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Ensure transparency and accountability.

Supports the success of programs and the agency as a whole. We provide coordination, guidance and consulting services to support operational effectiveness and efficiency, and to ensure transparency and accountability.

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Environmental Technology

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

Kerri Joseph, State Veterinarian 360/902-1881
Jodi Jones, Operations Director 360/902-1889

Animal Health

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

Dr. Brian Joseph, State Veterinarian 360/902-1881
Kerrie Pfalzgraf, Grants and Regulations 360/902-1429

Avian Health

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

Beth Reitz, Avian Administrative Assistant 360/725-5494
Avian Health Hotline 800-660-3056

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 Coordinator 360/725-5493

Livestock Inspection

Responsible for inspection and certification of livestock and poultry and certification of inspecting livestock and poultry for public health reasons.

Dr. Brian Joseph, State Veterinarian 360/902-1881
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Rapid Response Program/Rapid Response Team (RRT)/Emergency Management

The Rapid Response Program develops and manages the Food Emergency Rapid Response Team (RRT) and works closely with WSDA’s Emergency Management team in responding to natural resource disasters.

Randy Treadwell, Program Manager 360/413-3739
Erin Coyle, Emergency Management Program Specialist 360/764-9704

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 Hassung, Safety/Risk Manager 360/902-2074
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Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

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

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ANIMAL SERVICES

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COMMODITY INSPECTION
General Information ................................................. 360/902-1960
Jessica Allenton, Assistant Director ................................ 360/902-1828
Rachel Furt, Business Administration and Operations Manager ................................ 360/902-1997
Teresa Justice, Operations Admin ........................................ 360/902-1960
Aspen Humiston, Administrative Assistant .......................... 360/902-1931
Steven Howe, Hemp and Cannabis Coordinator ............... 360/584-3711

Fruit and Vegetable Inspection
Provides state/USA 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, Fruit and Vegetable Administrator .................. 509/884-4253

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, Quality Assurance Manager ......................... 360/664-9590
Ray Dionne, NW Regional Manager ................................. 253/593-2064
Jacob Hillebrand, SW Regional Manager ......................... 360/577-2004
Steve Steinbacher, Acting Eastern Regional Manager ........ 509/533-2487

Grain Warehouse Audit Program
Licenses, audits and physically inventories agricultural commodity warehouses/terminals.
Scott Steinbacher, Program 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 ................................................. 509/248-6090
Paula Moore, Program Manager ...................................... 509/314-1032

FOOD SAFETY & CONSUMER SERVICES
Steve Fuller, Assistant Director ..................................... 360/902-1834
Angela Stry, Division Coordinator ..................................... 360/902-1967
Stacy Laney, Management Analyst & Wellness Coordinator .. 360/902-2160
Laura Packard, Administrative Assistant .......................... 360/902-1886

Food Assistance
WDAS’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 tribals. Our goal is 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 ........................................ 509/725-5651
Lisa White, Management Analyst ..................................... 509/725-5640
General Information/Complaints .................................. 509/725-5640

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, our staff works closely with FDA and the Department of Health in conducting investigations of facilities and collecting samples for testing.
Consumer Complaint Line .......................................... 800-843-7800
General Information ................................................. 360/902-1876
David Smith, Program Manager ..................................... 360/902-1952
Mike Tokos, Asst. Program Manager ............................... 360/902-1965
James Starr, Program Specialist ..................................... 360/902-1948
Linda Condon, Compliance .......................................... 360/902-1800
Gena Reich, MFRPS ................................................. 509/539-4781

Food Safety and Consumer Services Laboratory Program
Yong Liu, Lab Manager .............................................. 360/664-8962
Beckie Weatherford, 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 feed products meet the guaranteed analyses stated on the label by conducting periodic product sampling at both the retail and manufacturing level.
Ali Kashani, Program Manager ..................................... 360/902-2028
Stormy Townsend, Administrative Assistant ................... 360/902-1844
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 .................................. 360-1805

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 Beckman, Program Manager .................................. 360/742-8472
Lyndse Wilson, Administrative Assistant .......................... 360/902-1961
General Information/Complaints .................................. 360/902-1961

PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT
Toll-Free General Information ...................................... 877-301-4555
General Information ................................................. 360/902-2010
Robin Schoen-Nessa, 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.
Chery Sullivan, Program Manager .................................. 360/902-1928
Kyran Flege, Supervisor .............................................. 360/746-1249

Compliance
Enforces state and federal pesticide laws; investigates complaints of pesticide misuse.
Joel Kangiser, Program Manager .................................... 360/902-2013
Olympia Compliance .................................................. 360/902-2040
Moses Lake Compliance ............................................... 509/766-2574
Spokane Compliance .................................................... 509/990-6518
Wenatchee Compliance ................................................ 509/994-0936
Yakima Compliance ..................................................... 509/766-2574

Registration & Licensing Services
Kelle Davis, Program Manager ..................................... 360/902-1851
Pesticide Registration .................................................. 360/902-2025
Fertilizer Program, (Olympia) .......................................... 360/902-2025
Fertilizer Compliance Program ...................................... 509/533-2689
Fertilizer Tonnage Program ............................................ 509/319-6243
Licensing & Certification Western Washington .................. 360/902-1937
Licensing & Certification Eastern Washington ................... 509/249-6925
Statewide Toll Free Licensing & Certification ................. 877-301-4555

Technical Services & Education
Collects and disposes of waste agricultural pesticides Collects data to assess pesticide impact. 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
Susan 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.
Greg Hausbrich, Program Manager ............................... 360/902-2071
Leah Doyle, Administrative Assistant .......................... 509/992-2070
Jennifer Falacy, Plant Pathology Project Coordinator ....... 360/586-5309

Entomology
Spechler, Sven-Erik, Managing Entomologist .................... 360/664-8969
Rian Wojahn, Japanese Beetle Specialist ......................... 360/664-8970
Jenni Cena, Wood Boring Insects ................................. 360/249-6966
Mike Bush, Apple Maggot Project, (Yakima) .................. 360/249-6966
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
Mary Tallman Fee, 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
Benita Matheson, Program Supervisor ..................................................... 360/410-1260
Cheryl Spink, Secretary Senior ............................................................... 360/902-1874

Plant Certification
Dr. Lauri Guerra, Plant Pathology Coordinator, Prosser .......................... 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.
Vacant, Program Manager .................................................................... 360/902-1822
Karen Sanders, 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.
Vacant, Program Manager .................................................................... 360/902-1822
Tim Elliott ......................................................................................... 360/902-2053
Luann Graydon, Customer Service ........................................................... 360/902-2035
Leslie German, Metrologist ................................................................. 360/733-5042

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 ................................................................. 360/890-3300
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