

# AGRICULTURE

## Agriculture Approach:

The SMP recognizes the importance of agriculture to Walla Walla County and the entire state.

The SMP's agricultural policies and regulations focus on the preservation of agricultural lands in shoreline jurisdiction and encourage the continued use of these areas for the raising of livestock and the cultivation of crops.

**Existing agricultural activities will not be modified or limited by the SMP.**

SMP regulations apply to the following:

- **New** agricultural activities; and
- Development of non-agricultural activities on agricultural land.

## Proposed Regional Policies:

**Policy-1.** Promote the continued economic viability of agriculture in Walla Walla County and support its continued practice on existing agricultural lands.

**Policy-2.** Preserve and maintain productive agricultural lands in shoreline jurisdiction.

**Policy-5.** Allow diversion of water for agricultural activities consistent with water rights laws and rules.

**Policy-6.** Encourage maintenance of native vegetation between cultivated areas and aquatic areas to reduce stormwater runoff, reduce sedimentation, and promote fish and wildlife habitat.

