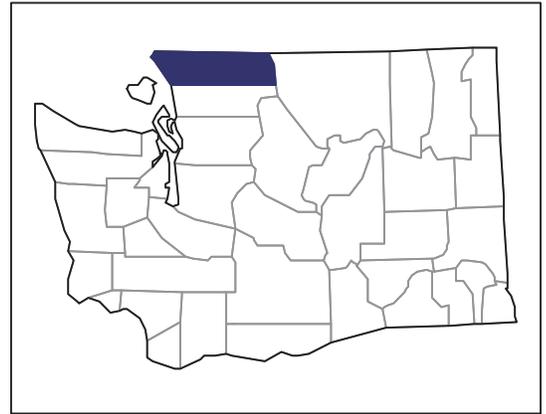


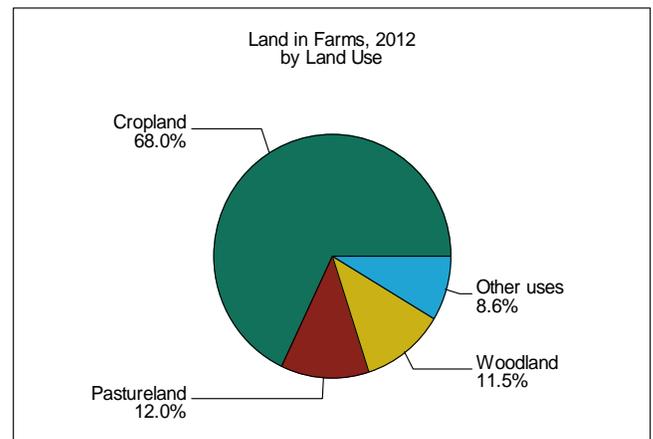
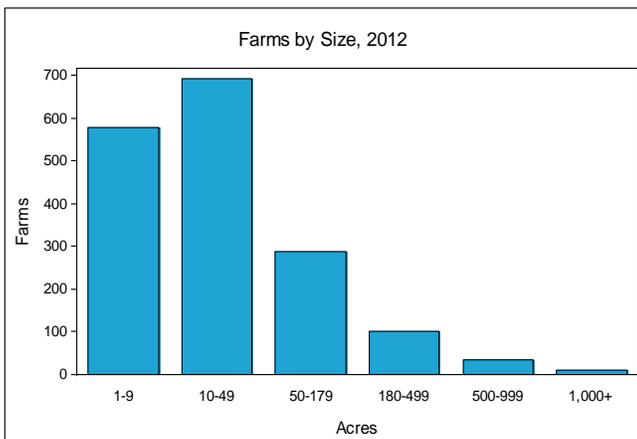
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Whatcom County Washington

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,702	1,483	+ 15
Land in Farms	115,831 acres	102,584 acres	+ 13
Average Size of Farm	68 acres	69 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$357,312,000	\$326,450,000	+ 9
Crop Sales \$119,816,000 (34 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$237,496,000 (66 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$209,937	\$220,128	- 5
Government Payments	\$3,425,000	\$1,050,000	+ 226
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$11,456	\$3,594	+ 219





Whatcom 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	357,312	8	39	212	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	119,816	14	39	530	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	237,496	3	39	136	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,687	18	34	1,774	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	11,693	8	39	190	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	79,978	9	39	48	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	18,697	6	38	163	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	405	9	33	85	1,530
Other crops and hay	4,355	15	39	673	3,049
Poultry and eggs	14,641	7	39	522	3,013
Cattle and calves	26,535	7	39	607	3,056
Milk from cows	193,042	2	30	29	2,038
Hogs and pigs	117	9	37	1,213	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	297	10	39	564	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	386	16	39	722	3,011
Aquaculture	1,850	18	34	146	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	628	8	39	364	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,858	7	39	465	3,057
Corn for silage	15,304	2	24	88	2,237
Land in Berries	12,703	1	39	4	2,339
Raspberries, all	(D)	1	37	1	1,274
Raspberries, red	(D)	1	37	1	99
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	121,012	4	36	530	2,723
Cattle and calves	87,756	4	39	158	3,063
Layers	8,148	12	39	717	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,952	14	39	477	3,072
Goats, all	1,221	7	39	424	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	482	Farming	773
\$1,000 to \$2,499	277	Other	929
\$2,500 to \$4,999	247	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	165	Male	1,382
\$10,000 to \$19,999	118	Female	320
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	53	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	American Indian or Alaska Native	17
\$50,000 to \$99,999	46	Asian	124
\$100,000 to \$249,999	88	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	49	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	13
\$500,000 or more	126	White	2,478
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	314,860	More than one race	13
Average per farm (\$)	184,994	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	59
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	51,582		
Average per farm (\$)	30,306		

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.