



WSDA serves the people of Washington State by supporting the agricultural community and promoting consumer and environmental protection

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE and AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Responsible for overall operation of agency.

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Sidney Black, Exec Assist. to the Deputy Director360/902-1894

Regional Markets

Aims to strengthen the economic vitality of small and direct marketing farms and increase availability of healthy, locally grown Washington foods. Supports rural communities, helps keep agricultural land in production and ties to community goals for economic development through partnerships in urban and rural communities. Services include peer-led, on-site workshops; clear and detailed publications; and technical assistance to individuals, businesses, and communities.

Laura Raymond, Program Manager (Seattle)..... 206/256-6157
Sarah Lemon, Commerce Specialist206/743-4169
Annette Slonim (Seattle).....206/714-2757

Risk Management/Safety

Coordinates all aspects of WSDA's enterprise risk management program, which includes employee health and safety, homeland security, tort claims and vehicle accidents, as well as policy and contract review.

Ron Hussung, Safety/Risk Manager360/902-2074
Jason Gambill, Safety Officer (Western WA).....360/742-7512
Brenda Davis, Safety Officer.....360/485-1245
Vacant, Safety Officer (Eastern WA).....509/249-6965
Seth Hansen, Wellness Coordinator.....360/974-9771

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Responsible for administering the federal funds to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in Washington State.

Leisa Schumaker, Program Manager 360/485-1252
Tricia Bertsch, Grant Specialist 360/884-3878
Lindsey Moore, Grant Specialist360/485-1260

ANIMAL SERVICES

Jodi Jones, Operations Director 360/902-1889
Kelsey Lindstrom, Division Coordinator360/725-5642

Animal Health

Oversees livestock and poultry disease control, issues livestock import permits, and regulates restricted feed lots and rendering plants.

Dr. Amber Itle, State Veterinarian 360/961-4129
Dr. Ben Smith, Assist. State Veterinarian509/350-0081
Rachel Burkhart, Program Assistant 360/902-1878

Avian Health

Provides information to increase awareness about poultry and poultry disease through education, outreach and surveillance.

Avian Health Hotline 800/606-3056

Animal Disease Traceability

Oversees Animal Disease Traceability program in Washington State, provides animal movement and identification expertise to Washington's livestock industry.

David Hecimovich, Program Coordinator 360/725-5493

Livestock Inspection

Registers livestock brands; licenses certified feed lots and public livestock market; inspects cattle and horses for proof of ownership.

General Information 360/902-1855
Brennan Kimbel, Program Manager360/688-0893
Brendan Hann, Fiscal Specialist360/902-1877
Jacob Gilbreath, Program Assistant360/725-5505

COMMODITY INSPECTION

General Information 360/974-9769
Jessica Allenton, Assistant Director..... 360/902-1828
Rachel Furth, Business Administration and Operations Manager360/902-1997
TJ Estes, Division Operations Analyst 360-485-1242

Administrative Regulations

Coordinates the development of the agency's policies and procedures; provides public disclosure assistance; partners with program staff on developing the agency's regulations (WACs); performs the agency-wide forms and records management responsibilities.

Hannah Mosley-Gonzales, Admin. Regulations Manager360/902-1809
Pamela Potwin, Public Records Officer360/902-1935
Gloriann Robinson, Rules Coordinator & Adjudicative Proceedings360/902-1802
Anne Norman, Fairs Program Administrator.....360/902-2043
Wendy Wetherbee, Administrative Policy Coordinator.....360/974-9754
Julie Curley, Forms Coordinator.....360/974-9784
Rachel Winterhalter, Forms Coordinator360/974-9788

Contract Management

Coordinates all aspects of WSDA's contract management program as well as policy and contract review.

Laura Holmes, Contracts Manager360/902-2002
Tryg Hoff, Assistant Contracts Admin360/974-9762
Jennifer Lacey, Purchasing & Procurement Specialist360/725-5506

Information Technology

Susie Olsen, Chief Information Officer.....360/902-2077
Jay DeLozier, IT Operations Manager360/902-2888
Avi Herbstman, Application Development360/902-2014
Tim Valdez, Webmaster360/725-5507

International Marketing

Assists state companies in exporting food and agriculture products.

