

## Supporting Washington Agriculture Supports Washington's Economy!

Washington's \$38 billion food and agriculture industry contributes 12% to the state's economy and employs 160,000 people. Agriculture is Washington's largest employer.

Nearly \$15 billion in food and agricultural products were exported through Washington ports in 2008— that means jobs!



Source: Washington State Department of Agriculture

## Are you a Wash·i·vore?

(ˈwəʃ ə ˈvɔːr) noun, Wash – referring to Washington State; vor – from the Latin “to eat”

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Eating locally is easy when you live in Washington.

Celebrate Washington agriculture by getting to know the magnificent fruits, vegetables and grains grown in this beautiful state of ours and learn more about our farm families along the way.



## Washington's agriculture is diverse

Washington ranks 20<sup>th</sup> out of all 50 states when it comes to size. Yet we grow more different types of crops than any other state except California, and our farmers are some of the most productive in the world.

Farming is good for Washington!

## Washington farming is a family affair

Of Washington's over 39,000 farms, 95% are family owned and operated.

More than 20% of Washington farms are operated by women.



Farmers live on their farms with their families. Their children play on the land and they eat the food they grow.

## Washington ranks first

in the production of 12 commodities, including apples, pears, raspberries, cherries, concord grapes, hops, lentils and spearmint oil.

## Grown in Washington

### Does your diet include these super foods?

Blueberries, blackberries, cranberries, and concord grapes? Washington is the only state that grows them all commercially.



Washington grows 42% of the U.S. production of Concord grapes.



Apples are the top crop in Washington bringing in about \$1.5 billion per year to growers.

### Washington apples

are shipped to all 50 states and more than 50 different countries!

### Perhaps you enjoy an occasional glass of wine...

Washington is the second largest producer of premium wines in the U.S. with over 740 wineries and 350 wine grape growers.



Washington's wine industry contributes over \$3 billion to our state's economy.

[www.washingtonwine.org](http://www.washingtonwine.org)

### Berry -liscious

Washington grows 91% of the U.S. supply of red raspberries! Most are grown in Whatcom County.



Raspberries are a nutritional powerhouse. At only 70 calories per cup, they are high in vitamin C, fiber and folate.

### Po-ta-to ~ Po-tah-to

No matter how you say it, potatoes are the most commonly eaten vegetable in the world.

If all the potatoes grown in Washington each year were packed in 50-lb boxes and laid end-to-end, they would stretch over 55,000 miles — that's more than twice around the world!

Potatoes represent the State's third largest agricultural crop with a total value to the State of over \$4.6 billion.



Washington produces more potatoes per acre than any other state in the nation.

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