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Value of Washington's 2017 Agricultural Production Totaled \$10.6 Billion

The value of Washington's 2017 agricultural production totaled \$10.6 billion, up 4 percent from the previous year value of \$10.2 billion, but shy of the record high \$10.7 billion in 2015.

Apples remained the leading agricultural commodity in the State with a 2017 value of \$2.43 billion. This is up 3 percent from the previous year, but just short of the record high value of \$2.48 billion in 2012. Apples represented 23 percent of the total agricultural value, virtually unchanged from the percentage in 2016. Milk remained in the second position and had value of production totaling \$1.19 billion dollars in 2017, up 8 percent from 2016. All Wheat value of production moved up two spots to take the third position in the State rankings. Wheat value in 2017 was \$691 million, up 5 percent from the previous year. Potatoes, valued at \$687 million, fell one spot to fourth. This represents a 16 percent decrease from the previous year. Cattle and calves rounded out the top five with a value of \$664 million, down 6 percent from the previous year. These five commodities had a combined value of \$5.66 billion, or 54 percent of the 2017 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2016 had a combined value of \$5.62 billion, 55 percent of the total 2016 value.

Record high values of production were established for hops and pears. Value of hop production in 2017 was up 28 percent from the previous year record, while all pear value of production was up 5 percent from 2016 and up 1 percent from the previous record high value in 2014. There were other commodities outside the top ten that showed significant increases in value from the previous year. Egg production, with a value of \$141 million in 2017, increased 21 percent from the previous year. Blueberry value increased 22 percent from 2016 to \$115 million in 2017. The value of canola, at \$15.1 million, increased 64 percent from the previous year. Four of the top ten commodities declined in value from the previous year, including potatoes, cattle and calves, cherries, and grapes. Other notable commodities that declined in value in 2017 were onions, down 30 percent to \$130 million; lentils, down 31 percent to \$18.4 million; and dry edible peas, down 40 percent to \$15.7 million.

Top Ten Agricultural Commodities – Washington: 2015-2017

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Change 2017 / 2016 (percent)
	2017	2016	2015 (1,000 dollars)	2016 (1,000 dollars)	2017 (1,000 dollars)	
Apples.....	1	1	2,319,210	2,350,703	2,430,353	3.4
Milk ¹	2	2	1,136,232	1,097,250	1,187,732	8.2
Wheat	3	5	599,904	656,782	690,902	5.2
Potatoes	4	3	772,310	813,313	686,602	-15.6
Cattle and Calves.....	5	4	848,509	704,488	664,438	-5.7
Hay, all.....	6	7	499,140	478,980	515,901	7.7
Hops	7	8	280,025	382,208	489,474	28.1
Cherries, all.....	8	6	447,918	500,647	479,609	-4.2
Grapes, all	9	9	288,777	360,060	318,890	-11.4
Pears, all.....	10	10	239,750	235,828	246,462	4.5
Value of crop production			7,777,224	7,691,955	8,006,754	4.1
Value of livestock production.....			2,941,744	2,481,942	2,555,868	3.0
Total value of production, all commodities.....			10,718,968	10,173,897	10,562,622	3.8

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: 2016-2017

Item and unit	Rank among States		Washington's production		Leading State
	2017	2016	Total	Percent of United States	
	(rank)	(rank)	(number)	(percent)	
Field crops					
Hops..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	78,694	75.4	Washington
Spearmint oil..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	2,100	75.1	Washington
Wrinkled seed peas 1,000 cwt	1	1	249	69.7	Washington
Potatoes, fall..... 1,000 cwt	2	2	99,220	24.8	Idaho
Peppermint oil..... 1,000 pounds	3	3	1,440	24.9	Oregon
Lentils..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	637	8.5	Montana
Dry edible peas..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	1,200	8.5	North Dakota
Wheat, all 1,000 bushels	3	4	142,500	8.2	Kansas
Dry edible beans..... 1,000 cwt	6	5	2,834	7.9	North Dakota
Barley 1,000 bushels	7	6	4,505	3.2	Idaho
Haylage, all..... 1,000 tons	9	12	1,150	3.8	Wisconsin
Hay, all 1,000 tons	19	17	2,973	2.3	Texas
Fruit crops					
Apples, all..... tons	1	1	3,750,000	65.8	Washington
Sweet cherries..... tons	1	1	262,550	60.0	Washington
Pears, all tons	1	1	316,400	42.9	Washington
Grapes, Concord tons	1	1	176,000	41.9	Washington
Apricots tons	2	2	8,650	18.9	California
Nectarines tons	2	2	9,850	6.2	California
Grapes, all tons	2	2	419,000	5.7	California
Grapes, Niagara tons	3	2	14,000	25.2	Michigan
Tart cherries tons	3	3	12,500	9.6	Michigan
Peaches tons	4	7	12,770	1.8	California
Vegetable crops					
Asparagus, all..... cwt	2	2	232,200	34.6	Michigan
Onions, dry 1,000 cwt	2	2	15,894	21.6	California
Berry crops					
Blueberries, cultivated..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	117,380	22.5	Washington
All raspberries..... 1,000 pounds	2	2	78,050	33.4	California
Cranberries..... barrels	5	5	147,650	1.8	Wisconsin
Strawberries cwt	5	5	76,000	0.2	California
Livestock					
Milk..... million pounds	10	10	6,526	3.0	California
Milk cows ¹ head	10	10	274,000	2.9	California
Honey..... 1,000 pounds	11	14	3,465	2.3	North Dakota
Eggs..... million eggs	14	16	2,104	2.0	Iowa
Chickens, (excluding broilers) 1,000 head	18	17	8,497	1.7	Iowa
Cattle and calves, all ¹ head	28	29	1,160,000	1.2	Texas
Sheep and lambs ¹ head	30	27	45,000	0.9	Texas

¹ As of January 1, 2018.

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