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The Columbia-Snake River System is the top wheat export gateway in the United States.

(Pacific Northwest Waterways Assoc.)

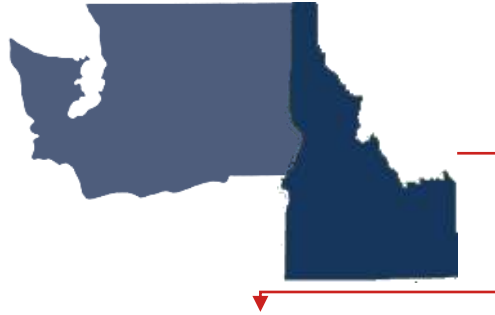
**IDAHO & WASHINGTON
CONSISTENTLY RANK IN THE
TOP 10 WHEAT PRODUCING
STATES.**

Wheat represents a significant part of the nation's agriculture business. Wheat is the third largest field crop produced in the U.S. and approximately one-half of the 2 billion bushels of wheat produced each year are exported.

(Agricultural Marketing Resource Center, 2011)

49%

of all U.S. wheat exports in 2014 were handled along the Columbia-Snake River system. (PNWA)



\$1 BILLION

According to Idaho Grain Producers:
"The existence of the Port of Lewiston and the dam-lock structures allow the use of barge transportation along the river system. This infrastructure is a major factor in why Idaho has a \$1 billion vibrant wheat and barley industry that helps serve as a backbone to the economy of Idaho and its many rural communities."

In Washington, wheat production makes similar contributions to the state's economy. In 2012, the value of Washington wheat production was \$1.16 billion, with a total economic output of approximately \$2.3 billion, according to a recent study from Washington State University.

60%

of Washington and Idaho wheat is shipped by barge—the most efficient and cost-effective method of export. Without river shipping, export costs would easily double for farmers, meaning far less revenue for local economies. (LCT)

**APPROX. 800 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE—ABOUT ONE IN NINE—ARE UNDERNOURISHED AND DO NOT GET ENOUGH FOOD TO EAT. WHEAT EXPORTS FROM THE U.S. HELP FEED THE WORLD.
WHEAT HAS LONG BEEN A LEADING COMMODITY USED IN U.S. FOOD AID PROGRAMS.**

(www.worldhunger.org; *Wheat growers help in battle against world hunger*, Southeast Farm Press, 2011)



24 MILLION

Lewis-Clark Terminal in Lewiston exported over 24 million bushels in 2013-14, which was the largest crop handled to-date by LCT. LCT exports continue to be strong.

**\$165
MILLION**

Value of the 2013-14 LCT export. This revenue results in the purchase of goods and services by producers, farmers and growers in our regional economy.

10%

(on average) of all US wheat exports go by barge through the Snake River Dams. (PNWA)