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Good day, Jude,

Thank you for this feedback related to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

I have forwarded your comments to additional Staff and will enter these into the Index of Record.



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Dear Clark County Councilors, Ag Advisory and Planning Commissions, County staff, and Friends,

This contribution is already submitted to the comp.plan email for the public record, meeting the deadline.

Here's a copy for your convenience and direct accessibility to your specific role (membership and/or or staff liaison).

Courageously respectful and appreciative of you and your service,

Jude

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From: **Jude Wait** <wellsavellc@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Nov 30, 2025 at 12:59 AM

Subject: DEIS Comments 11/30-a -- Wellsave re Ag Job Data

To: Cnty 2025 Comp Plan <comp.plan@clark.wa.gov>

Dear Clark County Councilors, Ag Advisory and Planning Commissions, and County staff,

From the attached evidence, you will find valuable contextual information to inform the DEIS, Comp Plan update, and Ag Land Study.

Ag Census Labor Highlights:

- Total number of Producers: 3,560 (counts from 1 to 5 producers on a farm)

- Market Value of Products sold \$58,969,000
- Farm Workers: Hired Farm Labor total 2,356 on 370 farms for a total of \$20,263,000 payroll,
- Plus 2,111 unpaid workers on 810 farms

Farm Jobs: 3,560 + 2,356 = 5,916 + 2,111 unpaid = 8,027

Notably, the Economy sections of the DEIS fail to include this crucial data. The DEIS only reports [nonfarm employment](#). The Ag Land study is also deficient in considering this indicator of the significance of the Ag sector's economic contribution to the County. Context matters.

The 4 Attached pdfs include one of several previous submissions--County Highlights public comment ("PC-2022...") and 3 pages from the USDA 2022 Ag Census showing the Clark County data in 3 of the tables. See the whole [Ag Census](#) for more very interesting data on producers, crops, trends, demographics.

While not a single employer, and jobs are dispersed across hundreds of farms, the total job count is more than any single employer in Clark County, including Peacehealth. [[Consider the "Food is medicine" movement and VeggieRX, and the fact that farmers feed many thousands of pounds of food to many thousands of people in this County and beyond. We are significant!

More on this topic is included in the main Wellsave comments document, but we felt compelled to submit this as a separate entry. Previous submissions of this and other data / sources obviously require repeating and resubmitting to help mitigate potential marginalization of farmland stewards who toil the soil.

respectfully submitted,

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Clark County Washington

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	1,927	-3
Land in farms (acres)	56,038	-38
Average size of farm (acres)	29	-37
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	58,969,000	+24
Government payments	149,000	-29
Farm-related income	12,997,000	+93
Total farm production expenses	72,558,000	+13
Net cash farm income	-444,000	+95
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	30,601	+27
Government payments ^a	3,811	-40
Farm-related income ^a	42,472	+132
Total farm production expenses	37,654	+16
Net cash farm income	-230	+95

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	60
Livestock, poultry, and products	40

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	22,009
Pastureland	14,081
Woodland	14,431
Other	5,517

Acres irrigated: 4,506

8% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	8
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	977	51
\$2,500 to \$4,999	304	16
\$5,000 to \$9,999	251	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	177	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	102	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	54	3
\$100,000 or more	62	3

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	824	43
10 to 49 acres	844	44
50 to 179 acres	216	11
180 to 499 acres	37	2
500 to 999 acres	3	(Z)
1,000+ acres	3	(Z)

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	58,969	25	39	1,823	3,078
Crops	35,343	24	39	1,503	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	174	27	36	2,409	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,990	21	38	642	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	7,710	17	39	198	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	19,056	10	39	181	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	3,118	2	29	20	1,274
Other crops and hay	3,295	21	39	992	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	23,626	18	39	1,635	3,076
Poultry and eggs	7,340	11	39	646	3,027
Cattle and calves	5,321	20	39	1,657	3,047
Milk from cows	6,984	13	26	527	1,770
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	516	4	39	382	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	2,542	1	39	100	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	30	33	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	431	11	39	442	2,909

Producers ^d	3,505	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	86
Male	1,874		
Female	1,631		
Age		Farm organically	1
<35	196		
35 – 64	1,867		
65 and older	1,442		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	17
American Indian/Alaska Native	25		
Asian	51		
Black or African American	2		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	14		
White	3,387	Hire farm labor	19
More than one race	26		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	98
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	125		
With military service	411		
New and beginning farmers	1,329		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	258,558
		Cattle and calves	8,920
		Goats	1,628
		Hogs and pigs	304
		Horses and ponies	2,566
		Layers	12,683
		Pullets	1,188
		Sheep and lambs	2,397
		Turkeys	259

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.

