



Washington  
State Department of  
Agriculture

# Overview of Washington Agriculture

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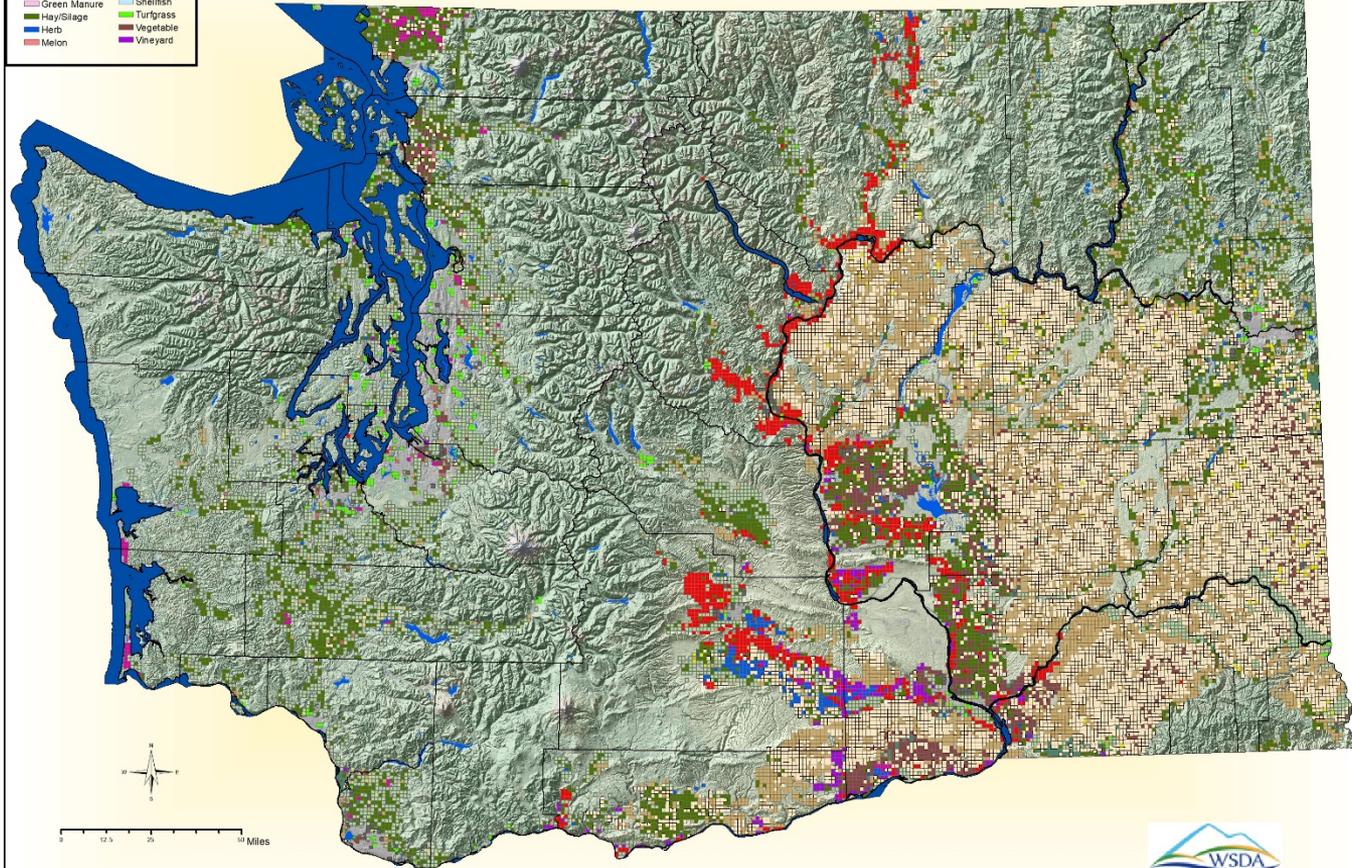
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# 2020 Washington State Agricultural Land Use

- Legend
- |                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Berry           | Nursery   |
| Cereal Grain    | Oilseed   |
| Commercial Tree | Orchard   |
| Developed       | Other     |
| Flower Bulb     | Pasture   |
| Green Manure    | Seed      |
| Hay/Silage      | Shellfish |
| Herb            | Turfgrass |
| Melon           | Vegetable |
|                 | Vineyard  |



0 12.5 25 Miles

References for outside crop data sources:  
 Conservation Districts  
 National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) CDL  
 Washington State Department of Health (DOH)

This map represents data collected and generated between 2002 and 2020. The dominant crop (by acres) in each section of land is shown. This product is provided 'as is' without warranty of any kind, either expressed or implied, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular use. For more information go to: <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/land-and-water/natural-resources/agricultural-land-use>



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# WASHINGTON AGRICULTURE SNAPSHOT



## Top 10 Commodities in Washington\*

(2019)



1

**APPLES**

\$1.95 billion



2

**MILK**

\$1.28 billion



3

**POTATOES**

\$934 million



4

**WHEAT**

\$792.5 million



5

**CATTLE**

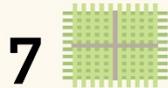
\$698.7 million



6

**HOPS**

\$475.6 million



7

**HAY**

\$468 million



8

**CHERRIES**

\$393.5 million



9

**GRAPES**

\$308 million



10

**ONIONS**

\$180.5 million

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, unless otherwise noted. \*USDA statistics exclude cannabis.

