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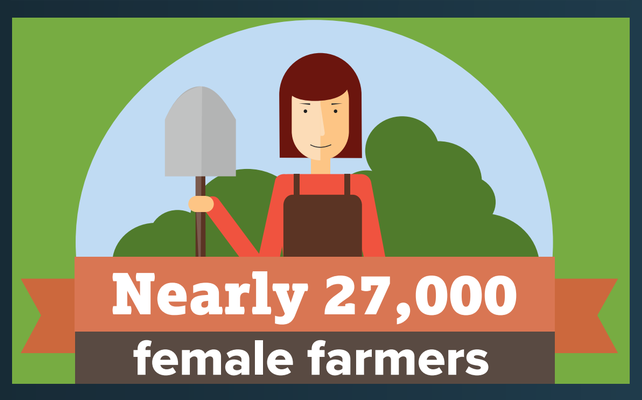
Agriculture and food processing provide over 164,000 jobs in Washington

(Washington State Agriculture & Food Processing Economic/Fiscal Impact Study)

35,793 farms (2017)

Nearly **900** organic farms (2017)

67% of farms are less than 50 acres (2017)



Food processing generated more than **$20.4 billion** in revenues (2017 WA Dept. of Revenue)

89% of Washington's farms are small farms – selling less than $250,000 per year.

82% of Washington farms are less than **180** acres.

Washington farmers produce over 300 different commodities.

Apples are not only Washington's top crop, they represent **23%** of the total value of ag production in the state.

(WA Farmers Market Assoc. 2019)

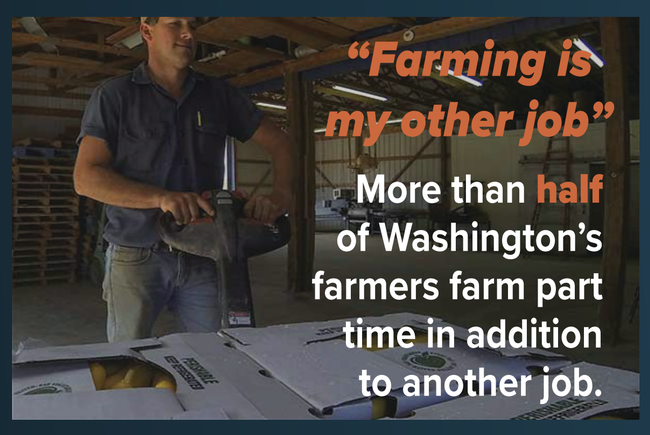
There are **151** farmers markets in **120** towns.

King County alone has almost 40.

In 2018, Washington agriculture production alone topped

$9.67 billion

96% of Washington farms are family farms (2017)



Top 10 Commodities in Washington* (2018)

1 APPLES $2.19 billion	2 MILK $1.13 billion	3 WHEAT $845 million	4 POTATOES $788 million	5 CATTLE $652 million
6 HAY $519 million	7 HOPS $428 million	8 CHERRIES $426 million	9 GRAPES $361 million	10 EGGS $241 million

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