



WASHINGTON FRUIT SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

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The following are some highlights from the January 1, 2006 Grape and Tree Fruit Acreage Inventory Study. The full report is available on the Washington Field Office website and includes trees and acres by area, variety, and year planted for Washington apples, sweet cherries, pears, apricots, nectarines, peaches, prunes and plums, and tart cherries. For the first time trees and acreage information by dwarf, semi-dwarf, and standard rootstock for apples, sweet cherries, and pears are part of the report. Breakouts of bearing and non-bearing trees and a summary of planting, removal, and topworking statistics by fruit type are given. The report includes graphical presentation of key data and distributions of orchard densities. Study information regarding grapes will be available in early February 2007.

The study shows that the acreages for most tree fruits are smaller than five years earlier. The exceptions are sweet cherries and nectarines which both show increases in acreage from 2001.

Tree Fruit: Acres by Area, Washington, January 1, 1986, 1993, 2001, 2006

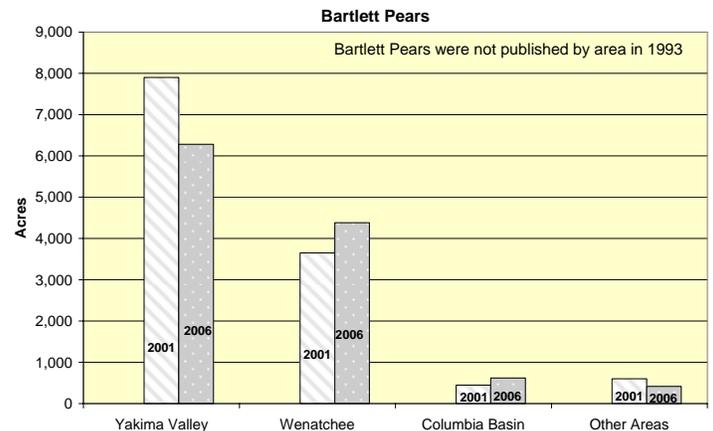
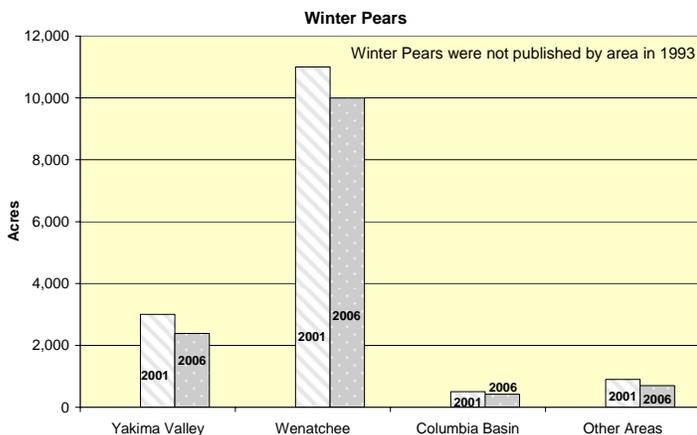
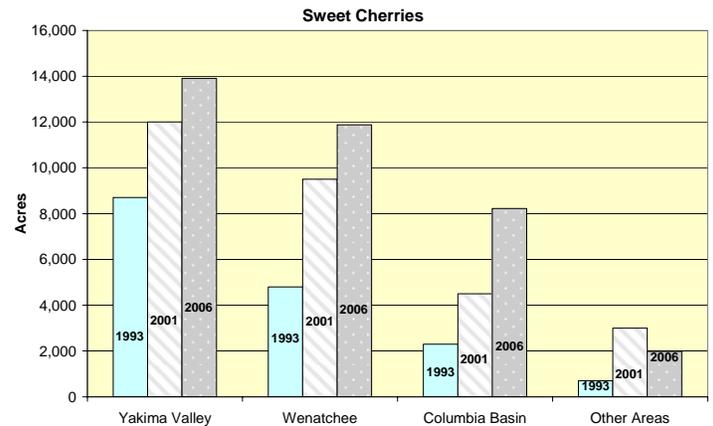
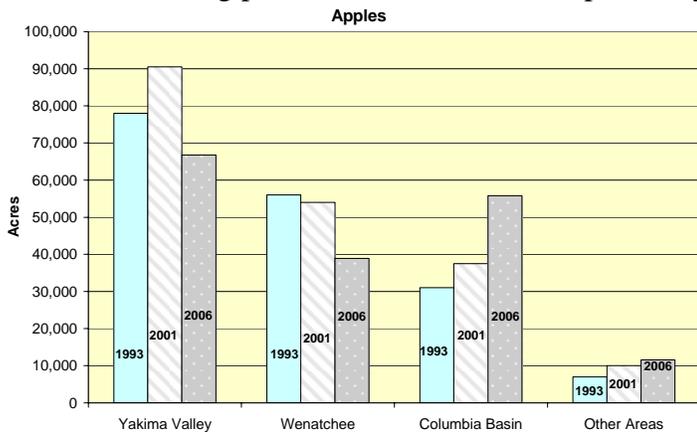
Area	Apples	Bartlett Pears	Winter Pears	All Pears	Sweet Cherries	Tart Cherries	Peaches	Nec-tarines	Apricots	Prunes and Plums
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Yakima Valley										
1986	70,715	-	-	12,045	8,390	295	1,895	560	505	1,970
1993	78,000	-	-	12,000	8,700	-	1,900	850	600	1,400
2001	90,500	7,900	3,000	10,900	12,000	-	2,000	1,000	600	900
2006	66,738	6,282	2,388	8,670	13,906	-	985	609	545	628
Wenatchee										
1986	61,080	-	-	10,880	3,730	-	400	355	355	35
1993	56,000	-	-	12,450	4,800	-	300	250	400	50
2001	54,000	3,650	11,000	14,650	9,500	-	350	250	450	100
2006	38,912	4,383	9,997	14,380	11,883	-	310	182	293	102
Columbia Basin										
1986	23,580	-	-	905	1,370	895	365	255	270	220
1993	31,000	-	-	1,300	2,300	-	400	350	350	200
2001	37,500	450	500	950	4,500	-	550	250	200	50
2006	55,777	618	419	1,037	8,225	-	1,052	744	231	-
Other Areas										
1986	5,605	-	-	1,920	435	80	135	35	100	85
1993	7,000	-	-	1,850	700	-	400	50	50	50
2001	10,000	600	900	1,500	3,000	-	300	-	50	50
2006	11,559	417	696	1,113	1,987	-	453	15	30	-
Washington										
1986	160,980	13,010	12,740	25,750	13,925	1,270	2,795	1,205	1,230	2,310
1993	172,000	12,150	15,450	27,600	16,500	-	3,000	1,500	1,400	1,700
2001	192,000	12,600	15,400	28,000	29,000	-	3,200	1,500	1,300	1,100
2006	172,986	11,700	13,500	25,200	36,000	1,550	2,800	1,550	1,100	800

