

SUMMER 2017



# FOOD PRODUCTION

SECTOR OVERVIEW



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*Do you wonder how the food you eat gets from farm to table?*

*Do you like spending time outdoors?*

*Are you interested in operating large machinery?*

## Why Work In Food Production?

The PacMtn region is home to farms, ranches, fishing, and food processing facilities that feed the Pacific Northwest, and find their way by truck, train, and airplane around the globe. Hundreds of independent growers and distributors contribute to this sector. Whether you're enjoying a craft brew at a local taproom or ordering oyster shooters half a world away, you're enjoying the bounty of this region's top industry sector.

## Fast Facts

*Food Production sector is growing fast in the PacMtn region.*

*Nearly 7,000 people in this region work in either Livestock or Crop Production.<sup>1</sup>*

*This industry cluster brings more than **\$4 billion** into our local economy every year.<sup>1</sup>*

## Key Industries<sup>1</sup>

- Livestock and Crop Production, including organic
- Fresh and Frozen Seafood Processing
- Shellfish Production & Harvesting
- Frozen Fruit, Juice & Vegetable Manufacturing

## Get Ready Now!

*These high-demand jobs are growing in the next decade<sup>2</sup>*

- › Farmworkers and Laborers: Crop, Nursery & Greenhouse
- › Farmworkers: Farm, Ranch and Aquaculture
- › Meat, Poultry & Fish Cutters and Trimmers
- › Fisheries Workers
- › Butchers and Meat Cutters

1. EMSI, Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council, J. Robertson and Co. Targeted Cluster Identification & Strategic Alignment. September 2012.

2. Data pulled from PacMtn Hot Jobs 2016 spreadsheet.

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## What's Out There?

A few of the Food Production employers in the PacMtn region:

### FOOD MANUFACTURING

- Frito-Lay, Montesano
- National Frozen Foods Corporation, Chehalis
- Ocean Spray, Long Beach/Aberdeen/Grayland

### FISHING, SHELLFISH HARVESTING & DISTRIBUTION

- Coast Seafoods, South Bend
- Taylor Shellfish, Shelton
- Washington Crab Producers, Westport
- Ocean Gold Seafoods, Westport
- National Fish & Oyster, Olympia

### CROP & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

- August Farm, Rochester
- Spooner Berry Farms, Olympia/Lacey
- Starvation Alley Farms, Long Beach

### CANNING, BOTTLING & DISTRIBUTION

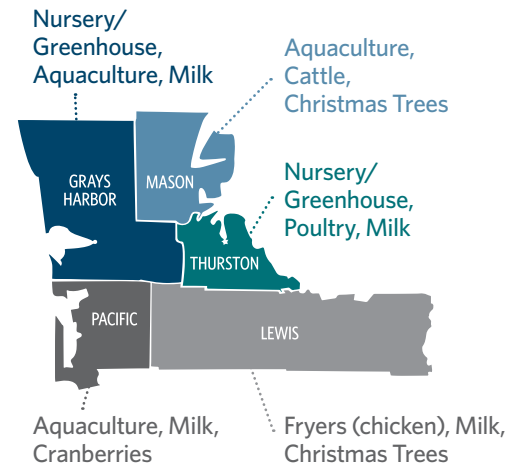
- Harbor Pacific, Elma
- L&E Bottling Company, Tumwater
- Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, Tumwater

## Did You Know?

*More women are pursuing agricultural careers. In 2012, the US Census counted nearly 1 million women in agriculture, and the number is still growing.*

*Food Production involves science! Food scientists add ingredients to enhance nutrition and flavor.*

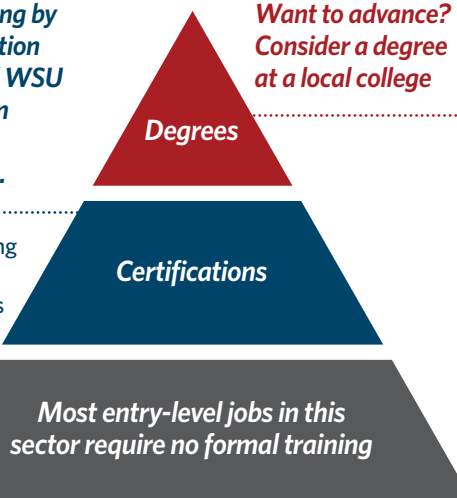
## What's Being Produced?<sup>3</sup>



## How Do I Get Training?

*Extend your learning by earning a certification through your local WSU Extension program or other nearby training programs.*

- Brewing & Distilling
  - Gardening
  - Marine Resources
  - Food Safety & Nutrition
- And more!*



*Want to advance? Consider a degree at a local college*

### Local Colleges

- Centralia College  
[www.centralia.edu](http://www.centralia.edu)
- Evergreen State College  
[www.evergreen.edu](http://www.evergreen.edu)
- Grays Harbor College  
[www.ghc.edu](http://www.ghc.edu)
- Olympic College  
[www.olympic.edu](http://www.olympic.edu)
- South Puget Sound Community College  
[www.spscc.edu](http://www.spscc.edu)
- St. Martin's University  
[www.stmartin.edu](http://www.stmartin.edu)

<sup>3</sup> Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture, USDA. N.p.: Washington State Department of Agriculture, 19 May 2015. PDF.

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