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Wausau is the county seat of Marathon County, Wisconsin. The city is located at 44°57'N 89°38'W with an altitude of 364.2 meters (1,195 feet). The Wisconsin River divides the city. Wausau is 180 miles east of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The city is located adjacent to and partially surrounded by the Town of Wausau. According to the 2000 census, Wausau had a population of 38,426 people. It is the principal city of the Wausau, Wisconsin Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The Wausau metropolitan area had a 2000 census population of 78,664 and, besides the City of Wausau, includes Schofield, Rothschild, Weston, Kronenwetter, and the town of Rib Mountain. The city forms the core of the United States Census Bureau's Wausau MSA, which includes all of Marathon County (2000 population: 125,834). It is the 297th largest MSA in the United States.

The industries of Wausau include paper manufacturing, insurance, home manufacturing, and tourism.

Wausau is home to the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, famous for its "Birds in Art" collection. Wausau is also home to a world-class kayak course, having hosted numerous regional, national, and world competitions over the last two decades.

- Wikipedia

What Wikipedia doesn't tell you is that Marathon County is one of the largest growers of ginseng in the world. The climate and soil are perfect for it's growth.

The perseverance of these early ginseng growers and the ideal growth conditions in Marathon County have made it the ginseng capital of the United States, producing approximately 10% of the world's supply of ginseng root. More than 90% of the cultivated ginseng grown in the United States is grown in Wisconsin, and 90 to 95% of Wisconsin-grown ginseng is produced in Marathon County.

It is estimated that Wisconsin grew 3,000 to 5,000 acres of ginseng in 1990, and sales of the root earned almost \$70 million for farmers in Marathon County. Most of Wisconsin's ginseng growers cultivate no more than one acre of the crop annually. Most of the nation's ginseng crop is exported to Hong Kong, where it enters duty-free. Much is then redistributed to other locations in the Far East.