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Value of Washington's 2012 Agricultural Production Surpasses Previous Year's Record High

The value of Washington's 2012 agricultural production reached \$9.89 billion, 6 percent above the 2011 revised figure of \$9.31 billion.

Record Highs: Record high values of production were set for six of the top twenty Washington commodities, including apples, wheat, cattle and calves, grapes, pears, and dry edible beans. Of the top forty, there were significant gains in values of several commodities including dry edible beans which increased 79 percent in value from 2011, barley up 69 percent, canola up 64 percent, and onions which increased 51 percent from the previous year. Notable commodities that declined in value in 2012 were blueberries, down 30 percent from the record high value in 2011, and wrinkled seed peas, down 28 percent from the previous year.

“Overall, these new figures are good news for Washington agriculture,” said Bud Hover, director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture. “Washington's farmers and farmworkers for several years now have managed to keep boosting the value of our state's harvests. We also set record employment and sales figures in the food processing industry. There's no question that all of this shows just how important agriculture is to our state's economy.”

Top Five: Apples remain the leading agricultural commodity in the State with a 2012 value of \$2.25 billion, a 16 percent increase from 2011. Apples represented 23 percent of the total agricultural value compared with 21 percent in 2011. Wheat, moving up one position in the ranking from the previous year, had value of production totaling \$1.18 billion dollars in 2012. This was up 4 percent from 2011. Milk ranked third with a value of \$1.16 billion, 9 percent lower than the previous year. Rounding out the top five were potatoes ranked fourth and all hay coming in fifth. Potato value of production, at \$700 million, was down 9 percent from 2011 while all hay, at \$679 million declined 5 percent from the previous year. These five commodities had a combined value of \$5.97 billion, or 60 percent of the 2012 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2011 had a combined value of \$5.83 billion, or 63 percent of the total value. In 2010, comparable figures were \$4.58 billion and 57 percent.

Commodity Groups: The value of field crops, at \$3.18 billion, was 5 percent above last year. Fruit and nut crops, at \$3.10 billion rose 17 percent from 2011. Livestock, at \$2.37 billion, registered a decline of 2 percent. Commercial vegetables at \$562 million increased 10 percent while specialty products at \$535 million decreased in value by less than 1 percent. Rounding out the groups were berry crops at \$136 million, a 23 percent decline from 2011.

Apples had a value per harvested acre in 2012 at \$15,417, followed by all cherries at \$14,681. Blueberries had a value per harvested acre of \$10,675.

