

Fruit production by region, based on the 2006 Washington fruit survey.

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In this summary, the Wenatchee district is considered Okanogan, Chelan and Douglas counties. The Columbia Basin district is Grant, Adams and Franklin counties. The Yakima Valley is Kittitas, Yakima and Benton Counties.

There are 242,000 acres of tree fruits in Washington state. 92,000 acres of tree fruit (38%) are in the Yakima District, 67,000 (27%) are in the Columbia basin district, and 66,000 (27%) are in the Wenatchee district. There are 19,000 acres of tree fruits, or 8% of the total, outside of those three districts. Walla Walla County has over 10,000 acres of fruit, and there is other significant production in Spokane and the far northwest Washington counties. 10,570 acres (4.4%) of the production is organic, or in transition to organic. Washington is the leading USA producer of apples, sweet cherries, and pears (and organic tree fruits).

This total fruit acreage consists of: apples, 173,000, sweet cherries, 36,000, and pears 25,000. The remaining 8000 acres is split between apricots, tart cherries, nectarines, peaches, prunes and plums and other miscellaneous tree fruits.

	Apples	Sweet cherries	Bartlett pears	Winter Pears	Other	Total
Yakima Valley	66,738	13,906	6,282	2,388	2,767	92,081
Col. Basin	55,777	8,225	618	419	2,027	67,066
Wenatchee	38,912	11,883	4,383	10,000	884	66,062

Tree fruit acreage by district.

	Apples	Sweet cherries	Bartlett pears	Winter Pears	Other	Total
Yakima Valley	\$635	\$123	\$34	\$32	\$14	\$838
Col. Basin	\$530	\$72	\$3	\$4	\$10	\$619
Wenatchee	\$370	\$105	\$36	\$124	\$4	\$639
Total	\$1,535	\$300	\$73	\$160	\$28	\$2,096

Estimated FOB value, in **millions of dollars**, 2005 crop. (Estimates by Tim Smith, WSU Extension) (Apples valued at \$16.19 a box and \$40 a ton processing. Sweet cherries valued at \$2000 a ton packed, .33/lb processed. Processing pears: \$220 a ton. Fresh packed Bartlett's \$18.80 a box, Winter pears \$17 a box. "Other" valued at \$5,000/A)

NCW Washington County by County Tree Fruit Acreage Changes 1992-2005

2006	Apples	Sweet Cherries	Bartlett pears	Winter Pears	Other	Total
Chelan	9,463	6,229	2,873	7,169	125	25,859
Douglas	11,548	2,700	666	894	506	16,314
Okanogan	17,902	2,254	843	1,934	254	23,887
Total	38,913	11,183	4,382	9,997	885	66,060

Acres of Fruit in North Central Washington by County, 2005.

1992	Apples	Sweet Cherries	Bartlett pears	Winter Pears	Other	Total
Chelan	17,825	3,064	2,223	5,565	127	28,949
Douglas	14,126	1,529	373	610	647	17,307
Okanogan	25,395	362	884	2,029	159	28,864
Total	57,346	4,955	3,480	8,204	933	75,120

Acres of Fruit in North Central Washington by County, 1992.

Summary of NC Washington change, 1992 to 2005:

In the years between 1992 and 2005, tree fruit acreage in the Wenatchee district dropped by 12 percent. Apple acres were most affected, dropping 18,434 acres, or about 32%, but apple production in 2006 has almost recovered to 1992 levels (about 25 million packed boxes in 1992, and about 22 million packed boxes in 2006).

Sweet cherry acreage greatly increased from 4,955 to 11,183, or + 6,188 acres. About 35% of the Washington sweet cherry production and 50% of the packing now comes from the Wenatchee District.

Pear acreage increased by 2,695 acres or about 23%. During this time, outside of Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan Counties, pear acreage has dropped by 3,354 acres since 1992. North Central Washington Counties produce about 80 percent of the Washington fresh and winter pears (about 200,000 tons packed in 2005). Processing Bartletts are limited, as only 3,650 tons of the 110,000 ton state crop is grown here.

If Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan Counties were a separate state, (some like the idea), this district would rank first nationally in pear production, second in national apple production (well ahead of New York and Michigan, but behind the rest of Washington), and about second in sweet cherry production (behind the rest of Washington, but about tied with Oregon).

2006	Apples	Sweet Cherries	Bartlett pears	Winter Pears	Other	Total
Yakima	48,776	8,288	5,920	2,179	1,226	66,389
Benton	14,930	5,377	335	140	795	21,577
Total	63,706	13,665	6,255	2,319	2,879	87,966

Acres of Fruit in Yakima Valley Region by County

Acreage in this region was 124,835 in 1992, now it is 87,996. This is a 29.5% reduction in the past 14 years.

2005	Apples	Sweet Cherries	Bartlett pears	Winter Pears	Other	Total
Grant	39,330	5,599	413	324	304	45,970
Adams	3,767	160	16	-	-	3,943
Franklin	12,680	2,466	190	93	1,443*	16,872
Total	55,777	8,225	619	417	1747	66,785

Acres of Fruit in the Columbia Basin by County

*Peach- 890, Tart Cherry- 553.

1992 tree fruit acreage was 41,526. This has grown by 61% since.

2005	Apples	Sweet Cherries	Bartlett pears	Winter Pears	Other	Total
Total	14,590	2,927	444	767	2,289	21,017

Other areas of Washington