With more than 1,400 farms and 70,000 acres of production, **SNOHOMISH COUNTY** is nationally recognized as a model for revitalizing agriculture as a sustainable local industry. The county ranks second in Washington State for the number of new farms and farmers, and county farmers produce a diverse range of high-quality products and services, including forage, beef and poultry, dairy, fresh fruit and vegetables, and agritourism.

### WHY HERE
- Rich, productive soils with access to abundant clean water
- Streamlined permitting process for agriculture uses
- Superb infrastructure with easy access to roads, rail, seaports and airports
- No corporate or personal income tax
- Farming and agriculture-specific state tax incentives, including for food, timber and biofuel manufacturing
- Located minutes from world-leading agriculture research at Washington State University via WSU’s Snohomish County Extension Program

### TOP CROPS by acreage
- **11,960** HAY & FORAGE
- **4,192** CORN
- **2,486** WHEAT & GRAIN
- **1,846** VEGETABLES
WHERE DOES SNOHOMISH COUNTY RANK
Snohomish County stands out as one of the most productive regions in Western Washington. In addition to producing over 1,000 acres of seed crops, much of which is exported via the Port of Everett, the County ranks number one in the state in annual milk production per cow, number three in total pounds of milk produced, number two in broiler chicken production and number three in strawberry production.

HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTS
Snohomish County is known for its local, high-quality agriculture products, which includes grass-fed meat products, animal feed including silage, specialty niche grains, and an abundance of organic fruits and vegetables. From these high-quality products, a diverse range of value-added agriculture products are made, including distilled spirits, baked goods, syrups, dairy products and more. Quality animal genetics, including live animals for breeding stock, and frozen embryos and frozen semen from genetically superior stock, are available from Snohomish County farmers. Snohomish County’s diversified agriculture industry is poised to meet the demands of a growing export market with dedicated county staff to ensure its success.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Snohomish County is working to connect local farmers, growers and producers to international markets and partnerships. This includes identifying and growing products that Japanese, Korean and other buyers are looking for. This entails developing a contract growing list, exploring opportunities to attract new businesses and investing in the county’s agricultural sector.