

If there was such a thing as an “AVERAGE” farmer, and our statistics were evenly distributed over the farms of Washington State, this “AVERAGE” farmer would be:

A 57 year old family farm operator with a farm spanning 381 acres and worth \$759,146;

Farm machinery and motor vehicles valued at \$83,468;



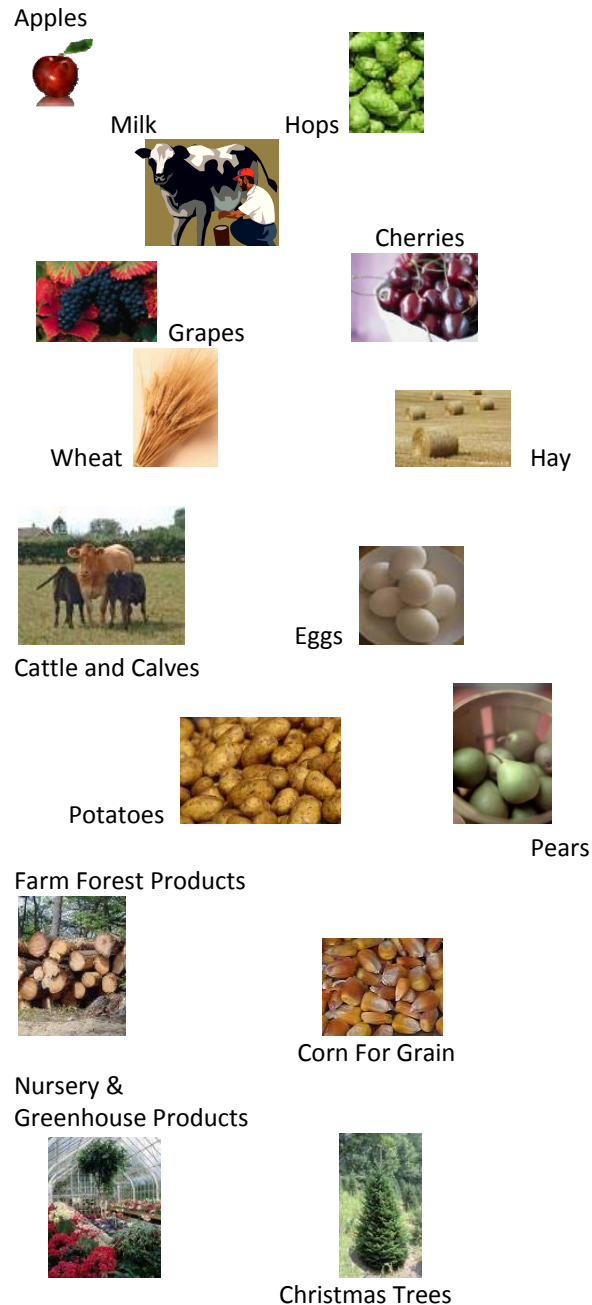
Crops sold worth \$121,115;



And livestock, poultry, and products sold valued at \$51,878.



This farm has the potential to produce one (or several) of Washington’s major commodities:



In 2007, this “AVERAGE” farmer paid:






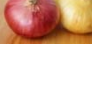



- \$29,309 for contract & hired labor
- \$18,238 for seed
- \$16,887 for feed
- \$12,348 for repairs & maintenance
- \$ 9,682 for fertilizer & lime
- \$ 8,305 for livestock and poultry
- \$ 8,089 for chemicals
- \$ 6,747 for fuel & oil
- \$ 6,621 for cash rent to non-operator landlords
- \$ 5,591 for real estate & nonreal estate interest
- \$ 4,119 for property taxes
- \$ 4,743 for utilities
- \$15,506 for other expenses

Therefore, this farmer spends about **\$376 PER DAY** to cover these expenses!

After this farmer’s 2007 production costs were paid, his net farm income was **\$45,454**, including government payments. (For those farms with net gains, the average net farm income was **\$156,938** versus an average of **\$21,146** for those farms with net losses, including government payments.)

The market value of agricultural products sold and government payments averaged **\$176,436** per farm.

