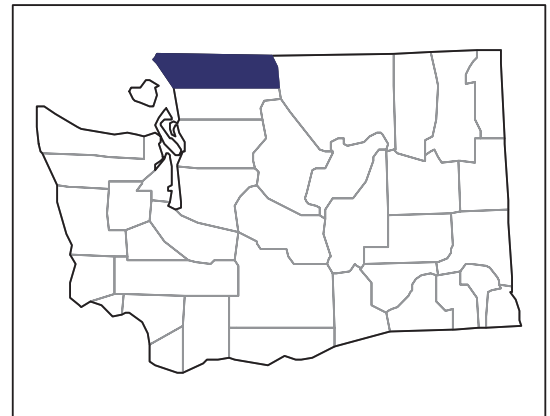


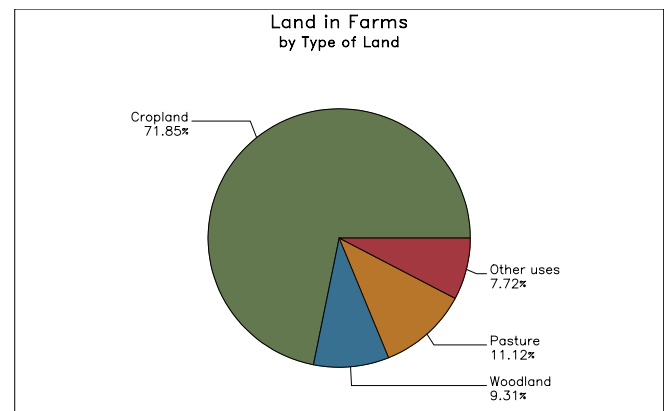
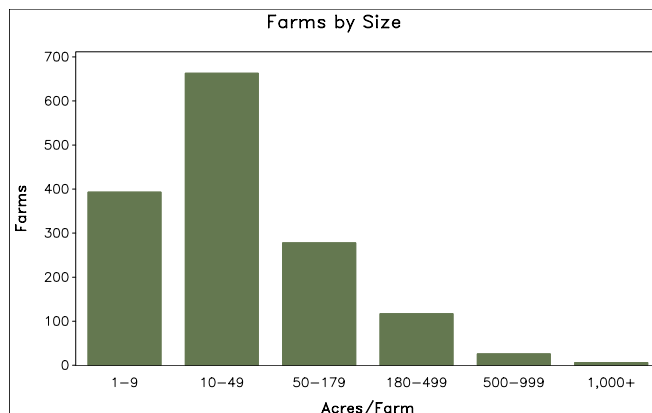
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Whatcom County Washington



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,483	1,485	0
Land in Farms	102,584 acres	148,027 acres	- 31
Average Size of Farm	69 acres	100 acres	- 31
Market Value of Products Sold	\$326,450,000	\$287,860,000	+ 13
Crop Sales \$99,897,000 (31 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$226,553,000 (69 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$220,128	\$193,845	+ 14
Government Payments	\$1,050,000	\$4,029,000	- 74
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,594	\$18,314	- 80



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Whatcom County – Washington

Ranked items among the 39 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	326,450	7	39	137	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	99,897	13	39	373	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	226,553	3	39	101	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,662	17	36	1,700	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	10,815	8	37	176	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	66,788	9	39	51	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	16,736	7	38	193	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	876	5	33	52	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,020	18	39	867	3,054
Poultry and eggs	11,461	7	39	532	3,020
Cattle and calves	24,135	7	39	555	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	186,491	2	34	29	2,493
Hogs and pigs	57	20	37	1,547	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	169	15	39	726	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	885	11	39	246	3,024
Aquaculture	1,509	16	34	152	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	1,847	4	39	99	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	32,876	8	39	616	3,060
Corn for silage	16,478	2	25	62	2,263
Land in berries	11,379	1	36	3	2,237
Vegetables harvested for sale	2,765	11	37	288	2,794
Potatoes	1,884	7	37	96	2,124
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	4	36	(D)	2,476
Cattle and calves	95,500	3	39	159	3,060
Colonies of bees	(D)	2	38	(D)	2,640
Mink and their pelts	(D)	2	5	(D)	123
Layers	3,855	14	39	852	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	489	Farming	671
\$1,000 to \$2,499	183	Other	812
\$2,500 to \$4,999	136	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	138	Male	1,215
\$10,000 to \$19,999	110	Female	268
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	69	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56	Asian	87
\$100,000 to \$249,999	54	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	55	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	140	White	2,196
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	267,962	More than one race	21
Average per farm (\$)	180,689	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	73
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	66,840		
Average per farm (\$)	45,071		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.