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Washington Facts

WASHINGTON, the "Evergreen" State, was admitted to the Union, November 11, 1889, as the forty-second State.

The State flower is the Rhododendron.

Washington is divided into 39 Counties, containing 69,127 square miles, or 44,241,280 acres.

In 1922, Washington had 1,194,891 acres of vacant public lands.

The population, in 1920 (U. S. Census), was 1,356,621.

Washington is among the States having the lowest mortality rating.

Educationally, this State ranks among the first in the Union.

It contains land that broke the world's record, in the production of wheat, per acre—117.5 bushels per acre.

It stands first of all the States in the yield of oats to the acre, 5 year average one farm—128.8 bushels per acre.

It produces more wool to a fleece than any other State in the Union.

Washington cans more salmon than any other State.

It raises some of the finest apples in America, and gets the highest prices for its apples in foreign markets. It stands first among the States in total production of apples.

For the production of berries and soft fruits, Washington is unexcelled.

Washington stands third in the Union in the total annual production of plums and prunes.

It is one of the three States that produce the hops of the country.

Washington has 282,600,000,000 feet of standing timber, and leads all States in the annual production of lumber.

Two-thirds of all the wooden shingles manufactured in the United States are made in Washington.

Washington ranks first of the States in potential water-power, having 17% of total water-power in U. S. It leads all States by 1,000,000 horsepower.

Washington offers a pleasant climate with no extremes of cold or heat, having both high and low elevations.

The mountain and marine scenery of the State is unsurpassed. Its hunting and fishing provide a sportsman's paradise.

Washington is an empire in itself and can produce anything necessary for human happiness.

Its magnificent harbors provide facilities for a world-wide ocean commerce. Puget Sound ports are closest to both the Orient and Alaska.

The whole State is put in direct contact with the leading markets, through the Union Pacific System and others.

The highest production hen in the world, Lady Jewel, with record of 335 eggs in one year, is a Washington hen.

9,784,000 dozens of eggs shipped from State in 1923.

The value of all farm property in the State of Washington, in 1920, was \$1,057,429,848, and the value per farm (including land, buildings, implements and machinery, and livestock) being \$15,952.



Plowing on a large scale is done in many sections of Washington. Note the rich, friable soil.

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THE climate of Washington is peculiarly suited to agriculture, horticulture and to extensive livestock production. The combination of very fertile soil with an equable temperate climate permits of an unusually wide spread of diversified production.

All varieties of staple crops that may be grown anywhere else in the United States grow abundantly and in superior quality in Washington. Some crops are almost exclusive to Washington, such as the loganberry. The cranberry is another small fruit which is equal if not superior to the cranberries grown in the middle west or the far east. Fiber flax, equal to the best that can be grown anywhere in the world, can be grown in Western Washington.

There are three distinct agricultural regions in the State of Washington; the region devoted to what is known as dry farming; the region of irrigated farming; and the region of farming under natural rainfall.

Dry Farming

The region where dry farming is practiced most

extensively embraces Klickitat and Southern Benton Counties, in the southern part of the State, and the area extending from Walla Walla County in a semi-circle to include southeastern, eastern, northeastern and north central Washington. The annual precipitation over this entire region will average from 15 to 25 inches. This is ample for a wide diversity of staple crops. Wheat is most extensively grown, but corn, potatoes, hay and various other crops are produced in abundance. Farmers in this region find the production of beef, dairy products, poultry, pork, wool and mutton profitable. Crop failures, over the greater part of this extensive region are practically unknown.

Irrigated Farming

Irrigated farming in Washington is uniformly successful. The government projects in Washington stand at the head of the federal reclamation enterprises. This is due to the unusually fertile soil, favorable climate and long growing season. These factors are responsible for the wide variety of staple farm crops that are produced successfully. Stock

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