Table 1. County Summary Highlights: 2022 (continued)

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Clark	Columbia	Cowlitz	Douglas	Ferry	Franklin
Farms number	1,927	299	361	618	168	751
Land in farms acres	56,038	302,041	28,902	787,620	522,236	586,594
Average size of farm acres	29	1,010	80	1,274	3,109	781
Median size of farm acres	10	141	20	171	80	121
Estimated market value of land and buildings:						
Average per farm dollars	545,417	2,302,951	866,555	3,548,716	2,887,298	4,047,456
Average per acre dollars	18,755	2,280	10,824	2,784	929	5,182
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment \$1,000	90,804	57,723	28,637	121,150	9,479	324,045
Average per farm dollars	47,122	193,055	79,328	196,036	56,421	431,485
Farms by size:						
1 to 9 acres	824	21	94	67	27	223
10 to 49 acres	844	71	177	127	29	107
50 to 179 acres	216	73	51	120	50	77
180 to 499 acres	37	39	30	102	33	133
500 to 999 acres	3	34	2	40	15	73
1,000 acres or more	3	61	7	162	14	138
Total cropland farms	1,211	248	208	570	109	591
acres	22,009	198,737	14,133	508,198	11,476	451,688
Harvested cropland farms	1,048	171	183	353	89	493
acres	17,532	139,932	12,765	(D)	(D)	(D)
Irrigated land farms	349	51	48	248	59	576
acres	4,506	3,923	7,324	20,538	1,377	179,580
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000	58,969	94,872	30,776	254,767	3,997	1,006,025
Average per farm dollars	30,601	317,299	85,252	412,244	23,792	1,339,580
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	35,343	89,733	23,113	244,651	1,430	660,207
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	23,626	5,140	7,663	10,115	2,567	345,818
Farms by value of sales:						
Less than \$2,500	977	119	153	262	59	228
\$2,500 to \$4,999	304	9	66	24	21	44
\$5,000 to \$9,999	251	28	69	20	28	49
\$10,000 to \$24,999	177	16	30	24	30	33
\$25,000 to \$49,999	102	18	13	34	16	20
\$50,000 to \$99,999	54	27	7	41	7	37
\$100,000 or more	62	82	23	213	7	340
Government payments farms	39	131	5	336	18	169
\$1,000	149	6,209	(D)	19,140	90	12,622
Total income from farm-related sources farms	306	128	59	251	56	313
\$1,000	12,997	6,832	3,521	9,285	1,006	33,851
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	72,558	77,197	22,317	259,430	5,531	856,294
Average per farm dollars	37,654	258,184	61,820	419,790	32,925	1,140,205
Net cash farm income of the operations farms	1,927	299	361	618	168	751
\$1,000	-444	30,711	12,155	23,762	-439	196,204
Average per farm dollars	-230	102,731	33,671	38,449	-2,613	261,257
Livestock and poultry:						
Cattle and calves inventory farms	607	56	198	75	74	173
number	8,920	3,903	3,405	15,364	2,378	94,294
Beef cows farms	511	51	163	62	71	135
number	3,926	(D)	1,726	8,955	(D)	9,846
Milk cows farms	9	2	-	5	1	12
number	1,037	(D)	-	8	(D)	26,183
Cattle and calves sold farms	400	50	155	59	55	142
number	(D)	2,845	1,560	7,462	1,158	77,511
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	56	4	10	5	4	12
number	304	13	39	12	19	122
Hogs and pigs sold farms	55	5	13	5	4	18
number	565	26	60	24	16	330
Sheep and lambs inventory farms	116	10	19	4	10	17
number	2,397	91	182	(D)	884	211
Layers inventory farms	466	27	57	30	27	78
number	12,683	487	1,443	495	616	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	43	2	8	-	2	6
number	1,266,887	(D)	242	-	(D)	587
Selected crops harvested:						
Corn for grain farms	-	4	-	4	-	81
acres	-	(D)	-	611	-	12,339
bushels	-	(D)	-	163,181	-	2,345,018
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	3	-	2	3	-	26
acres	(D)	-	(D)	155	-	9,638
tons	(D)	-	(D)	4,624	-	295,315
Wheat for grain, all farms	2	112	1	132	1	138
acres	(D)	101,793	(D)	165,951	(D)	91,494
bushels	(D)	8,382,510	(D)	7,225,584	(D)	4,837,409
Other spring wheat for grain farms	1	37	-	20	1	27
acres	(D)	17,409	-	5,759	(D)	3,898
bushels	(D)	1,132,092	-	164,181	(D)	353,224
Winter wheat for grain farms	1	108	1	132	-	121
acres	(D)	84,384	(D)	160,192	-	87,596
bushels	(D)	7,250,418	(D)	7,061,403	-	4,484,185
Oats for grain farms	3	3	-	1	-	-
acres	28	941	-	(D)	-	-
bushels	708	52,563	-	(D)	-	-
Barley for grain farms	7	11	1	2	2	4
acres	123	3,487	(D)	(D)	(D)	492
bushels	8,146	268,811	(D)	(D)	(D)	24,379

