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	1,428	7.8	North Dakota
Wheat, all..... 1,000 bushels	4	5	111,900	5.4	North Dakota
Dry edible beans..... 1,000 cwt	6	6	1,582	5.3	North Dakota
Barley..... 1,000 bushels	7	6	5,040	2.3	North Dakota
Haylage, all..... 1,000 tons	9	12	1,154	3.4	Wisconsin
Hay, all..... 1,000 tons	19	17	2,856	2.1	Texas
Fruit crops					
Apples, all..... tons	1	1	2,975,000	59.5	Washington
Grapes, Concord..... tons	1	1	175,000	43.6	Washington
Sweet cherries..... tons	1	1	222,650	65.8	Washington
Pears, all..... tons	1	1	380,000	46.3	Washington
Grapes, Niagara..... tons	2	1	14,000	25.9	Michigan
Nectarines..... tons	2	2	9,700	5.8	California
Apricots..... tons	2	2	7,150	17.2	California
Grapes, all..... tons	2	2	419,000	5.5	California
Prunes and plums..... tons	2	2	2,700	27.9	Oregon
Tart cherries..... tons	3	3	12,500	9.9	Michigan
Peaches..... tons	6	7	12,850	1.5	California
Vegetable crops					
Green peas, processing..... tons	1	1	147,210	35.8	Washington
Sweet corn, processing..... tons	2	2	722,240	29.0	Minnesota
Onions, all summer..... 1,000 cwt	2	3	14,491	23.8	California
Asparagus, all..... cwt	3	3	167,000	24.4	California
Sweet corn, fresh market..... 1,000 cwt	4	4	3,441	12.3	California
Berry crops					
Blueberries, cultivated..... 1,000 pounds	1	3	104,400	18.6	Washington
All raspberries..... 1,000 pounds	2	2	74,100	28.2	California
Cranberries..... barrels	5	5	198,000	2.3	Wisconsin
Strawberries..... cwt	5	5	70,000	0.2	California
Livestock					
Milk..... million pounds	10	10	6,606	3.2	California
Milk cows..... head	10	10	277,000	3.0	California
Honey..... 1,000 pounds	12	14	3,212	2.1	North Dakota
Eggs..... million eggs	17	16	2,095	2.2	Iowa
Chickens, (excluding broilers)..... 1,000 head	18	18	9,397	2.0	Iowa
Cattle and calves, all..... head	29	29	1,150,000	1.3	Texas
Sheep and lambs..... head	29	27	50,000	1.0	Texas