

Total Agricultural Employment Summary

November 2008



- Statewide total agricultural employment declined by 5.9 percent from November 2007 to November 2008.
- Over-the-month total agricultural employment fell by 40.0 percent due to the winding down of the apple harvest.
- Over the year regionally, total employment declined for all areas except Eastern. Total employment for the Eastern agricultural reporting area grew by 2.6 percent.

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	Nov 08	Oct 08	Nov 07	Change		Percent Change	
				Oct 08- Nov 08	Nov 07- Nov 08	Oct 08- Nov 08	Nov 07- Nov 08
State	54,550	90,940	57,970	-36,390	-3,410	-40.0%	-5.9%
Western	9,170	10,540	9,660	-1,370	-480	-13.0%	-5.0%
South Central	16,960	28,700	17,270	-11,740	-310	-40.9%	-1.8%
North Central	10,580	20,530	11,780	-9,950	-1,200	-48.5%	-10.2%
Columbia Basin	7,490	13,880	7,930	-6,390	-440	-46.0%	-5.5%
South Eastern	8,760	15,470	9,780	-6,710	-1,020	-43.4%	-10.4%
Eastern	1,590	1,820	1,560	-230	40	-12.6%	2.6%

Total Agricultural Employment includes the UI Covered Agricultural Employment, not adjusted for multiple jobholders.

Counties Within Agricultural Reporting Areas

- Area 1 = Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom
- Area 2 = Klickitat and Yakima
- Area 3 = Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, and Okanogan
- Area 4 = Adams and Grant
- Area 5 = Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla
- Area 6 = Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, and Whitman

Agricultural Reporting Areas in Washington State

