

## Washington Bearing Fruit Acreage, January 1, 1993

The bearing acreage of all tree fruit is estimated at 193,050 acres on January 1, 1993. The Yakima district has the largest tree fruit acreage, with 92,090 acres, followed by Wenatchee with 63,720 acres, and Columbia Basin with 29,300 acres. Other areas of the state had 7,940 bearing acres. Bearing trees for tree fruit totaled 41.9 million with the distribution similar to the bearing acreage.

The Columbia Basin averaged the highest density of trees with 310 trees per acre. Yakima averaged 198 trees per acre, Wenatchee averaged 190, and the other areas averaged 304 trees per acre. The survey showed the newer plantings were planted at a higher density than the older plantings, and the Columbia Basin is where orchard development has been most active recently.

The percentage of total fruit acreage that was bearing

age ranged from a low of 80 percent for nectarines to a high of 100 percent for tart cherries. The overall average for all fruit was 86 percent at the state level.

Reviewing the bearing percentage for the total fruit by districts shows the Columbia Basin and other areas lowest at 79 and 78 percent, respectively, indicating more recent plantings than the Wenatchee and Yakima districts. Yakima averaged nearly 89 percent for all fruit, indicating a slowing of plantings in this district compared with the existing acreage.

Grape acreage totaled 37,400 acres of which 32,700 acres were bearing age. Information presented on pages 21 and 22 show the breakdown of wine and juice grapes by year planted.

The bearing age was determined for each fruit and is explained in appendix B.

### Fruit Acreage, Bearing Age, by District, Washington, January 1, 1993

Area	Apples	Apricots	Sweet Cherries	Tart Cherries	Nectarines	Peaches	Pears	Prunes/Plums	Total Tree Fruit	Grapes
	<b>Acres</b>									
Wenatchee	48,900	360	3,850	0	220	250	10,100	40	63,720	0
Yakima Valley	68,600	570	7,900	300	660	1,600	11,200	1,260	92,090	25,600
Columbia Basin	24,300	320	1,750	1,100	280	300	1,100	150	29,300	3,600
All Other Areas	5,200	50	700	50	40	350	1,500	50	7,940	3,500
<b>State Total</b>	<b>147,000</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>14,200</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>23,900</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>193,050</b>	<b>32,700</b>
	<b>1,000 Trees</b>									
Wenatchee	9,700	65	505	0	60	55	1,725	15	12,125	0
Yakima Valley	14,250	110	870	40	155	355	2,185	260	18,225	16,640
Columbia Basin	8,150	60	225	205	70	70	250	60	9,090	2,580
All Other Areas	1,900	10	105	10	5	40	335	10	2,415	2,280
<b>State Total</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>4,495</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>41,855</b>	<b>21,500</b>
	<b>Trees per Acre</b>									
Wenatchee	198	181	131	-	273	220	171	375	190	-
Yakima Valley	208	193	110	133	235	222	195	206	198	650
Columbia Basin	335	188	129	186	250	233	227	400	310	717
All Other Areas	365	200	150	200	125	114	223	200	304	651
<b>State Total</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>658</b>