

AGRICULTURE - A Cornerstone of Washington's Economy

Food Processing Industry Gross Sales and Employment by County



LEGEND
 Top 10 counties in food processing sales are **GOLD** - Food processing includes foods and beverages
 Source: Department of Revenue and Employment Security Department, 2013 data
 *Gross sales or jobs data not available

KEY ECONOMIC FACTS ON THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN WASHINGTON

\$17.05 billion industry

Employs 40,000 people

The Washington State Department of Agriculture licenses nearly 3,000:

- Food and milk processors
- Milk producers
- Food storage warehouses
- Custom meat facilities
- Egg dealers

Many food crops grown by Washington farmers are sold to independent food processors or are used by grower cooperatives for processing.

Washington is:

- The U.S. leader in potatoes grown for processed foods such as french fries.
- The leading U.S. producer of apple juice and a leader of grape and berry juices.
- The second-largest premium wine producer in the U.S. with 850 licensed wineries.

Other major commodities processed include:

- Vegetables and Fruit
- Dairy foods
- Beef
- Seafood products