



Washington State Department of Agriculture

Directors of Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture was created on June 10, 1913, with the head of the Department appointed by the Governor. The title of the department head was initially Commissioner of Agriculture and became Director of Agriculture in 1922. Over the last 100 years, 21 men and one woman have served as Commissioner or Director of Agriculture.

Term of Office	Name	Title
1913-1914	J.H. (John Henry) Perkins	Commissioner
1914-1917	H.T. (Harry T.) Graves	Acting Commissioner
1917-1920	E.F. Benson	Commissioner
1920-1921, 1924-1925	F.H. Gloyd	Commissioner, Director
1921-1924	Edward L. French	Director
1925-1933	Erle J. Barnes	Director
1933-1941, 1945	Walter Robinson	Director
1941-1945	Arthur E. Cox	Director
1945-1949	Fred J. Martin	Director
1949-1957	Sverre N. Omdahl	Director
1957-1965	Joseph Dwyer	Director
1965-1973	Donald W. Moos	Director
1973-1977	Stewart Bledsoe	Director
1977-1978	Gary F. Strohmaier	Director
1978-1981	Bob Mickelson	Director
1981-1985	M. Keith Ellis	Director
1985-1993	C. Alan Pettibone	Director
1993	Peter Goldmark	Director
1993-2001	Jim Jesernig	Director
2002-2008	Valoria Loveland	Director
2009-2013	Daniel Newhouse	Director
2013 to present	Don R. "Bud" Hover	Director

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