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Value of Washington's 2018 Agricultural Production Totaled \$9.67 Billion

The value of Washington's 2018 agricultural production totaled \$9.67 billion, down 2 percent from the revised previous year value of \$9.86 billion.

Apples remain the leading agricultural commodity in the State with a 2018 value of \$2.19 billion. This is down 10 percent from the previous year. Apples represented 23 percent of the total agricultural value in 2018. In the previous year apple's share of the total was 25 percent. Milk remained in the second position and had value of production totaling \$1.13 billion dollars in 2018, down 5 percent from 2017. All Wheat value of production remained in third position in the State rankings. Wheat value in 2018 was \$845 million, up 22 percent from the previous year. Potatoes, valued at \$788 million, were the fourth highest value in the State. This represents a 15 percent increase from the previous year. Cattle and calves rounded out the top five with a value of \$652 million, down 3 percent from the previous year. These five commodities had a combined value of \$5.60 billion, or 58 percent of the 2018 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2017 had a combined value of \$5.67 billion, also 58 percent of the total value.

Record high values of production were established for all grapes. Value of all grape production in 2018 was \$361 million, up 13 percent from the previous year and slightly higher than the previous record high in 2016. Egg production entered the top ten, with a value of \$241 million in 2018, an increase of 70 percent from the previous year. There were notable commodities outside the top ten that showed significant increases in value from the previous year. The value of onions increased 10 percent to \$178 million in 2018. Blueberry value increased 21 percent from 2017 to \$139 million in 2018. Barley value of production increased 55 percent to \$21.5 million in 2018. The value of canola, at \$20.3 million, increased 23 percent from the previous year. Five of the top ten commodities declined in value from the previous year, including apples, cattle and calves, hops, and sweet cherries. Other notable commodities that declined in value in 2018 were pears, down 15 percent to \$211 million; raspberries, down 38 percent to \$35.9 million; and green peas, down 21 percent to \$22.8 million.

Top Ten Agricultural Commodities – Washington: 2016-2018

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Change 2018 / 2017 (percent)
	2018	2017	2016 (1,000 dollars)	2017 (1,000 dollars)	2018 (1,000 dollars)	
Apples.....	1	1	2,350,703	2,430,353	2,185,875	-10.1
Milk ¹	2	2	1,097,250	1,188,642	1,131,648	-4.8
Wheat	3	3	656,782	690,902	844,592	22.2
Potatoes	4	4	813,313	686,602	788,256	14.8
Cattle and Calves.....	5	5	704,488	671,506	652,062	-2.9
Hay, all.....	6	6	478,980	515,901	519,277	0.7
Hops	7	8	382,208	458,686	427,502	-6.8
Cherries, sweet	8	7	491,111	474,579	426,470	-10.1
Grapes, all	9	9	360,060	318,890	360,910	13.2
Eggs	10	12	117,086	141,321	240,515	70.2
Value of crop production			7,369,188	7,372,949	7,158,127	-2.9
Value of livestock production.....			2,430,249	2,482,638	2,514,562	1.3
Total value of production, all commodities.....			9,799,437	9,855,587	9,672,689	-1.9

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: 2017-2018

Item and unit	Rank among States		Washington's production		Leading State
	2018	2017	Total	Percent of United States	
	(rank)	(rank)	(number)	(percent)	
Field crops					
Hops..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	77,728	72.7	Washington
Wrinkled seed peas..... 1,000 cwt	1	1	273	70.2	Washington
Spearmint oil..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	1,748	68.0	Washington
Potatoes..... 1,000 cwt	2	2	100,800	22.4	Idaho
Peppermint oil..... 1,000 pounds	3	3	1,320	24.5	Idaho
Lentils..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	708	8.4	Montana
Dry edible peas..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	1,275	8.0	North Dakota
Wheat, all..... 1,000 bushels	4	3	153,210	8.1	North Dakota
Dry edible beans..... 1,000 cwt	5	6	3,857	10.3	North Dakota
Barley..... 1,000 bushels	7	7	4,891	3.2	Idaho
Haylage, all..... 1,000 tons	8	9	1,249	4.2	Wisconsin
Hay, all..... 1,000 tons	18	19	2,764	2.2	Texas
Fruit crops					
Cherries, sweet..... tons	1	1	245,000	71.1	Washington
Apples, all..... tons	1	1	3,350,000	65.3	Washington
Pears, all..... tons	1	1	398,000	49.4	Washington
Apricots..... tons	2	2	7,850	19.8	California
Grapes, all..... tons	2	2	466,000	6.1	California
Peaches..... tons	7	4	13,300	2.0	California
Vegetable crops					
Asparagus, all..... cwt	1	2	266,500	34.1	Washington
Onions, dry..... 1,000 cwt	2	2	17,301	23.9	California
Berry crops					
Raspberries, all..... 1,000 pounds	2	2	75,800	34.6	California
Blueberries, cultivated..... 1,000 pounds	2	1	136,500	24.3	Oregon
Strawberries..... cwt	5	5	86,100	0.3	California
Livestock					
Milk..... million pounds	10	10	6,736	3.1	California
Milk cows ¹ head	10	10	280,000	3.0	California
Honey..... 1,000 pounds	11	11	3,311	2.2	North Dakota
Eggs..... million eggs	15	14	2,102	1.9	Iowa
Chickens, (excluding broilers)..... 1,000 head	19	18	8,111	1.5	Iowa
Cattle and calves, all ¹ head	28	28	1,180,000	1.2	Texas
Sheep and lambs ¹ head	29	30	50,000	1.0	Texas

¹ As of January 1, 2019.

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