



Spokane
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Central Basin Team Estimated Irrigation Use on Noncultivated Cropland

		Non-irrigated	Gravity Irrigated	Pressure Irrigated	Gravity and Pressure Irrigated	Total Irrigated Acres on Noncultivated Cropland
1982	Estimated	31,900	180,900	201,200	33,100	415,200
1982	Error *	9,700	26,600	37,400	13,100	44,500
1987	Estimated	37,900	171,500	227,900	36,800	436,200
1987	Error *	12,500	32,800	42,900	13,300	50,700
1992	Estimated	56,300	181,400	283,700	42,800	507,900
1992	Error *	15,400	31,400	44,500	15,600	55,600
1997	Estimated	46,200	185,300	278,800	60,700	524,800
1997	Error *	11,700	29,400	37,200	19,900	48,600

Estimates may not total because of rounding.

* The error referred to in the table is the standard error of the estimate.

(To obtain the margin of error at the 95% confidence limit multiply the error by 1.96.)

Geographic Area of the Central Basin Team of Washington:

Benton	Kittitas	Yakima
Franklin	Klickitat	
Grant	Skamania	

Alfalfa production is the predominant reason more and more noncultivated cropland is being irrigated. Much of this increase is because of shifting crop patterns which are based on commodity prices. There are also an increasing number of irrigation wells coming into production outside the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project. Producers who are new to irrigation commonly grow alfalfa before planting annual crops.