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Table 7. Hired Farm Labor - Workers and Payroll: 2022 (continued)

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Clark	Columbia	Cowlitz	Douglas	Ferry	Franklin
Hired farm labor farms	370	97	79	244	20	365
workers	2,356	569	508	7,730	113	9,619
\$1,000 payroll	20,263	9,544	5,989	78,355	891	170,769
Farms with-						
1 to 4 workers (see text) farms	292	67	51	111	15	149
workers	588	153	104	237	(D)	373
5 to 9 workers farms	47	18	15	46	2	68
workers	275	114	87	312	(D)	451
10 workers or more farms	31	12	13	87	3	148
workers	1,493	302	317	7,181	76	8,795
Workers by days worked:						
150 days or more farms	141	58	20	152	6	266
workers	426	198	121	2,817	24	3,736
Farms with-						
1 to 4 workers (see text) farms	121	53	12	110	5	135
workers	201	150	(D)	266	(D)	347
5 to 9 workers farms	10	3	6	14	-	42
workers	67	(D)	41	81	-	285
10 workers or more farms	10	2	2	28	1	89
workers	158	(D)	(D)	2,470	(D)	3,104
Less than 150 days farms	301	76	71	190	19	288
workers	1,930	371	387	4,913	89	5,883
Farms with-						
1 to 4 workers (see text) farms	230	64	47	92	15	146
workers	420	141	93	213	(D)	333
5 to 9 workers farms	46	4	16	27	1	56
workers	263	26	97	172	(D)	360
10 workers or more farms	25	8	8	71	3	86
workers	1,247	204	197	4,528	(D)	5,190
Reported only workers working						
150 days or more farms	69	21	8	54	1	77
workers	149	58	14	213	(D)	1,130
\$1,000 payroll	1,972	1,344	433	7,076	(D)	37,646
Reported only workers working						
less than 150 days farms	229	39	59	92	14	99
workers	690	72	276	718	70	435
\$1,000 payroll	1,825	453	1,848	3,872	(D)	3,491
Reported both - workers working						
150 days or more and workers						
working less than 150 days farms	72	37	12	98	5	189
150 days or more, workers	277	140	107	2,604	(D)	2,606
less than 150 days, workers	1,240	299	111	4,195	(D)	5,448
\$1,000 payroll	16,467	7,746	3,707	67,407	(D)	129,631
Total migrant workers farms	10	5	6	69	-	82
workers	95	46	121	3,034	-	2,388
Migrant farm labor on farms with hired labor farms	7	5	6	58	-	81
workers	77	46	121	2,542	-	(D)
Migrant farm labor on farms reporting only						
contract labor farms	3	-	-	11	-	1
workers	18	-	-	492	-	(D)
Unpaid workers farms	810	76	144	136	69	165
workers	2,111	183	397	341	183	422