One acre of a Washington farmer’s land is worth about **\$1,650**. An acre of land is roughly the size of a football field. Major crops, their 2010 yields and values per acre are:

	Sweet Cherries	8,440 lbs per acre Worth \$9,830/acre
	Apples	36,275 lbs per acre Worth \$9,437/acre
	Wine Grapes	9,140 lbs per acre Worth \$4,754/acre
	Blueberries	8,080 lbs per acre Worth \$10,512/acre
	Non-Storage Onions	33,000 lbs per acre Worth \$16,533/acre
	Storage Onions	61,000 lbs per acre Worth \$6,170/acre
	Potatoes	66,000 lbs per acre Worth \$4,884/acre
	Wheat	3,882 lbs per acre Worth \$405/acre
	Fresh Sweet Corn	18,000 lbs per acre Worth \$6,984/acre
	Hops	2,147 lbs per acre Worth \$6,613/acre

TOP 40 COMMODITIES, 2010

Commodity	Value of Production
1. Apples	\$1,443,890,000
2. Milk	950,061,000
3. Wheat	925,265,000
4. Potatoes	654,456,000
5. Cattle & Calves	568,317,000
6. Hay	508,680,000
7. Cherries	367,208,000
8. Nursery/Greenhouse	300,002,000
9. Grapes	213,744,000
10. Pears	189,319,000
11. Onions	168,810,000
12. Hops	160,937,000
13. Sweet Corn	146,656,000
14. Corn for Grain	139,656,000
15. Eggs	120,732,000
16. Aquaculture	102,689,000
17. Corn for Silage	82,013,000
18. Broilers	61,360,000
19. Mint Oil	60,832,000
20. Blueberries	54,664,000
21. Red Raspberries	50,254,000
22. Christmas Trees	42,750,000
23. Dry Edible Beans	38,528,000
24. KY Bluegrass Seed	30,800,000
25. Lentils	25,912,000
26. Barley	22,512,000
27. Haylage	20,965,000
28. Mushrooms	20,669,000
29. Alfalfa Seed	20,500,000
30. Green Peas for Processing	19,061,000
31. Asparagus	17,588,000
32. Dry Edible Peas	14,858,000
33. Other Grass Seed	9,910,000
34. Carrots for Processing	9,471,000
35. Wrinkled Seed Peas	8,580,000
36. Farm Forest Products	8,000,000
37. Strawberries	7,640,000
38. Apricots	6,908,000
39. Cranberries	6,726,000
40. Peaches	5,017,000

WASHINGTON'S RANK IN THE NATION'S AGRICULTURE

Commodity	Rank	% of US Production
Red Raspberries	1	91.0
Hops	1	79.8
Spearmint Oil	1	74.6
Wrinkled Seed Peas	1	67.2
Apples	1	59.7
Sweet Cherries	1	50.5
All Pears	1	47.8
Concord Grapes	1	43.4
Processing Carrots	1	36.0
Asparagus	2	28.5
Peppermint Oil	2	27.7
Niagara Grapes	2	25.3
Processing Green Peas	2	25.1
Processing Sweet Corn	2	24.4
Potatoes	2	22.7
Onions, All Summer	2	21.4
Apricots	2	9.0
All Grapes	2	4.5
Nectarines	2	3.5
Lentils	3	9.9
Dry Edible Peas	3	9.1
Tart Cherries	3	8.1
Prunes/Plums	3	1.1
All Wheat	4	6.7
Blueberries	5	10.1
Fresh Market Sweet Corn	5	8.3
Cranberries	5	1.6
Strawberries	5	0.4

Based on 2010 Production

DID YOU KNOW?

Washington's potato growers have the highest yields per acre in the United States! We produce almost twice as many pounds per acre as our more famous neighboring state to the east.

Washington's Whitman County produces more wheat than any other county in the United States and ranks number two nationally in barley production.

Washington apples are sold in all 50 states and in more than 50 countries.

Washington is second only to California in the number of agricultural commodities produced – over 230.

In 2007, more than 20% of Washington farms were operated by women.

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