Rianne Ham, Program Manager 360/902-1841
Julie Johnson, Export Development 360/902-1940
Rebecca Weber, Senior Trade Specialist (Kennewick).....509/727-8302
Elisa Daun, Trade Specialist (Seattle)206/454-2201
Zachary Garza, Trade Specialist (Othello).....509/731-0197

Policy and Communications

Provides leadership, policy support and coordination on legislative and policy issues, oversees internal and external communications. Responds to media and public inquiries.

Evan Sheffels, Senior Policy Advisor to the Director 360/902-1918
Katie Rains, Food Policy360/688-4549
Laura Butler, Leg. Liaison/Aquaculture Coordinator360/810-0320
Kat Kersten, Communications Director360/902-1815
Karla Salp, Public Engagement Specialist360/480-5397
Amber Betts, Media Relations Coordinator/PIO360/628-3477
Kim Vaughn, Internal Communications Coordinator360/972-0085
Becca Sotelo, Graphic Design and Publications 360/725-5766

Emergency Management Program

The Emergency Management Program is responsible for the agency's planning, response, and recovery actions to protect the state's agriculture, animals, and natural resources during all-hazard emergencies.

David Minor, RRT Coordinator.....360-810-0387
Erin Coyle, Emergency Mgmt Program Manager360/764-9704

Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program

Provides state/USDA fruit/vegetable inspection, phytosanitary certification, shipping point inspection, third party grading of raw product for processing, and export certification; and licenses controlled atmosphere storage facilities.

Robert Newell, Fruit and Vegetable Acting Program Manager 509/952-6737

Grain Inspection Program

Provides official inspection, sampling and weighing of grain and commodities grown in Washington or shipped through Washington ports.

Philip Garcia, Grain Inspection Program Manager 360/902-1921
Vance Lubbe, Acting Quality Assurance Manager 360/664-8950
Ray Dionne, NW Regional Manager 253/593-2064
Jacob Hillebrand, SW Regional Manager 360/673-2727
Scott Steinbacher, Eastern Regional Manager 509/553-2487

Grain Warehouse Audit Program

Licenses, audits, and physically inventories agricultural commodity warehouses/terminals.

Scott Steinbacher, Program Manager (Spokane) 509/533-2487

Seed Inspection/Certification Program

Inspects seed fields for insects/diseases; inspects and tests seed for purity and germination; issues Phytosanitary export certificates; licenses seed dealers; issues labeling permits.

General Information 509/249-6950
Paula Moore, Program Manager 509/314-1032

FOOD SAFETY & CONSUMER SERVICES

Luisa Castro, Assistant Director 360/870-7858
Leah Cloward, Division Coordinator 360/902-1967
Stacy McMillen, Administrative Assistant 360/902-2160
Gena Reich, Policy and Performance Administrator 509/539-4781
David Minor, Rapid Respond Team Coordinator 360/810-0387

Food Assistance

WDSA's Food Assistance programs assist local organizations and tribes in providing emergency food to one in every six Washingtonians. The programs provide approximately \$40 million worth of food and funding, both federal and state, to support 500 food banks, food pantries, meal programs and tribes. Our goals are to cultivate partnerships and develop data driven strategies to alleviate hunger and increase access to healthier food options in the emergency food system while supporting the agricultural community.

Kim Eads, Program Manager 360/250-4848
Lisa White, Business Operations Manager 360/481-9945
General Information/Complaints 360/725-5640

Food Safety

The Food Safety Program is responsible for the licensing, inspection, and compliance of food processing facilities, food warehouses and dairy farm operations throughout our state. The program also works closely with the dairy industry to maintain the ability to ship milk and milk products out-of-state. In an event of a food borne outbreak in our state, pro-program staff work closely with FDA and the Department of Health in conducting investigations of facilities and collecting samples for testing.

