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The Pacific Northwest (PNW):

Two dominant river valleys with their rich alluvial soils define the key agricultural areas of the coastal Pacific Northwest.

The Willamette Valley in Oregon is located between the Coastal Mountains to the west and the Cascade Range to the east. More than 400,000 ha of crop land spreads out alongside the Willamette River as it flows to the north to join the Columbia River near Portland. Salem, the state capital city is located at 45N; exactly halfway between the equator and the north pole.

Farther to the north, at 49N the Skagit Valley, although smaller, presents a similar farming picture. Protected by the Olympic Mountains to the west and nestled between Puget Sound and the Cascade Range, the fertile farms of the Skagit Valley along the wild and scenic Skagit River.

Vegetable seed production has long been an agricultural mainstay of the PNW. Mild winters and cool, dry summers have made the area ideal for seed crops of cabbage, beets, spinach, and radish. Specialty crops include: Arugula, Broccoli-Raab, Brussels sprout, Chinese cabbage, Chinese kale, Chinese mustard, Coriander, India mustard, Kale, Kohlrabi, Parsley, Parsnip, Radish, Rutabaga, Swiss Chard, and Turnip.?