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Subject: RE: DATA for Ag Study Consultants
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Good day, Jude,

Thank you for submitting comments related to last evening's Agricultural Advisory Commission Meeting.

These will be entered into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record and added to the public comments received which are linked to this meeting.

Best regards,



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Hi Everyone!

Here are some specific comments regarding available data per the urgency discussed at tonight's meeting. Ah, the public record mounts:)

What is the DATE of the WSDA data you map?

***** You can request the actual GIS data layer for the data showing conversion of ag land 2001-2016 from AFT. I specifically asked AFT to drill down to the county level.**

***** You can also contact WSDA and USDA directly and ask about County stats.**

They can query the data in different ways.

(NAAS regional office insights on interpreting Census data

(WSDA sent me spreadsheets on the 2019 data survey of clark county crop/etc. -- CCD should also have the contact info.

Good luck improving map keys and explanations for your Sept 30 Open House.

Some of the following is buried in previous submissions--summarized herein for your convenience.

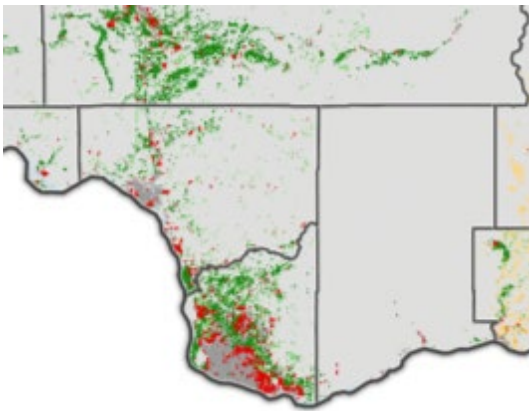
References:

1. ^[1] In contrast to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, the newly released reports from American Farmland Trust (AFT) rely on different sets of underlying data for the land base using acreages from 2016 (Freegood, Hunter, Dempsey, and Sorensen, 2020). Most importantly, AFT analyzes farmland loss parameters, farmland quality, and policies in place (Freegood et al., 2020)—all very pertinent to this research on agriculture in rapidly urbanizing regions.
2. Freegood, J., Hunter, M., Dempsey, J., & Sorensen, A. (2020). Farms Under

Threat: The State of the States. *American Farmland Trust, Washington, DC, USA.*

3. American Farmland Trust. (2020a). *Farms Under Threat: The State of the States: Agricultural Land Conversion Highlight Summary: Washington* <https://farmlandinfo.org/publications/farms-under-threat-the-state-of-the-states/>

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6,600 acres converted to urban or low-density

"...research on farmland conversion reveals that the majority of farmland converted to non-agricultural uses between 2001 and 2016 had a high level of productivity, versatility, and resiliency (high PVR index) for its national significance and/or "Washington's best land" designation (AFT, 2020a). While some of this conversion went directly into urban and highly developed (UHD) land use, the low-density residential (LDR) areas in Washington State were "70 times more likely to be converted to UHD by 2016, compared to other agricultural land" (AFT, 2020a). In the same period, Clark County lost 6,100 acres converted to LDR or UHD, and 4,800 acres of which classify as high PVR (AFT email communication, 2020)."

Respectfully submitted,
Jude Wait

On Wed, Sep 24, 2025 at 7:36 AM Bart Catching <Bart.Catching@clark.wa.gov> wrote:

Jude,
Thank you for your additional comments.
We will add this to the public comment record for the meeting.



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