



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

Responsible for overall operation of agency.

Derek Sandison, Director 360/902-1887
Megan Finkenbinder, Exec. Assistant to the Director 360/902-1887
Kirk Robinson, Deputy Director 360/902-1810
Debbie Hacker, Exec. Assistant to the Deputy Director 360/902-1801
Patrick Capper, Special Assistant to the Director 360/902-2083
Julie Youmans, Human Resources Manager 360/902-1981
Mark Johnson, Chief Financial Officer 360/902-1986
Kristen Rondeau, Performance and Process Improvement Manager 360/902-2024
Mary Beth Lang, Bioenergy/Special Projects Coordinator 360/902-1812

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.

Elizabeth McNagly, Admin. Regulations Manager 360/902-1809
Pamela Potwin, Public Records Officer 360/902-1935
Henri Gonzales, Fairs Coordinator & Adjudicative Proceedings 360/902-1802
Teresa Norman, Commodity Commissions/Rules Coordinator 360/902-2043

Contract Management

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

Kevin Greene, Contracts Manager 360/902-2001
Ashley Blowers, Purchasing & Procurement Specialist 360/902-2002

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

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

Leisa Schumaker, Grant Specialist 360/902-2091
Tricia Bertsch, Grant Assistant 360/902-2177

Risk Management

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

Ron Hussung, Safety/Risk Manager 360/902-2074
Sonia Soelter, Emergency Management 360/725-5509
Jason Gambill, Safety 360/902-7565

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.

Larry Sheahan, Policy Director 360/902-1918
Steve Fuller, Policy Assistant to the Director 360/902-1945
Laura Butler, Policy Assistant 360/902-1842
Ignacio Marquez, Community Liaison 509/249-6970
Hector Castro, Communications Director 360/902-1815
Mike Louisell, Public Information Officer 360/902-1813
Kathy Davis, Internal Communications Coordinator 360/902-1927
Becca Sotelo, Graphic Design, Forms and Publications 360/725-5766
Nicole Johnson, Assistant to Policy and Communications 360/725-5498
Karla Salp, Community Outreach & Environmental Education Specialist 360/902-2178

Natural Resources Assessment Section (NRAS)

Focuses on the impacts of agriculture chemicals and works together with the agricultural community and regulators to protect Washington's natural wealth and the environment.

Staff includes a hydrogeologist; an environmental toxicologist; specialists in crop and pesticide use, crop mapping, groundwater, and waste pesticide disposal.

Gary Bahr, Program Manager and Hydrogeologist 360/902-1936
Perry Beale, Agricultural Land Use Lead/E. WA Supervisor (Yakima) 509/249-6971
Kelly McLain, Natural Resources Scientist 360/902-2067
George Tuttle, Toxicologist 360/902-2066
Vacant, Natural Resource Scientist 360/902-2046
Jaclyn Hancock, Hydrogeologist 360/902-2065
Joel Demory, Environmental Scientist 360/902-1958
Margaret Drennan, Natural Resource Scientist 360/725-5769

Information Services

Yoshi Ouye, CTO, 360-902-2004
Susie Fry, Service Desk Supervisor 360-902-2077
Curt Secker, IT Development 360/902-2014
Tim Valdez, Webmaster 360/725-5507

ANIMAL SERVICES

Lynn Briscoe, Assistant Director 360/902-1804
Brian Joseph, State Veterinarian 360/902-1881
Scott Haskell, Asst. State Veterinarian 360/725-5762
Jodi Jones, Division Coordinator 360/902-1889

Animal Health

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

Brian Joseph, State Veterinarian 360/902-1881
Scott Haskell, Asst. State Veterinarian 360/725-5762
Kerrie Pfalzgraf, Regulations and Permits 360/902-1878

Avian Health

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

Dr. Lyndon Badcoe, Avian Health Veterinarian 360/725-5763
Beth Corder, Avian Administrative Assistant 360/725-5494
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, Animal Disease Traceability Program Manager 360/725-5493
Dawn Grummer, Animal Disease Traceability Analyst 360/902-1987

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
Lori McCown, Brand Recorder 360/725-5505

COMMODITY INSPECTION

General Information 360/902-1828
Jason Ferrante, Assistant Director 360/902-1827
Jessica Allenton, Division Impact Specialist 360/902-1828
Rachel Furth, Office Administrator 360/902-1997

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; licenses controlled atmosphere storage facilities.

Jim Nelson, Acting Fruit and Vegetable Administrator 360/902-1833
, Expert Technical Senior Advisor (Yakima) 509/249-6906
, Expert Technical Senior Advisor, (Yakima) 509/249-6910

Grain Inspection Program

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

Phillip Garcia, Acting Grain Inspection Program Manager 360/902-1921
Tom Dolly, Quality Assurance Manager 360/753-1484
Ray Dionne, NW Regional Manager 253/593-2064
Phil Garcia, Acting SW Regional Manager 360/577-2004
Don Potts, Eastern Regional Manager 509/533-2487

Grain Warehouse Audit Program

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

Don Potts, Manager (Spokane) 509/533-2488

Seed Inspection/Certification Program

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

General Information 509/249-6950
Victor Shaul, Program Manager 509/249-6955

International Marketing

Assists state companies in exporting food and agriculture products.

