

Washington grows flowers!

You may not think of flowers and plants as crops, but as the number of family farms in the U.S. is decreasing, the number of nursery and greenhouse farms is increasing. The U.S. is the world's largest producer of plants and flowers, which is a growing part of agriculture. Washington ranks third in the nation in the sale of cut flowers and fresh greenery.

In addition to tulips, lilies, and other fussy flowers, Washington grows over 2,300 different kinds of decorative native plants and grasses. Native plants are the kind that filled the fields and woods long before the first settlers came to America. Native plants are good for the environment because they need less water, require no pesticides, and provide food and shelter for wildlife.

