

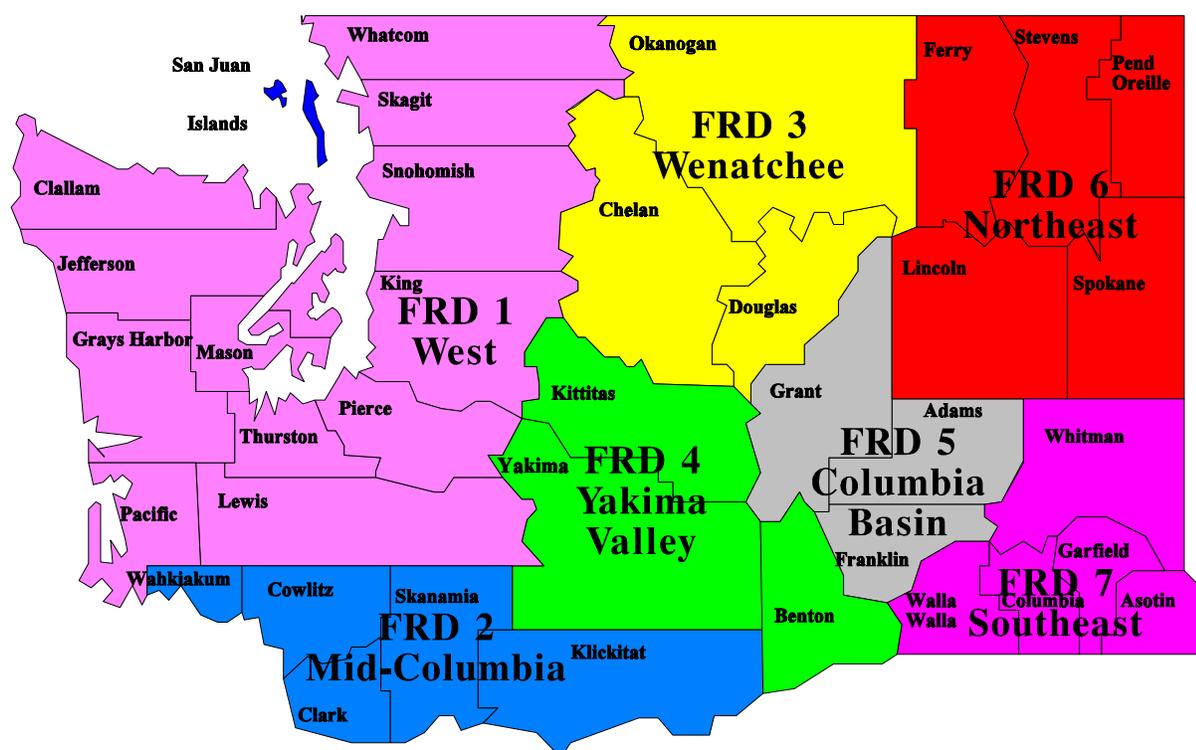
Major Fruit Counties and Districts

The 2001 Fruit Acreage Survey was conducted statewide. The survey results are presented for the state total, the three major fruit districts, and all other areas. The total fruit acreage represented in the three major districts is 94 percent of the state total acreage. The three major districts are: Wenatchee District which includes Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan Counties; Yakima Valley District which includes Benton, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties; and Columbia Basin District which includes Adams, Franklin, and Grant Counties.

Estimates for the January 1, 1993 survey were published for the same districts and are comparable. These three districts accounted for 95 percent of the State total tree fruit acreage. Grapes and tart cherries were included in the 1993 survey but were excluded for 2001. Wine grapes were surveyed in 1999 and the report is on our homepage at www.nass.usda.gov/wa.

Data presented for 1986 were by county and included all of the counties in major districts plus Klickitat, Spokane, and Walla Walla Counties. The total coverage of the 1986 survey was 99 percent of the state's total tree fruit acreage. These three counties are still major producers of fruit for the other area data in this publication. Production estimates made at the end of the season and presented in the Washington Agricultural Statistics (Annual Bulletin) are made for each of the seven Fruit Reporting Districts, but acreage estimates are not made for the seven districts.

