



# Grown in Washington County



## MAP LEGEND

- Waterways
- County Border
- City
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- Willamette Valley Region
- Coastal Region

## COMMODITIES



Corn



Blueberries



Strawberries



Grass Seed



Grapes



Hazelnuts



Christmas Trees



Greenhouse and Nursery



Caneberries



Forestry and Timber



Wheat



Vegetables

Oregon has 9 unique growing regions. Washington County is in the Willamette Valley region. Farmers in the county produce almost 100 types of crops. Grass seed, greenhouse plants, wheat, and berries are the most popular. Many hands come together to harvest the commodities, foods, and goods that we interact with daily. Commodities on the map are placed in general locations, but many are grown throughout the county. They are consumed locally and exported to other states and countries. Let's learn more about some of the commodities grown in your community!



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# Washington County Commodities

Oregon grows field **corn** for livestock feed and sweet corn, which you can buy in grocery stores. Corn is harvested in the fall. Sweet corn is harvested by hand or machine. Field corn is harvested by combine, a machine that cuts and separates grain.

Many types of **vegetables** are grown in Washington County, including carrots, peppers, squash, salad greens, and more! Small farms can sell vegetables locally, through farmers markets. Find a farmers market near you to try!

The **forestry and timber** industry is large. Nearly half of Washington County is forestland. Trees harvested from forests are processed in a mill and used for building. When trees are harvested, the forest must be replanted.

Hundreds of varieties of **wheat** are grown in the United States. Harvested wheat is measured in bushels where each bushel weighs about 60 pounds. Wheat can be planted in two seasons — winter and spring. It is harvested using a large machine called a combine.

Over 30 percent of United States **Christmas trees** are grown in Oregon. The most common varieties of trees are the Douglas-fir (Oregon's state tree) and Noble fir.

**Blueberries** are harvested from bushes by hand or with machines, depending on whether the berries will be sold fresh or frozen. Oregon is a top producer of blueberries in the country.

Oregon is a top **strawberry** producer in the United States with over 11 million pounds of berries grown each year. Strawberries are harvested by hand as they ripen in the summer.

Oregon is one of the top producers of **grass seed** in the world! Grass seed is used to plant pastures for animal food, as well as lawns, roadsides, and athletic fields. Grasses grow well in the wet soil types of the Willamette Valley.

The climate and soil types in the Willamette Valley offer the perfect growing conditions for **grapes**. A farm that grows grapes is called a vineyard. Most of Oregon's grapes are used for making wine, which is a beverage for adults.

**Greenhouses and nurseries** allow trees and plants to grow until they are strong enough to be re-planted. The plants are used in places like gardens, orchards, and parks. This industry brings in over one billion dollars every year in Oregon!

**Caneberries** grow on hard, woody stems called canes. Raspberries, blackberries, marionberries, and boysenberries are all caneberries. Oregon is a top producer of these berries in the United States. Berries are often harvested at night when the fruit is cooler and firmer.

**Hazelnuts** are the official state nut of Oregon. When nuts ripen in the fall, they drop from the trees and are swept up by machine harvesters.

