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## **Value of Washington's 2023 Agricultural Production Totaled a Record High of Nearly \$14.0 Billion**

The value of Washington's 2023 agricultural production totaled \$14.0 billion, up almost 6 percent from the previous revised record high of \$13.2 billion in 2022. The value of Washington's crop production in 2023 was \$7.71 billion, down about 10 percent from the record high value of \$8.56 billion in 2022. The value of livestock production in 2023 totaled \$4.35 billion, up nearly 5 percent from the previous year. The value of livestock production was a new record high following the 2022 record high.

Apples remain the leading agricultural commodity in the State, with a 2023 value of \$1.99 billion, down 4 percent from the previous year's value of production of \$2.07 billion. In 2023, apples represented 14 percent of the total agricultural value in 2023, down from 16 percent of the total share in 2022. Cattle and calves value of production climbed to second in the State rankings from fourth in 2022. The record high value of cattle and calves in 2023 was \$1.33 billion, up 30 percent from the previous year. Milk dropped into third position when compared to 2022, with a value of production totaling \$1.33 billion in 2023, down 21 percent from 2022. Potatoes value of production is up 23 percent from the previous year with a record high value of production of \$1.16 billion, ranking fourth in the State. Hay value of production rounded out the top five with \$861 million, down 4 percent from 2022. All wheat, valued at \$672 million, represented the sixth highest value in the State, down from third in the State rankings in 2022. The top five commodities had a combined value of \$6.68 billion, or 48 percent of the 2023 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2022 had a combined value of \$6.61 billion, 50 percent of the total value.

Eight of the top ten commodities decreased from the record high value of production in 2022. While all grapes entered the top ten in 2023 with a value of production of \$309 million, this is down 22 percent from the record high in 2022 of \$395 million. Egg value of production dropped 12 percent from the record high value of production in 2022 of \$460 million but remained in the top ten in 2023. All wheat value of production dropped from third to sixth rank in 2023, with value of production at \$672 million, a 43 percent decrease from the record high of \$1.71 billion in 2022. Onion value of production was \$383 million, down 24 percent from the record high in 2022 of \$504 million. Hops value of production of \$405 million dropped 7 percent from 2022 but was still ranked eighth in the State. Other notable commodities that declined in value in 2023 were blueberries, down 57 percent to \$78 million. Raspberries were down 43 percent, with a value of production of \$76 million in 2023. Sweet cherry value of production of \$290 million, is down 27 percent from 2022.

While several commodities decreased from 2022, other notable commodities outside the top ten increased in value in 2023. The value of sweet corn increased 8 percent, with value of production at \$123 million in 2023. Dry bean value of production increased to \$43.9 million, up 17 percent from 2022. Green pea value of production increased by 9 percent, with a value of production of \$39.1 million. Barley value of production at \$36.3 million in 2023, increased 16 percent from 2022.

## Top Ten Agricultural Commodities – Washington: 2021-2023

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Change 2023 / 2022
	2023	2022	2021	2022	2023	
			(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(percent)
Apples.....	1	1	2,007,502	2,067,829	1,991,918	-3.7
Cattle and Calves.....	2	4	857,601	1,023,989	1,332,089	30.1
Milk <sup>1</sup> .....	3	2	1,209,744	1,678,291	1,331,722	-20.7
Potatoes.....	4	5	712,442	942,651	1,160,712	23.1
Hay, all.....	5	6	601,794	899,495	861,760	-4.2
Wheat, all.....	6	3	756,838	1,171,388	672,207	-42.6
Eggs.....	7	8	184,441	459,707	405,894	-11.7
Hops.....	8	9	482,267	434,460	405,767	-6.6
Onions.....	9	7	292,982	504,913	383,662	-24.0
Grapes, all.....	10	12	300,420	394,865	309,299	-21.7
Value of crop production.....			6,982,057	8,560,704	7,712,567	-9.9
Value of livestock production.....			2,998,882	4,156,609	4,345,473	4.5
Farm-related Income <sup>2</sup> .....			264,888	508,937	1,892,870	271.9
Total value of production, all commodities.....			10,245,827	13,226,250	13,950,910	5.5

- 1 Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption and milk fed to calves.
- 2 Includes forest service products sold and other farm-related sources of income published in USDA Economic Research Service's Farm Income and Wealth Data.

## Crop and Livestock Production and Rank Among All States — Washington: 2022-2023

Item and unit	Rank among States		Washington's production		Leading State
	2023	2022	Total	Percent of United States	
	(rank)	(rank)	(number)	(percent)	
<b>Field crops</b>					
Hops..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	76,560	73.6	Washington
Spearmint oil..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	1,044	67.7	Washington
Potatoes..... 1,000 cwt	2	2	103,635	23.5	Idaho
Wheat, winter..... 1,000 bushels	2	2	94,500	7.6	Kansas
Peppermint oil..... 1,000 pounds	3	3	638	22.7	Idaho
Dry edible peas..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	1,214	6.7	Montana
Lentils..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	396	6.9	Montana
Wheat, all..... 1,000 bushels	4	3	113,120	6.3	North Dakota
Dry edible beans <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000 cwt	5	6	873	3.7	North Dakota
Barley..... 1,000 bushels	6	5	4,452	2.4	Idaho
Haylage, all..... 1,000 tons	12	11	602	2.4	Wisconsin
Hay, all..... 1,000 tons	13	17	3,356	2.8	Texas
<b>Fruit crops</b>					
Apples, all..... tons	1	1	3,805,000	67.0	Washington
Cherries, sweet..... tons	1	1	208,000	58.7	Washington
Pears, all..... tons	1	1	267,000	40.1	Washington
Apricots..... tons	2	2	3,520	9.8	California
Grapes, all..... tons	2	2	339,500	5.7	California
Peaches..... tons	7	8	6,260	1.1	California
<b>Vegetable crops</b>					
Onions, dry..... 1,000 cwt	1	1	20,444	28.0	Washington
<b>Berry crops</b>					
Blueberries, cultivated..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	137,500	21.2	Washington
Raspberries, all..... 1,000 pounds	2	2	67,100	48.6	California
<b>Livestock</b>					
Milk cows <sup>2</sup> ..... head	9	10	257,000	2.7	California
Milk..... million pounds	10	10	6,223	2.7	California
Honey..... 1,000 pounds	15	13	2,241	1.6	North Dakota
Eggs..... million eggs	19	14	1,749	1.6	Iowa
Chickens, (excluding broilers)..... 1,000 head	20	20	7,076	1.4	Iowa
Cattle and calves, all <sup>2</sup> ..... head	27	27	1,170	1.3	Texas
Sheep and lambs <sup>2</sup> ..... head	30	30	45,000	0.9	Texas

<sup>1</sup> Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

<sup>2</sup> As of January 1, 2024.



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