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Fw: Agricultural statistics

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I am sending along some interesting statistics for your review. This data helps to define Clark County's rural character and culture. Most of the data is from the 2012 U.S. Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture, County Profiles for Washington, the Analysis of the Agricultural Economic Trends and Conditions in Clark County, Washington, prepared for Clark County by Globalwise, Inc., April 6, 2007, Crop and Livestock Reporting Service Bulletin , Clark County, Washington, 1954.

Appreciate your attention, Susan Rasmussen

1,929...number of farms 2012
2,101...number of farms 2007
74,758...acres in farms 2012
24,099...acres of harvested cropland

\$490,328...average estimated market value of farm land and buildings
\$12,652.....average estimated market value per acre of farm land

2984

036760

851...farms size 1-9 acres
44% of all Clark County farms are 9 acres or less
4,175 acres; 4.9 average size per farm
718...farm sales values less than \$1,000.
373...farm sales values \$1,000-\$2,499.
306...farm sales values \$2,500-\$4,999.
72% of all Clark County farms had sales values below \$5,000.
37% of all Clark County farms had sales values below \$1,000.

\$1,243...Average cash farm income per farming operation

1,247...Principal farm operator had another occupation
65% of Clark County farmers are part-time operators
1,741...operators that used the farm as their residence
90% of all farm operators
20.3 years...average number of years on present farm
1,416...operators that have been on their farms 10 yrs. or more
73% of operators
513...farmers that have been farming in Clark County 9 years or less
USDA considers these "new farmers"
59...average age of a Clark County farmer
897...farmers 60-70 years old
47% of farmers
404...farmers over 70
21% of farmers
1,678...farms that are family or individually owned
87% of farms
20.3 years...average years on present farm
64%...according to OFM, the portion of people living in unincorporated areas of the county increased in 2013

40 Horse Power...The majority of farms had tractors of this size. For the most part, this is a garden tractor that doesn't have the necessary horsepower required to pull and operate farming implements like balers, etc.

Analysis of the Agricultural Economic Trends and Conditions in Clark County, Washington; prepared by Globalwise, Inc., April 16, 2007:

Page 26, FINANCING FARMS:

"One of the notable findings of this analysis is that there are very few agricultural operations financed by commercial or government lenders. Information provided by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the U. S. Department of Agriculture shows that they have had no new borrowers in Clark County in the last 10 years that have purchased 10 or more acres under the agency's farm loan programs. This is significant because the FSA is the government lender to farm borrowers who do not qualify for standard commercial loans. If FSA is not making these loans, it is also very doubtful that commercial lenders have borrowers who have purchased land and other capital assets. In fact, contacts with several commercial banks identified only one bank which said