Fruit Reporting Districts (FRD)



This map shows the Fruit Reporting Districts for the state. There are seven in all; West, Mid-Columbia, Wenatchee, Yakima Valley, Columbia Basin, Northeast, and Southeast.

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Usual Bloom and Harvest Dates, Washington

Area	Usual Dates of Full Bloom	Usual Harvesting Dates		
		Begin	Most Active	Ends
Lower Yakima Valley 1/ Apples	April 25	August 15	September 10-October 25	November 10
Apricots	March 28	July 5	July 5-July 10	July 20
Sweet Cherries	April 15	June 15	June 25-June 30	July 20
Peaches	April 12	July 15	August 20-September 5	September 25
Pears, Bartlett	April 20	August 10	August 15-August 25	August 30
Pears, Other	April 20	September 5	September 20-October 5	October 20
Plums/Prunes	April 20	August 20	August 20-August 25	October 1
Upper Yakima Valley 2/ Apples	April 30	September 1	September 15-October 25	November 1
Apricots	April 5	July 20	July 20-July 25	August 1
Sweet Cherries	April 20	June 25	July 1-July 5	July 30
Pears, Bartlett	April 25	August 15	August 25-September 10	September 25
Pears, Other	April 25	September 10	October 10-October 20	October 30
Prosser-Kennewick Apricots	March 20	June 25	July 5-July 10	July 15
Sweet Cherries	April 10	June 10	June 15-June 20	June 20
Peaches	April 10	July 10	August 10-August 20	August 25
Plums/Prunes	April 15	August 15	August 25-September 5	September 15
Wenatchee River Zone 3/ Apples	April 28	August 10	August 25-October 20	November 10
Apricots	April 5	July 1	July 4-July 20	July 20
Sweet Cherries	April 15	June 2	June 24-July 4	July 10
Peaches	April 15	July 20	August 10-September 10	September 15
Pears, Bartlett	April 17	August 10	August 1-August 20	August 25
Pears, Other	April 17	September 5	September 1-September 20	September 25
Wenatchee Intermediate Zone 4/ Apples	May 5	October 1	October 1-October 10	November 1
Sweet Cherries	April 25	July 1	July 5-July 20	August 1
Pears, Bartlett	April 25	August 15	August 20-August 30	September 5
Pears, Other	April 25	September 10	September 10-October 1	October 10
Wenatchee Upper Zone 5/ Apples	May 10	October 5	October 5-October 10	November 5
Pears, Bartlett	May 5	August 21	September 1-September 5	September 10
Pears, Other	May 5	September 20	September 20-October 5	October 10
Columbia Basin Apples	April 20	August 10	August 25-October 15	October 30
Apricots	April 1	July 1	July 10-July 25	July 30
Sweet Cherries	April 10	June 5	June 10-June 15	July 25
Peaches	April 10	July 5	July 5-July 30	August 5
Pears, Bartlett	April 15	August 10	August 15-August 30	September 10
Pears, Other	April 20	August 25	September 1-September 20	September 30
Plums/Prunes	April 10	August 5	August 10-August 20	August 25

1/ Lower Yakima Valley is from Prosser to Union Gap below the City of Yakima.

2/ Upper Yakima Valley is the area around the City of Yakima and extending northwest along the Naches River.

3/ Wenatchee River Zone is the river bottom lands extending from Wenatchee to the Canadian Border.

4/ Wenatchee Intermediate Zone is locations above river bottom lands, such as Cashmere, Entiat, Lake Chelan, Manson, Omak, and Okanogan.

5/ Wenatchee Upper Zone is locations which approach the 2,000 foot elevation mark, such as Peshastin, Leavenworth, Ardenvoir, and Methow Valley.

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