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

(Pacific Northwest Waterways Assoc.)

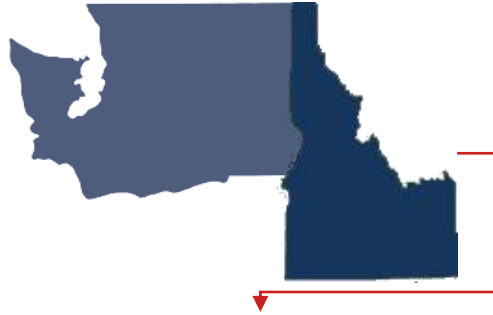
**IDAHO & WASHINGTON  
CONSISTENTLY RANK IN THE  
TOP 10 WHEAT PRODUCING  
STATES.**

**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](http://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)