



2025-26

WHEAT FACTS



WORLDWIDE WHEAT

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World Crop

20%



World's Nutritional Needs

With more land planted than any other crop globally, wheat is a staple food for more than 35% of the human population. In 2024/25, the U.S. exported 826 million bushels of wheat to nearly 50 countries. Washington, Oregon, and Idaho are the Pacific Northwest (PNW) region, and together grow enough wheat to fill the Lumen Field stadium annually!

Top 10 Wheat Producing Countries*

1. China	140 mmt**
2. European Union	122.6 mmt
3. India	113.3 mmt
4. Russia	81.5 mmt
5. U.S.	53.7 mmt
6. Canada	35 mmt
7. Australia	32 mmt
8. Pakistan	31.4 mmt
9. Ukraine	22.9 mmt
10. Turkey	18.75 mmt

*Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, 2024/25 Wheat Production.

**mmt = million metric tons



WASHINGTON WHEAT

#5 Farm Product*

1. Apples	\$1.954B
2. Cattle	\$1.573B
3. Milk	\$1.468B
4. Potatoes	\$1.028B
5. Wheat	\$747.1M

\$5.52



Average price per bushel earned by Washington wheat farmers in the 2024/25 marketing year

90%



Exported to Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, where it's milled and baked into regional food and snack products, like breads, crackers, and cakes.



WHEAT GROWS JOBS & ECONOMY*

4,901

Jobs supported by grain business transactions

1,738

Jobs supported from personal / off-farm purchases

9,013

Total jobs supported by Washington wheat farmers, including their own

\$593.55M

Sales from business-to-business transactions

\$291.03M

Sales from personal / off-farm spending

\$1.697B

Total sales contributions to the state's economy, including \$664.3M in wheat exports

The economic impacts of wheat production are substantial for Washington State, particularly for rural areas in Eastern Washington.

*Source: Washington State University IMPACT Center, 2024.



WHEAT MOVES

Transportation Modes

How Washington wheat gets to market

60% River Barge

37% Rail

3% Road (Grain Trailer/Truck)

The Columbia/Snake River system running through Washington, Idaho, and Oregon is the cleanest and most efficient way to transport wheat to the world.

Wheat from 11 states is moved through our rivers, equaling 60% of all U.S. wheat exports shipped through the Columbia/Snake River system.

Top U.S. White Wheat Markets (2024/25)*

1. South Korea	1,699 tmt**
2. Philippines	1,248 tmt
3. Japan	683 tmt
4. Indonesia	554 tmt
5. Thailand	479 tmt
6. Vietnam	355 tmt
7. Chile	143 tmt
8. Taiwan	132 tmt
9. Yemen	106 tmt
10. Mexico	70 tmt

*Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Services, Export Sales Reporting Program

*tmt = thousand metric tons