AGRICULTURAL VIABILITY IN WASHINGTON

Washington agriculture has a production value of $12.9 billion and over $19 billion in food and agricultural products pass through Washington's ports annually. Washington agriculture is diverse, producing over 300 commodities and the state is home to diverse farms and food businesses. However, as of 2024 Washington's farmers and ranchers experienced the lowest cumulative take home pay in the nation (-$300 million). At the same time, Washington's farmers and ranchers ranked 8th in the nation for production expenses (over $14 billion). Washington's producers are struggling to remain viable.

How is WSDA addressing agricultural viability?

WSDA is engaging with farmers, ranchers, farm workers, tribes, and others in our agricultural communities to complete our Phase II Agricultural Viability Report. This builds on WSDA's Phase I report: Washington Agriculture at a Crossroads: A Baseline Assessment of Agricultural Viability. Phase II will include comprehensive insight into the challenges, across scope and scale, facing Washington agriculture and highlight opportunities to invest in Washington agriculture. For more details regarding the history of this work and what WSDA is doing to foster opportunities, visit www.agr.wa.gov.

How can you help?

We are asking you, as farmers and ranchers, farm workers and community members, to fill out a survey about the challenges facing agriculture and opportunities to overcome those challenges. Information collected will be anonymous and paired with existing data to develop a greater understanding of Washington's agriculture sector. Ultimately, these surveys will improve insight into, and communication about, the state of Washington's agricultural industry.

Surveys

Agricultural Producer Survey

Click for survey link

Farm Worker Survey

Click for survey link

Community Survey

Click for survey link

Questions

If you have questions, please contact the Agricultural Viability team at: AgViability@agr.wa.gov.

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