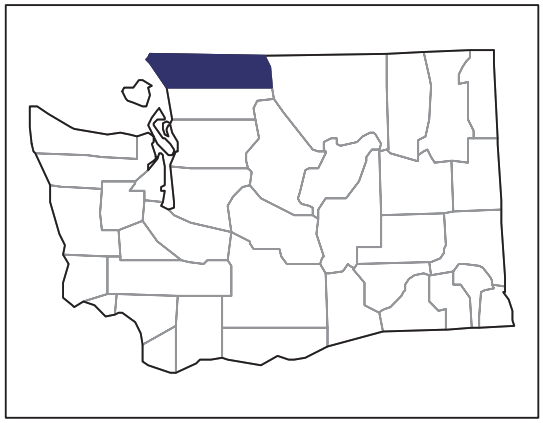
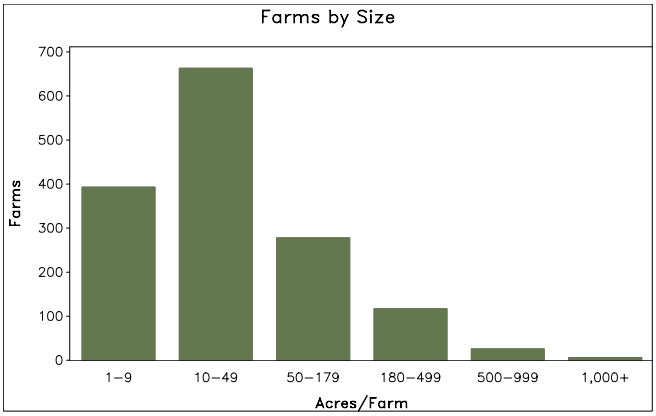
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

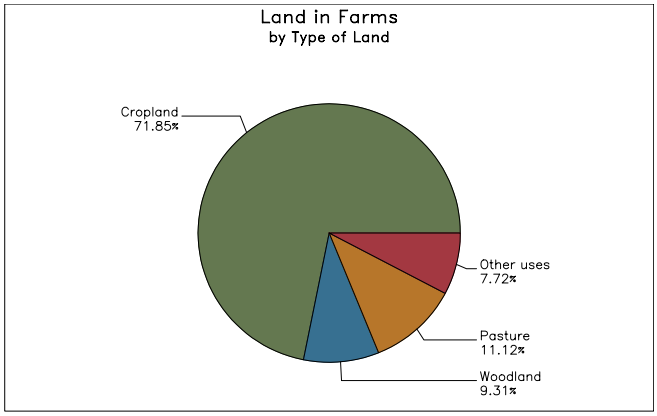
County Profile



Whatcom, 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 Production	$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	$3,594	$18,314	- 80





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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 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
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, all	2,765	11	37	288	2,794
Potatoes	1,884	7	37	96	2,124

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	489
$1,000 to $2,499	183
$2,500 to $4,999	136
$5,000 to $9,999	138
$10,000 to $19,999	110
$20,000 to $24,999	28
$25,000 to $39,999	69
$40,000 to $49,999	25
$50,000 to $99,999	56
$100,000 to $249,999	54
$250,000 to $499,999	55
$500,000 or more	140
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	267,962
Average per farm ($)	180,689
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	66,840
Average per farm ($)	45,071

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	671
Other	812
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,215
Female	268
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
All operators [2] by race:	
American Indian or Alaska Native	14
Asian	87
Black or African American	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
White	2,196
More than one race	21
All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	73

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

[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.