- Indicates withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms or no data reported.

Apples remain Washington’s largest tree fruit crop with 172,986 acres, 10 percent less than the 192,000 acres on January 1, 2001. Apple acreage decreased from 2001 by 26 percent in the Yakima Valley, 28 percent in the Wenatchee area, while increasing 49 percent in the Columbia Basin. Sweet cherries ranked second with 36,000 acres, up 24 percent from the 29,000 acres on January 1, 2001. Sweet cherry acreage increased from 2001 by 16 percent in the Yakima Valley, 25 percent in the Wenatchee area, and 83 percent in the Columbia Basin. All pears ranked third with 25,200 acres, down 10 percent from the 28,000 acres on January 1, 2001. Pear acreage decreased from 2001 by 20 percent in the Yakima Valley, 2 percent in the Wenatchee area, but increased 9 percent in the Columbia Basin.

The tree inventory indicates an overall increase in density for most tree fruits except apricots, and prunes and plums. Apples went from 391 trees per acre in 2001 to 434 trees per acre in 2006. The total inventory of apple trees remained virtually unchanged from the 2001 level of 75.1 million trees. Sweet cherry tree inventory showed a dramatic increase of almost 57 percent, from 4.8 million trees in 2001 to 7.5 million trees in 2006. Trees per acre for sweet cherries went from 165 on January 1, 2001 to 208 on January 1, 2006. The tree inventory for all pears showed a 4 percent decline from January 1, 2001 to 5.6 million trees in 2006. Trees per acre for all pears went to 220, up 6 percent or 13 trees from the 207 trees per acre reported in 2001

To access the 2006 Fruit Tree Publication on USDA/NASS Washington’s homepage (www.nass.usda.gov/wa), select Fruit in the drop-down box under Publications, and then click the GO button. All of the fruit publications are listed with the most current (2006 Fruit Tree Survey) listed at the top and continuing down to the historical data. This report was made possible by the cooperation of the Washington Wine Industry Foundation and the Washington Growers Clearinghouse. The data collection was funded, in part, by a USDA Risk Management Agency grant research partnership. The grant was awarded to assist grape and tree fruit growers in their decision-making processes and to reduce impacts of year-to-year variability.



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