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Whitman County lies in the Palouse Country of southeast Washington, a land of undulating hills and rich agricultural soil. Pioneer farmers transformed rolling native grasslands into one of the most productive dryland farming and ranching districts in the world. Stern-wheel steamers once carried wheat to market along the Snake River. Today big tugs and barges tie up at the Whitman County Seaport—a harbor 465 miles upriver from the coast. Whitman County is home to Washington State University, founded at Pullman in 1892.

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