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State Department of
Agriculture

Overview of Washington Agriculture

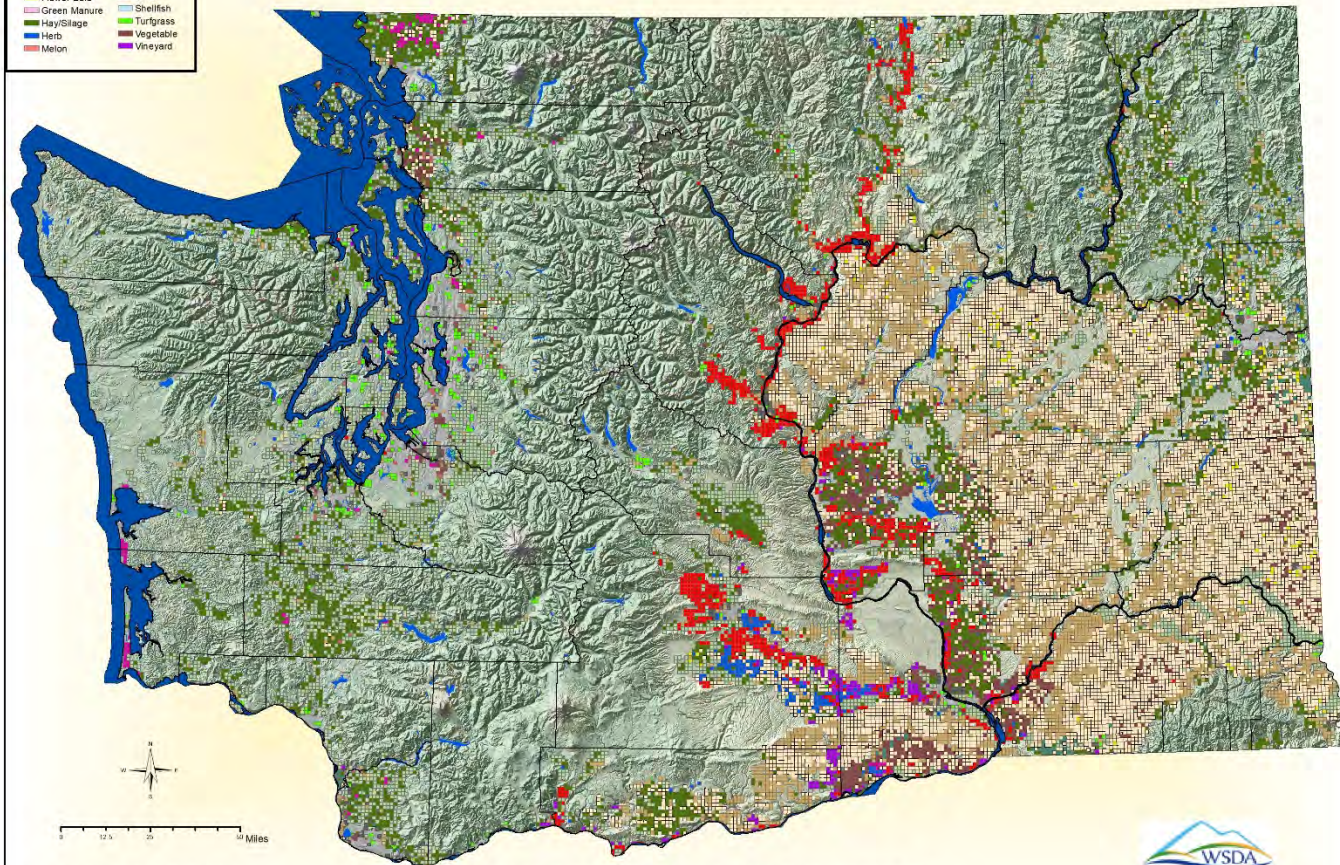
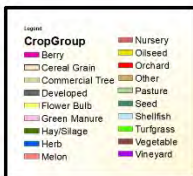
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2020 Washington State Agricultural Land Use



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: <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

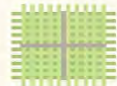
\$698.7 million



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



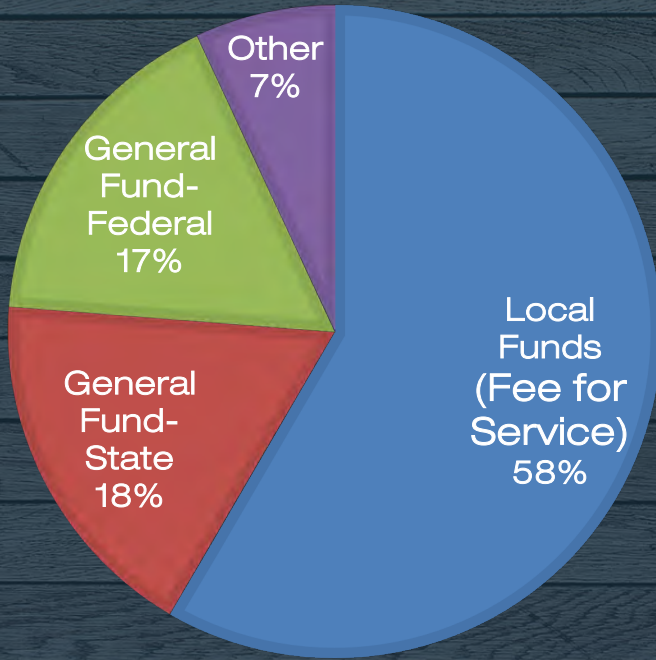
Assure the safety, integrity, and availability of the food supply including providing food assistance.

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

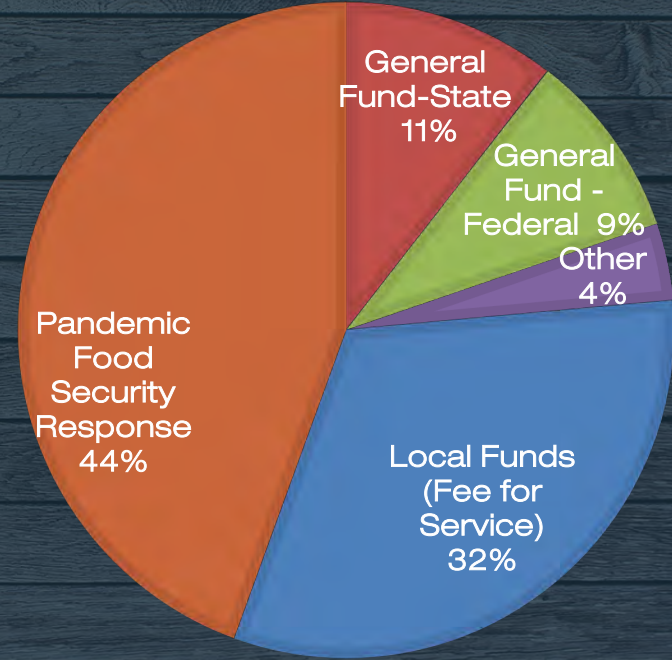
Protect the state's natural resources through the prevention and control of plant and animal diseases.

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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