Consumer Complaint Line 800/843-7890
General Information 360/902-1876
Will Satak, Program Manager 360/951-5086
David Erho, Assistant Program Manager 509/393-4270
Jessica Ogden, Business Process Supervisor 360/902-1919
Kim King, Compliance Manager 360/704-8736

Food Safety and Consumer Services Laboratory Program

Analyzes food/dairy products for potentially harmful organisms. Analyzes animal tissues/blood for microbiological pathogens.

Yong Liu, Lab Manager 360/664-8962
Brian Stugelmeier, Management Analyst 360/664-8959
General Information/Complaints 360/664-8959

Feed

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) regulates commercial animal feed including livestock feed, poultry feed, fish feed and pet food at the state level. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates animal feed at the federal level. For consumer protection WSDA ensures that feed products meet the guaranteed analysis stated on their label by conducting periodic product sampling at both the retail and manufacturing level.

Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, Program Manager 360/902-1905
Stormy Townsend, Administrative Assistant 360/902-1844
Kim Truett, Pet Food & Specialty Pet Food Registration 360/902-1846
Lizette Beckman, Commercial Feed Licensing & Registration 360/902-1942
General Information/Complaints 360/902-1844

Organic Program

WSDA's Organic Program provides organic certification and technical assistance to farms and businesses wishing to market and label products with an organic claim. The

Organic Program also evaluates input materials and registers materials that are approved for use in organic production and handling.

Brenda Book, Program Manager 360/902-2090
General Information/Complaints 360/902-1805

Produce Safety Program

The Produce Safety Program promotes understanding of and compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. The program 1) provides education, outreach, and technical assistance to help growers and packers identify and reduce microbial risks during produce growing, harvesting, packing, and holding, 2) maintains an inventory of produce farms and packinghouses covered by the FSMA Produce Safety Rule, 3) inspects produce farms and packinghouses for compliance with the Rule, and 4) takes enforcement action when necessary to protect consumers of Washington-grown produce.

Connie Fisk, Program Manager 360/902-1848
Karen Ullmann, Assistant Program Manager 206/714-6125
Bradley Guise, Administrative Assistant 360/902-1848
General Information/Complaints 360/902-1848

AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

(Formerly Pesticide Mgmt)

Toll-Free General Information 877/301-4555
General Information 360/902-2010
Kelly McLain Aardal, Assistant Director 360-902-1945
Maryann Connell, Division Coordinator 360/902-2012

Nutrient Management Technical Services

Inspects dairy farms and takes action to ensure compliance with water quality laws.

Kyrre Flege, Program Manager 360/746-1249

Compliance

Enforces state and federal pesticide laws; investigates complaints of pesticide misuse.

Tim Stein, Program Manager 509/990-8869
Olympia Compliance 360/902-2040
Moses Lake Compliance 509/850-2013
Spokane Compliance 509/750-4368
Wenatchee Compliance 509/750-4368
Yakima Compliance 509/850-2013

Registration Services

Registers pesticides and fertilizers distributed for use in Washington. Enforces state fertilizer laws.

Brent Perry, Program Manager (Spokane) 509/995-2876
Pesticide Registration 360/902-2030
Fertilizer Program, (Olympia) 360/902-2025
Fertilizer Compliance Program 509/533-2689
Fertilizer Tonnage Program 509/319-6243

Licensing & Recertification

Licenses and recertifies commercial, public and private pesticide applicators, operators, consultants and pesticide dealers; licenses pesticide application equipment.

Christina Zimmerman, Program Manager 360/902-2150
Statewide Toll-Free Licensing & Recertification 1-877-301-4555

Technical Services & Education

Collects and disposes of waste agricultural pesticides Collects data to assess pesticide impacts. Administers Spanish-language farm worker training and pesticide continuing education programs.

