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## Value of Washington's 2019 Agricultural Production Totaled \$9.49 Billion

The value of Washington's 2019 agricultural production totaled \$9.49 billion, down 2 percent from the revised previous year value of \$9.68 billion.

Apples remain the leading agricultural commodity in the State with a 2019 value of \$1.96 billion. This is down 8 percent from the previous year. Apples represented 21 percent of the total agricultural value in 2019. In the previous year, apple's share of the total was 22 percent. Milk remained in the second position and had value of production totaling \$1.28 billion dollars in 2019, up 13 percent from 2018. All Potato value of production moved up one position from the previous year to third in the State rankings. Potato value in 2019 was \$934 million, up 19 percent from the previous year. All Wheat, valued at \$793 million, represented the fourth highest value in the State. This was a 6 percent decrease from the previous year. Cattle and calves rounded out the top five with a value of \$699 million, up 7 percent from the previous year. These five commodities had a combined value of \$5.67 billion, or 60 percent of the 2019 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2018 had a combined value of \$5.56 billion, 57 percent of the total value.

Record high values of production were established for potatoes and hops. Value of hop production in 2019 was \$476 million, up 11 percent from the previous year and 4 percent higher than the previous record high in 2017. Onion value of production entered the top ten, with a value of \$181 million in 2019, an increase of 2 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 blueberries reached a record high value of \$153 million in 2019, up 10 percent from the previous year and 4 percent higher than the previous record in 2015. Barley value of production increased 39 percent to \$29.9 million in 2019. The value of canola, at \$22.3 million, increased for the fourth consecutive year. Five of the top ten commodities declined in value from the previous year, including apples, wheat, hay, sweet cherries, and grapes. Other notable commodities that declined in value in 2019 were eggs, down 30 percent to \$168 million, and all pears, down 31 percent to \$145 million.

## Top Ten Agricultural Commodities – Washington: 2017-2019

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Change 2019 / 2018 (percent)
	2019	2018	2017 (1,000 dollars)	2018 (1,000 dollars)	2019 (1,000 dollars)	
Apples.....	1	1	2,430,353	2,140,650	1,958,900	-8.5
Milk <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	1,188,642	1,131,648	1,281,987	13.3
Potatoes.....	3	4	686,602	788,256	934,144	18.5
Wheat, all .....	4	3	690,902	844,592	792,509	-6.2
Cattle and Calves .....	5	5	671,506	652,062	698,751	7.2
Hops .....	6	7	458,686	427,502	475,686	11.3
Hay, all.....	7	6	515,901	519,277	468,306	-9.8
Cherries, sweet.....	8	8	474,579	426,470	393,577	-7.7
Grapes, all.....	9	9	318,890	360,910	308,070	-14.6
Onions, all .....	10	12	161,495	176,211	180,576	2.5
Value of crop production .....			7,349,906	7,162,332	6,797,804	-5.1
Value of livestock production .....			2,476,236	2,520,163	2,697,189	7.0
Total value of production, all commodities .....			9,826,142	9,682,495	9,494,993	-1.9

<sup>1</sup> 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: 2018-2019

Item and unit	Rank among States		Washington's production		Leading State
	2019	2018	Total	Percent of United States	
	(rank)	(rank)	(number)	(percent)	
<b>Field crops</b>					
Hops..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	82,015	73.2	Washington
Spearmint oil..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	1,665	69.0	Washington
Potatoes..... 1,000 cwt	2	2	104,960	24.7	Idaho
Peppermint oil..... 1,000 pounds	3	3	1,300	23.8	Idaho
Lentils..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	682	12.7	Montana
Dry edible peas ..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	1,420	6.4	Montana
Wheat, all ..... 1,000 bushels	4	4	143,205	7.4	Kansas
Barley ..... 1,000 bushels	6	7	5,880	3.4	Idaho
Dry edible beans <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000 cwt	7	5	665	3.2	North Dakota
Haylage, all ..... 1,000 tons	15	8	497	1.7	Wisconsin
Hay, all ..... 1,000 tons	24	18	2,448	1.9	Texas
<b>Fruit crops</b>					
Apples, all ..... tons	1	1	3,800,000	69.0	Washington
Cherries, sweet ..... tons	1	1	239,000	67.5	Washington
Pears, all ..... tons	1	1	330,000	45.3	Washington
Apricots ..... tons	2	2	7,400	14.4	California
Grapes, all ..... tons	2	2	391,000	5.7	California
Peaches ..... tons	7	7	11,150	1.6	California
<b>Vegetable crops</b>					
Asparagus, all ..... cwt	2	1	225,500	29.9	Michigan
Onions, dry ..... 1,000 cwt	3	2	14,328	20.5	California
<b>Berry crops</b>					
Blueberries, cultivated..... 1,000 pounds	1	2	163,000	23.9	Washington
Raspberries, all ..... 1,000 pounds	2	2	82,500	36.5	California
<b>Livestock</b>					
Milk ..... million pounds	10	10	6,783	3.1	California
Milk cows <sup>2</sup> ..... head	10	10	282,000	3.0	California
Honey..... 1,000 pounds	13	11	2,835	1.8	North Dakota
Eggs ..... million eggs	16	15	2,079	1.8	Iowa
Chickens, (excluding broilers) ..... 1,000 head	18	19	8,367	1.6	Iowa
Cattle and calves, all <sup>2</sup> ..... head	27	28	1,200	1.2	Texas
Sheep and lambs <sup>2</sup> ..... head	29	29	50,000	1.0	Texas

<sup>1</sup> Excludes beans grown for garden seed. Beginning in 2019, chickpeas are excluded.

<sup>2</sup> As of January 1, 2020.

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