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Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2022 (continued)

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Clark	Columbia	Cowlitz	Douglas	Ferry	Franklin
FARMS						
Land in farms	farms 1,927	299	361	618	168	751
	acres 56,038	302,041	28,902	787,620	522,236	586,594
Harvested cropland	farms 1,048	171	183	353	89	493
	acres 17,532	139,932	12,765	(D)	(D)	(D)
OWNED AND RENTED LAND IN FARMS						
Owned land in farms	farms 1,882	283	355	563	160	620
	acres 48,341	162,567	23,908	358,861	(D)	238,839
Rented or leased land in farms	farms 176	69	53	192	38	273
	acres 7,661	139,474	4,994	428,759	(D)	347,755
TENURE						
Full owners	farms 1,751	230	308	426	130	478
	acres 43,341	75,776	14,023	160,311	(D)	118,222
Harvested cropland	farms 935	113	145	192	64	266
	acres 11,019	19,843	2,093	(D)	1,914	(D)
Part owners	farms 131	53	47	137	30	142
	acres 10,728	190,093	14,716	476,109	(D)	339,325
Owned land in farms	acres 5,036	86,791	9,885	198,550	(D)	120,617
Rented land in farms	acres 5,692	103,302	4,831	277,559	15,157	218,708
Harvested cropland	farms 76	46	32	112	18	124
	acres 5,241	96,263	10,608	127,924	2,207	148,779
Tenants	farms 45	16	6	55	8	131
	acres 1,969	36,172	163	151,200	5,876	129,047
Harvested cropland	farms 37	12	6	49	7	103
	acres 1,272	23,826	64	50,166	(D)	70,371
NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS						
Total producers	number 3,560	595	663	1,223	334	1,617
Farms by number of producers:						
1 producer	620	114	134	228	56	214
2 producers	1,118	130	175	255	95	386
3 producers	107	31	29	81	6	54
4 producers	47	9	23	46	3	66
5 or more producers	35	15	-	8	8	31
Total male producers	number 1,890	359	377	765	184	1,046
Farms by number of male producers:						
1 producer	1,481	218	282	430	125	522
2 producers	135	38	40	75	7	145
3 producers	37	11	5	37	3	39
4 producers	7	8	-	14	6	6
5 or more producers	-	-	-	1	6	15
Total female producers	number 1,670	236	286	458	150	571
Farms by number of female producers:						
1 producer	1,351	152	210	303	118	389
2 producers	102	22	35	38	16	64
3 producers	22	1	2	17	-	10
4 producers	6	8	-	2	-	-
5 or more producers	5	1	-	4	-	4
PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS ¹						
Producers (see text)	3,505	563	663	1,197	308	1,536
Sex of producers:						
Male	1,874	330	377	750	170	1,000
Female	1,631	233	286	447	138	536
Hired managers	88	50	18	159	4	409
Primary occupation:						
Farming	1,241	242	298	582	138	806
Other	2,264	321	365	615	170	730
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	3,016	297	540	592	243	1,103
Not on farm operated	489	266	123	605	65	433
Days worked off farm:						
None	1,320	269	261	612	133	717
Any	2,185	294	402	585	175	819
1 to 49 days	458	69	73	91	25	107
50 to 99 days	122	20	33	70	5	65
100 to 199 days	349	39	44	80	18	80
200 days or more	1,256	166	252	344	127	567
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	179	6	55	36	23	68
3 or 4 years	330	83	16	62	9	125
5 to 9 years	871	89	103	192	55	293
10 years or more	2,125	385	489	907	221	1,050
Average years on present farm	19.2	22.2	24.4	23.7	21.8	20.8
Years operating any farm:						
5 years or less	564	72	84	144	45	209
6 to 10 years	765	93	77	122	29	225
11 years or more	2,176	398	502	931	234	1,102

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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