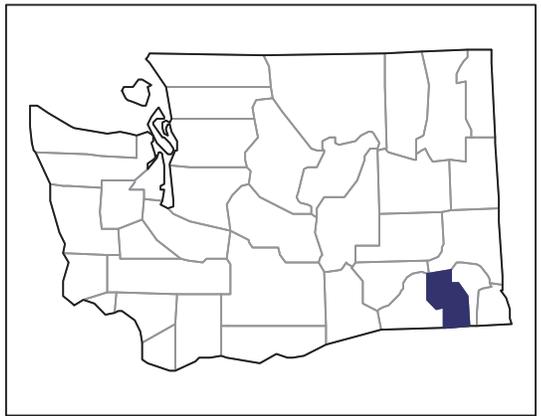


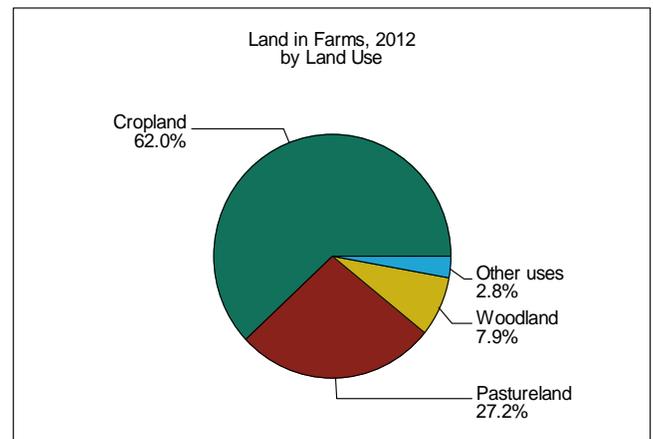
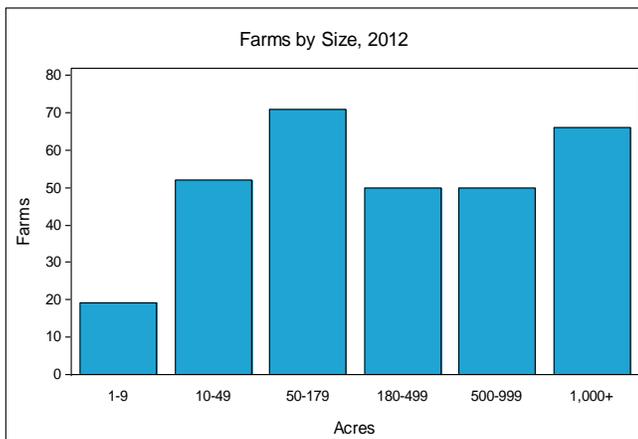
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Columbia County Washington

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	308	283	+ 9
Land in Farms	297,412 acres	313,307 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	966 acres	1,107 acres	- 13
Market Value of Products Sold	\$57,732,000	\$39,819,000	+ 45
Crop Sales \$53,936,000 (93 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,797,000 (7 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$187,443	\$140,702	+ 33
Government Payments	\$5,273,000	\$5,257,000	0
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$23,332	\$25,274	- 8





Columbia County – Washington

Ranked items among the 39 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	57,732	22	39	1,662	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	53,936	17	39	1,107	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,797	32	39	2,572	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	51,125	11	34	824	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	26	39	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	38	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	33	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,119	26	39	1,825	3,049
Poultry and eggs	3	39	39	2,761	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,511	26	39	2,184	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	30	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	9	34	37	2,136	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	83	25	39	1,515	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	143	24	39	1,534	3,011
Aquaculture	888	20	34	239	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	159	19	39	870	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	74,251	10	32	197	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	55,052	10	28	176	2,480
Spring wheat for grain	(D)	8	30	130	633
Dry edible peas	12,400	3	17	16	286
Barley for grain	4,866	6	30	134	1,158
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,896	27	39	2,307	3,063
Colonies of bees	(D)	9	39	(D)	2,761
Horses and ponies	325	33	39	2,467	3,072
Layers	230	39	39	2,716	3,040
Sheep and lambs	212	33	39	2,031	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	133	Farming	131
\$1,000 to \$2,499	17	Other	177
\$2,500 to \$4,999	17		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Male	252
\$20,000 to \$24,999	-	Female	56
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$500,000 or more	32	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	37,522	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	121,825	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	458
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	28,644	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	92,999	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.