Ofelio Borges, Program Manager 509/249-6939
Waste Pesticide Collection 360/902-2056
Farmworker Education, (Yakima) 509/249-6939

Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences (NRAS)

Works together with the agricultural community and regulators to support Washington's agriculture and protect the environment. Staff includes a hydrogeologist, natural resource scientists, soil scientists, and specialists in pesticide usage, surface water monitoring, groundwater and crop mapping

Vacant, Program Manager
Joel Demory, Environmental Specialist (Spokane) 360/701-9312
Margaret Drennan, Natural Resource and Pesticide Scientist (Olympia) 360/280-6849
Dani Gelardi, Senior Soil Scientist (Olympia) 306/791-3903
Jaclyn Hancock, Hydrogeologist (Olympia) 360/701-1518
Leslie Michel, Soil Scientist (Yakima) 509/731-9895
Abigail Nickelson, Environmental Specialist (Yakima) 509/895-9338
Emily Oberhoffer, Environmental Specialist (Yakima) 509/490-2849
Jadey Ryan, Soil Data Scientist (Olympia) 360/819-7855

Cannabis and Hemp Program

Regulates hemp as an agricultural product, including a licensing component with related fees for program administration. The department is also responsible for the testing and sampling protocols concerning THC concentration.

Trecia Ehrlich, Program Manager.....360-584-3711

PLANT PROTECTION

General Information 360/902-1908

Greg Haubrich, Assistant Director360/902-2071

Autumn Dryden, Division Coordinator 360/902-2061

Cheryl Spink, Administrative Assistant 360/902-1901

Chemical & Hop Laboratory

Analyzes feed, fertilizers, and pesticide products. Analyzes food and environmental samples for pesticide residues. Grades hops for seed, stem & leaf content and analyzes hops for brewing value.

Mike Firman, Program Manager509/249-6943

Hop Seed, Leaf and Stem Certificates 509/249-6947

Pest Program

Prevents establishment of high-risk and exotic insects, plant diseases and weeds through surveys, inspections, quarantines, and eradication projects; coordinates and administers state noxious weed program.

Sven-Erik Spichiger, Program Manager 360/280-6327

Jennifer Falacy, Plant Pathology Project Coordinator 360/664-0905

Entomology

Tiffany Pahs, Acting Managing Entomologist 360/664-8968

Dr. Chris Looney, Entomologist360/764-3151

Wade Petersen, Pest Biologist.....

Rian Wojahn, Japanese Beetle Specialist 360/664-8970

Nathan Roueche, Wood Boring Insects 360/664-8966

Pest Program Hotline 800/443-6684

Noxious Weed Control

Chad Phillips, Spartina Coordinator 253/350-1256

Jon Still, Knotweed.....360/280-6363

Vacant, Noxious Weed Coordinator 360/

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Mary Tallman Fee, Executive Secretary 360/902-2053

Plant Services

Inspects nurseries to ensure plant materials are healthy, pest-free and disease-free; enforces quarantines to prevent pest introduction Certifies disease-free planting stock for fruit trees, seed potatoes, hops, grapevines, mint, garlic, cane berries and strawberries.

Scott Brooks, Acting Program Manager.....360/485-1235

Lara Massey, Administrative Assistant 360/902-1922

Nursery Inspection

Vacant, Program Supervisor 360/

Benita Matheson, Program Supervisor360/410-1260

Plant Certification

Segun Akinbade, Fruit Tree Certification Project Coordinator 509/786-9275

Agricultural Investigations

Enforces Commission Merchants Act, licenses commission merchants, dealers, brokers and cash buyers, and conducts investigations in support of other WSDA regulatory programs.

Patrick Ditter509/249-6961

Phil Posada 509/249-6962

Customer Service 360/902-1822

Weights and Measures Inspection

Inspects and tests commercial weighing & measuring devices; licenses public weighmasters/weighers; responds to consumer complaints; monitors motor fuel quality.

Tahis McQueen, Program Manager 360/481-7452

Deanna Lindstrom, Customer Service.....360/902-1822

John Price, Customer Service..... 360-902-2035

Leslie German, Metrologist 360/764-0199

WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

An office of USDA, collects and publishes data relating to production, price, and utilization of crops, livestock, and other Ag products.

State Director 360/890-3300

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