Top Forty Agricultural Commodities – Washington: 2010-2012

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Change 2012 / 2011 (percent)
	2012	2011	2010 (1,000 dollars)	2011 (1,000 dollars)	2012 (1,000 dollars)	
Apples.....	1	1	1,541,420	1,932,260	2,250,850	16.5
Wheat.....	2	3	925,265	1,138,490	1,180,182	3.7
Milk ¹	3	2	950,061	1,276,983	1,159,524	-9.2
Potatoes.....	4	4	654,456	771,040	700,362	-9.2
Hay.....	5	5	508,680	713,568	678,664	-4.9
Cattle and calves.....	6	6	568,317	592,296	623,534	5.3
Cherries, All.....	7	7	367,208	533,507	499,148	-6.4
Nursery and greenhouse products ²	8	8	299,795	306,422	304,898	-0.5
Grapes, All.....	9	9	213,920	189,048	235,875	24.8
Pears, All.....	10	10	187,591	181,076	205,734	13.6
Onions, All.....	11	16	168,810	121,686	184,094	51.3
Corn for grain.....	12	11	155,800	174,938	166,894	-4.6
Sweet corn, All.....	13	12	146,656	163,686	155,257	-5.1
Hops.....	14	13	162,505	157,003	155,022	-1.3
Eggs.....	15	14	120,732	140,429	137,149	-2.3
Dry edible beans.....	16	21	40,042	65,542	117,438	79.2
Aquaculture ³	17	17	114,689	109,475	96,968	-11.4
Corn for silage.....	18	18	82,013	101,861	87,500	-14.1
Blueberries.....	19	15	54,664	122,000	85,400	-30.0
Broilers ⁴	20	19	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
Mint oil.....	21	20	60,832	68,275	75,637	10.8
Barley.....	22	24	21,345	41,274	69,678	68.8
Christmas trees.....	23	23	42,750	42,630	42,200	-1.0
Red raspberries.....	24	22	50,254	44,336	37,871	-14.6
Green peas for processing.....	25	26	19,061	24,116	35,250	46.2
Haylage.....	26	27	20,965	23,155	29,970	29.4
Lentils.....	27	25	25,912	26,376	23,322	-11.6
Dry edible peas.....	28	28	14,858	21,760	21,580	-0.8
Mushrooms.....	29	29	20,669	19,451	19,673	1.1
Asparagus.....	30	30	17,588	18,936	18,180	-4.0
Alfalfa seed.....	31	31	20,500	14,200	18,000	26.8
Kentucky bluegrass seed.....	32	32	30,800	13,260	17,000	28.2
Strawberries.....	33	36	7,640	8,971	10,331	15.2
Farm forest products ⁵	34	34	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
Cranberries.....	35	39	6,490	6,361	8,706	36.9
Apricots.....	36	38	6,908	7,132	8,371	17.4
Peaches.....	37	37	8,675	7,809	8,153	4.4
Carrots for processing.....	38	33	9,151	10,380	7,975	-23.2
Canola ⁶	39	40	(NA)	4,380	7,191	64.2
Wrinkled seed peas.....	40	35	8,580	9,350	6,721	-28.1
Total value of production, top 40 commodities.....			7,725,138	9,286,718	9,580,452	3.2
Total value of production, all commodities.....			7,970,056	9,314,189	9,886,311	6.1

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

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.

² Includes floriculture.

³ Includes trout eggs and fish. Excludes value of distributed fish.

⁴ Washington Fryer Commission total weight multiplied by USDA US average bird live weight price per pound.

⁵ Value of forest products sold from operations meeting the USDA farm definition.

⁶ Washington published separately in National program beginning in 2011.

Value of Production and Government Payments — Washington: 2003-2012

Year	Field crops	Fruits and nuts	Commercial vegetables	Berry crops	Total crops	Specialty products ¹	Livestock and products	Total value of production	Government payments	Total value ²
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2003	1,732,339	1,467,682	322,026	66,164	3,588,211	408,751	1,449,091	5,446,053	265,398	5,711,451
2004	1,814,623	1,265,784	264,957	77,620	3,422,984	424,951	1,678,175	5,526,110	196,974	5,723,084
2005	1,797,042	1,671,172	339,939	76,238	3,884,391	418,912	1,749,286	6,052,589	239,909	6,292,498
2006	2,067,154	2,012,920	495,204	68,104	4,643,382	402,676	1,560,454	6,606,512	196,466	6,802,978
2007	2,810,960	2,486,567	328,123	97,159	5,722,809	420,962	2,021,377	8,165,148	185,104	8,350,252
2008	2,795,746	1,976,392	473,862	153,244	5,399,244	423,423	1,914,224	7,736,891	200,928	7,937,819
2009	2,559,733	1,956,265	575,234	106,607	5,197,839	380,191	1,617,176	7,195,206	189,342	7,384,548
2010	2,447,520	2,275,735	529,879	113,298	5,396,432	526,959	2,046,665	7,970,056	313,817	8,283,873
2011	3,023,705	2,648,922	508,900	176,624	6,358,151	537,959	2,418,079	9,314,189	231,123	9,545,312
2012	3,182,931	3,104,935	561,719	136,225	6,985,810	534,548	2,365,953	9,886,311	203,661	10,089,972

¹ Includes forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, nursery and other horticultural products, and agaricus and other (shitake, oyster, etc.) mushrooms.

² Includes government payments.

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