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## **SUNNYSIDE** **WASHINGTON**



Located in the Heart of the  
Famous Yakima Valley



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**THE STORY OF SUNNYSIDE** is the story of water. Not bubbling brooks or splashing surf or languid lakes, but man-controlled, man-harnessed irrigation water that planted crops where sagebrush flourished and built homes where jackrabbits frolicked.

Today, the story of Sunnyside is still the story of water, for Sunnyside lies, snugly, near the center of the 72,000 acre Roza Irrigation District and the 110,000 acre Sunnyside Irrigation District.

The foresight and vision of a few sturdy pioneers provided the impetus which has turned this vast area into one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world.

Following the turning of the water into the Sunnyside canal in 1893, a few hardy settlers came in, purchased land and started development. From that small beginning, and after much trial and error with irrigation methods, the community has mushroomed to the second largest community in the county.

#### **THE FUTURE:**

Sunnyside is still new and growing fast. There are splendid opportunities for industrial expansion, with building sites, raw materials, ample labor supply and transportation facilities readily available. In addition to the fully settled Sunnyside Irrigation Project of 103,579 acres, the new Roza Irrigation Project of 72,000 acres is just now becoming settled, and offers a whole new trade area as well as increased agricultural production. The proposed new Satus Unit of the Wapato Irrigation Project will add another 8,000 acres of irrigated lands. The climate, the steady employment possibilities, the warmth and friendliness of the people, and the general prosperous condition of the region make this truly an ideal place in which to live.

#### **LOCATION:**

Sunnyside is located in Southeastern Washington 200 miles equidistant from Seattle, Portland and Spokane. Yakima, Washington is 36 miles northwest on U. S. Highway 410.

#### **CLIMATE:**

Clear, dry air. Average yearly precipitation, 6½ inches. Temperature ranges from slightly over 100 in July to zero in February. Average sunshine is 70% of possible.

#### **ALTITUDE:**

747 feet.

#### **POPULATION:**

1947 state census 4,500, with an additional 1,500 within a half mile fringe of the city limits. Total population 6,000. Sunnyside School District population 15,000.

#### **TRADE AREA POPULATION:**

30,000 within a radius of 17 miles.

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

Northern Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads. On U. S. Highway No. 410. Served by the Greyhound system.

#### **AIRPORT:**

New modern CAA approved Municipal Airport, 2,000 foot runway with plans for eventual extension to 4,000 feet.

#### **UTILITIES:**

Pacific Power & Light Co., Consolidated Gas Co., Oregon-Washington Telephone Co., City water from deep wells.

#### **BANKS:**

One bank, with deposits of more than \$6,500,000.

#### **POSTAL RECEIPTS:**

1938 \$20,466.16  
1948 \$52,067.08

#### **ASSESSED VALUATION:**

1949:  
City of Sunnyside \$1,721,698  
Sunnyside School District \$4,887,231

#### **TYPE OF GOVERNMENT:**

Council-Manager form. First city in state to adopt this form.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS:**

1948 \$700,115  
1949 (to Sept. 1) \$765,647

#### **HOSPITAL:**

New hospital completed in 1946. 33-bed capacity. Entirely paid for by popular subscription among local residents, with no aid from county, state or federal funds.

#### **SCHOOLS:**

A fully-accredited grade and high school system, one of 27 first class school districts in the State of Washington, has an enrollment of 3,100; 120 teachers. The new \$650,000 grade school, completed in 1949, is considered to be one of the most modern schools in the Pacific Northwest.

#### **HOTELS AND AUTO COURTS:**

One 44-room hotel and four auto courts.

#### **NEWSPAPER:**

The Sunnyside Sun (weekly). Largest in Central Washington.

#### **CHURCHES:**

Twenty-one churches, representing all leading denominations.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

Carnegie Library, with more than 6,000 volumes.