Joe Bippert, Program Manager	360/902-1931
Julie Johnson, Export Development	360/902-1940
Rianne Perry, Trade Specialist	360/902-1841
Sue Davis, Trade Specialist (Yakima)	509/406-0211
Rebecca Weber, Trade Specialist (Kennewick)	509/735-3666

FOOD SAFETY & CONSUMER SERVICES

Candace Jacobs, Assistant Director	360/902-1834
Claudia Coles, Policy/External Affairs	360/902-1905
Angela Starr, Division Coordinator	360/902-1967
Stacy Laney, Management Analyst & Wellness Coordinator	360/902-2160
Laura Packard, Administrative Assistant	360/902-1886

Food Assistance and Regional Markets Program (FARM)

Feed Washington's hungry by providing state and federal food and funding to food banks, meal providers, and tribal food voucher providers.

Kim Eads, Program Manager	360/725-5651
Lisa White, Administrative Coordinator	360/725-5640
James Scovel, Program Coordinator	360/725-5641
Kyle Merslich, Program Coordinator	360/725-5657
Megan Harlan, Commerce Specialist	360/725-2858
Tricia Kovacs, Outreach and Education Coordinator	360/902-2029

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-gram 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
Lucy Severs, Program Manager	360/725-5761
Mike Tokos, Asst. Program Director.....	360/902-1965
James Starr, Program Specialist	360/902-1948
Linda Condon, Manufactured Food Regulations, Compliance	360/902-1860
David Smith, Compliance.....	360/902-1952

Feed/RRT

The Rapid Response Program develops and manages the Food and Feed Emergency Rapid Response Team (RRT). The RRT is a joint effort including WSDA, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Seattle District Office (SEA-DO, and other response partners to improve the efficiency of food and feed emergency response and reduce the time to a meaningful intervention that protects public health.

Randy Treadwell, Program Manager	509/413-3739
Stormy Townsend, Administrative Assistant	360/902-1844
Liz Beckman, Public Health Advisor	360/902-1942

Organic Food

Certifies organic food producers, processors and handlers.

Brenda Book, Program Manager	360/902-2090
Colleen Hayes, Administrative Coordinator	360/902-1877

Produce Safety Program

In partnership with the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is developing and implementing a Produce Safety Program. This Program will encourage the safe production of fruits and vegetables thereby reducing the public health risks for consumers of Washington produce across the nation and around the world. The program will address two key goals which are to help Washington farmers comply with the FDA Produce Safety Rule and to consistently and uniformly apply the FDA Produce Safety Rule in Washington State.

Roger Beekman, Program Manager.....	360/742-8472
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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 Director	360/664-8962
Beckie Weatherford, Administrative Assistant	360/664-8959

PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT

Toll-Free General Information	877-301-4555
General Information	360/902-2010
Brent Barnes, Assistant Director	360/902-2011
Maryann Connell, Division Coordinator	360/902-2012

Dairy Nutrient Management

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

Ginny Prest, Program Manager	360/902-2894
Chery Sullivan, Lead Inspector	360/902-1928

Compliance

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

Alberto Isordia, Program Manager	360/902-2036
Olympia Compliance	360/902-2040
Moses Lake Compliance	509/766-2575
Spokane Compliance	509/533-2690

Wenatchee Compliance	877/301-4555
Yakima Compliance	509/249-6923

Registration & Licensing Services

Registers pesticides and fertilizers distributed for use in Washington. Enforces state fertilizer laws. Licenses and recertifies pesticide applicators, dealers and consultants and structural pest inspectors.

Robin Schoen-Nessa, Program Manager	360/902-1963
Pesticide Registration	360/902-2025
Fertilizer Program, (Olympia)	360/902-2025
Fertilizer Compliance Program	509/533-2689
Fertilizer Tonnage Program	509/319-6243
Licensing & Recertification Western Washington	360/902-1937
Licensing & Recertification Eastern Washington	509/249-6925
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.

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

PLANT PROTECTION

General Information	360/902-1908
Dr. Brad White, Assistant Director.....	360/902-1907
Deanna Painter, Division Coordinator	360/902-2061
Susie Allen, 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 Manager	509/249-6933
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.

Dr. Jim Marra, Program Manager.....	360/902-2071
, Administrative Assistant	360/902-2070
Jennifer Falacy, Plant Pathology Project Coordinator	360/586-5309

Entomology

Randy Taylor, Managing Entomologist	360/586-8456
Rian Wojahn, Acting Japanese Beetle Specialist	360/988-5470
Jenni Cena, Wood Boring Insects	360/586-3606
Mike Klaus, Apple Maggot Project, (Yakima).....	509/249-6966
Eric LaGasa, Special Projects	360/902-2063
Gypsy Moth Hotline	800/443-6684

Noxious Weed Control

Chad Phillips, Spartina Coordinator	360/902-1923
Greg Haubrich, Noxious Weed Coordinator, (Yakima)	509/249-6973

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary	360/902-2053
Wendy DesCamp, Communications and Outreach Specialist	360/725-5764

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, caneberries and strawberries.

Cindy Cooper, Program Manager	360/902-2062
Lara Massey, Administrative Assistant	360/902-1922

Nursery Inspection

Scott Brooks, Program Supervisor	360/740-1213
John Wraspir, Program Supervisor	360/410-1260
Cheryl Spink, Secretary Senior	360/902-1874

Plant Certification

Dr. Lauri Guerra, Plant Pathology Coordinator, Prosser	509/786-9275
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Agricultural Investigations

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

Jerry Buendel, Program Manager	360/902-1856
Administrative Assistant	360/902-1822
Bob Radke, Investigations Supervisor, (Yakima)	509/249-6961

Weights and Measures Inspection

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

Jerry Buendel, Program Manager	360/902-1856
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Autumn Dryden, Program Administrative Coordinator 360/902-1822
Dan Wright, Metrologist 360/753-5042

WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

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

Chris Mertz, State Director 360/709-2400
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