



# Whatcom County Washington

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,712	+1
Land in farms (acres)	102,523	-11
Average size of farm (acres)	60	-12
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<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	372,850,000	+4
Government payments	1,047,000	-69
Farm-related income	8,323,000	+46
Total farm production expenses	325,138,000	+3
Net cash farm income	57,082,000	+11
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<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	217,786	+4
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,847	-58
Farm-related income	16,256	+66
Total farm production expenses	189,917	+3
Net cash farm income	33,342	+10

**4** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	41
Livestock, poultry, and products	59

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	74
Pastureland	9
Woodland	6
Other	11

**Acres irrigated: 36,498**

36% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	4
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	10
Cover crop	11

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	891	52
\$2,500 to \$4,999	166	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	146	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	151	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	61	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	2
\$100,000 or more	257	15

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	701	41
10 to 49 acres	662	39
50 to 179 acres	233	14
180 to 499 acres	74	4
500 to 999 acres	30	2
1,000 + acres	12	1

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>372,850</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>154,002</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,823	19	33	1,829	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	11,803	9	38	194	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	114,626	9	39	40	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	19,226	6	37	143	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	682	6	30	59	1,384
Other crops and hay	4,842	14	39	510	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>218,848</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	(D)	8	39	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	25,399	7	39	624	3,055
Milk from cows	180,488	2	29	38	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	209	16	39	761	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	189	18	39	1,007	2,970
Aquaculture	2,068	18	33	110	1,251
Other animals and animal products	1,224	3	39	151	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**2,982**

**Sex**

Male	1,678
Female	1,304

**Age**

<35	239
35 – 64	1,793
65 and older	950

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native	25
Asian	161
Black or African American	4
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3
White	2,769
More than one race	20

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	76
With military service	274
New and beginning farmers	862

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **84**

Farm organically **2**

Sell directly to consumers **15**

Hire farm labor **28**

Are family farms **97**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Forage (hay/haylage), all	34,330
Land in berries	13,346
Corn for silage or greenchop	12,532
Raspberries, all	8,573
Blueberries, all	4,535

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	83,543
Goats	863
Hogs and pigs	197
Horses and ponies	1,592
Layers	11,729
Pullets	1,759
Sheep and lambs	976
Turkeys	154

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.