#### **THINGS TO DO:**

Two theatres. City Park. Large athletic field under lights. Auditorium seating 1500. Community Concert Series. Bowling alley. Golf links. Skeet and trap shooting. Tennis courts, swimming pool, roller skating. In the heart of the hunting and fishing area; only a two-hour drive to the crest of the Cascade Mountains (Mt. Rainier).

#### **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:**

Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Active Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Women's Club, B.P.W. Club, A.A.U.W., P.T.A., American Legion, V.F.W., Ministerial Association, Washington Turkey Show Association, Washington Dairy Congress, plus all leading fraternal organizations, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls.

#### **INDUSTRIES:**

Two canneries, two frozen food processing plants, seven food processing and packing plants, one meat packing company, one winery, two grain milling plants, one milk condensery, one milk powder plant, two creameries, one alfalfa dehydrating plant, one rendering works, one concrete block and pipe manufacturing plant, one machinery manufacturing and assembling plant, one ready-mix concrete plant, over seventy retail stores.

#### **\*INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS:**

City of Sunnyside, per capita income \$1600 (estimated).

Total Dollar Volume 1948:

Wholesaling	\$ 4,561,543
Retailing	10,696,636
Packing and Processing	3,918,063
Manufacturing	1,382,122
Service	378,475

**TOTAL** .....\$20,936,839

Total Payroll (above classifications)  
\$2,094,235.

\* figures compiled by Bureau of Business Research, University of Washington. Detailed figures supplied upon request.



## AGRICULTURE:

More than fifty crops are grown in this vicinity. Extremely fertile soil, together with irrigation makes it possible to grow anything but citrus fruits. The great diversity of crops is this region's outstanding feature. Poor markets for two or three individual crops do not upset the economy of the community. Harvest begins in April with Asparagus and continues through November with sugar beets. Planting, harvesting processing and shipping combine to provide steady year-round activity.

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION VALUE:

1948—Yakima Valley (Comprising Yakima, Kittitas and Benton Counties).

Apples	\$24,000,000
Hops	11,000,000
Pears	8,500,000
Peaches	2,500,000
Cherries	4,500,000
Prunes and Plums	1,250,000
Apricots	1,100,000
Grapes	900,000
Potatoes	8,000,000
Asparagus	1,800,000
Mint	1,300,000
Hay, Grain and Seeds	12,000,000
Other Fruits and Vegetables	3,850,000
Dairying and Dairy Products	7,200,000
Livestock, Meats; By-products	21,000,000
Poultry, Eggs, Turkeys	4,500,000
Wool	700,000
Sugar Beets	3,373,000

Total 1948 Production.....\$117,473,000

## \*YAKIMA COUNTY of the 3,072 counties in the United States ranks:

- 1st in production of apples, pears, hops.
  - 5th in production of cherries.
  - 6th in production of all fruits and nuts.
  - 6th in total agricultural production.
  - 8th in production of peaches.
  - 9th in production of plums and prunes.
- (\*Figures from United States Agricultural Census, 1945).

## IRRIGABLE AREA, YAKIMA VALLEY RECLAMATION PROJECTS:

Kittitas unit	69,552 acres
Tieton unit	27,273 acres
Sunnyside unit	103,579 acres
Roza	72,000 acres
Wapato (Inc. Satus)	137,500 acres
Ahtanum	15,000 acres
Warren Act and Contracts	46,434 acres
Limiting Agreement Canals	48,836 acres
Private Canals—No Contracts	20,206 acres
Others	25,000 acres

Total Irrigable Area .....565,380 acres

## PROPOSED PROJECTS:

Kennewick	27,682 acres
Klickitat	28,000 acres
Grand Total	621,062 acres

## SUNNYSIDE is in the HEART of the famous YAKIMA VALLEY



## Road miles from Sunnyside to . . .

Seattle	186
Spokane	197
Portland	200
Mt. Rainier	105
Mt. Adams	85
Coulee Dam	170
Walla Walla	96
Yakima	36