**35,900**

Farms

About 95%  
family owned

**300+**

Number of  
crops grown in  
Washington

**9.49 billion**

Market value  
of crops and  
livestock

**1.95 billion**

Dollar value  
of apples –  
state's top crop

**160,000**

People employed  
in ag and food  
industry

**6.7 billion**

Value of food and  
ag products  
exported overseas

# WASHINGTON'S TOP TRADING PARTNERS and EXPORT PRODUCTS (2020)



## Top Trading Partners

Canada	\$1.2 billion
Japan	\$1.1 billion
China	\$518 million
South Korea	\$459 million
The Philippines	\$343 million

## Top Export Products

Fish and Seafood	\$1 billion
Frozen French Fries	\$784 million
Wheat	\$663 million
Apples	\$637 million
Hay	\$508 million



# WSDA Advocacy

- **Competitiveness**

Promoting level playing fields locally, nationally, and internationally

- **Sustainability**

Fostering productivity and soil health, protecting environmental quality

- **Water Supply**

Growing the pie, creating win/win situations

- **Food Supply Chains/Food Security**

Meeting the growing challenge



# Agency Responsibilities



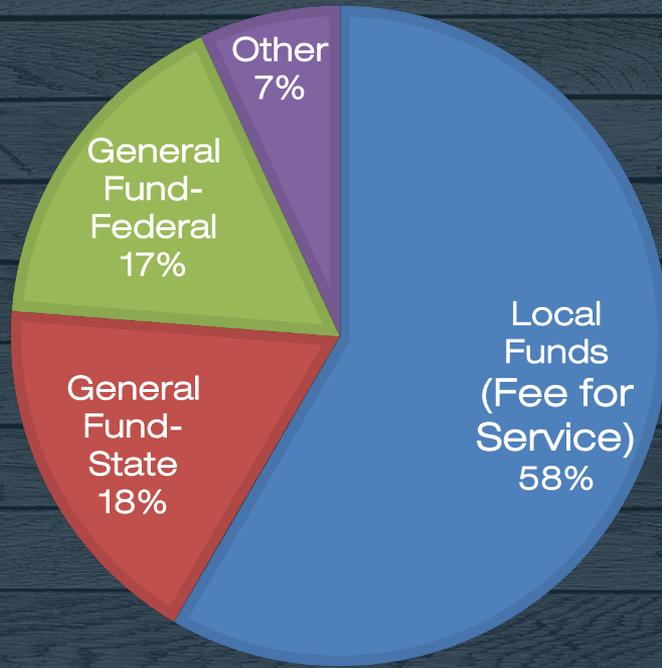
**Assure** the safety, integrity, and availability of the food supply including providing food assistance.

**Manage** the registration, distribution, use, and disposal of pesticides and fertilizers.

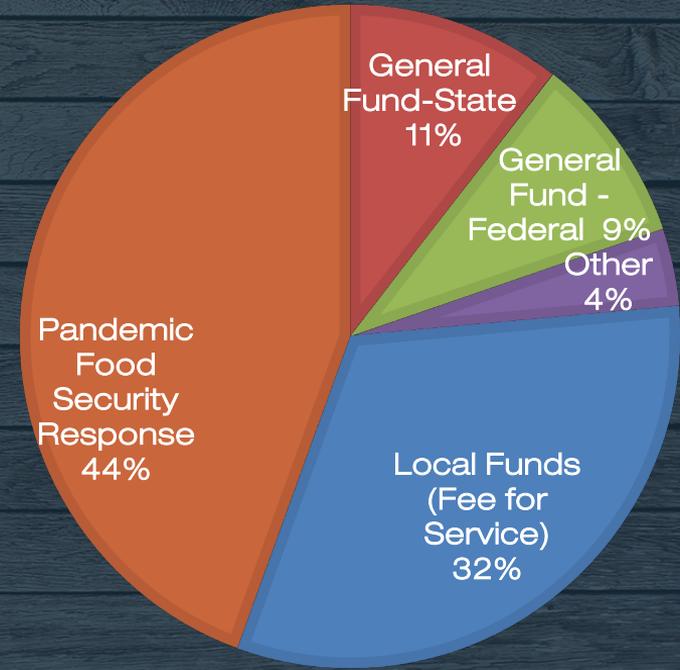
**Protect** the state's natural resources through the prevention and control of plant and animal diseases.

**Support** the marketing of the state's agricultural products at the local, national, and international level.

WSDA 2019 Pre-COVID Expenditures: \$108 million



WSDA Expenditures w/ Pandemic Food Security Response 2020: \$202 million



# Focus on Food



In 2021 Washington State legislature appropriated unprecedented funding levels to the WSDA with the primary objectives to:

**Ensure** access to a safe and nutritious supply of food to support all Washingtonians.

**Increase** the economic viability of farmers and food businesses, with resources prioritized for underrepresented farmers and ranchers, as well as women, minority, and small business owners.



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