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DIRECTOR’S OFFICE and AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Vicky Leonard, Performance and Process Improvement  .............................  360/725-3890
Kristin Rondeau, Performance and Process Improvement Manager .............. 360/902-2024

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.

Kristin Rondeau, Performance and Process Improvement Manager ............. 360/902-2024
Vicky Leonhard, Performance and Process Improvement ............................. 360/725-3890
Nicole Wolf, Performance and Process Improvement ................................. 360/664-0515

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.

Evans Sheeff, Senior Policy Advisor to the Director ................................. 360/902-1918
Kelly McLain, Policy Advisor to the Director ............................................. 360/902-1945
Hector Casto, Communications Director .................................................. 360/902-1815
Chris McGann, Media Relations Coordinator ........................................... 360/902-1813
Kathy Davis, Internal Communications Coordinator ................................ 360/902-1927
Becca Soto, Graphic Design and Publications .......................................... 360/725-5766
Karla Salp, Public Engagement Specialist ................................................. 360/902-2178
Nicole Johnson, Policy Assistant ............................................................... 360/725-5498

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 ........................................................... 509/413-3739
Erin Coyle, Emergency Management Program Specialist ......................... 360/764-9704

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
Chris Iberle, Farm to School and Value Chain Specialist (Seattle) .......... 206/256-1874
Katie Lynd, Local Buying Mission Specialist (Seattle) .............................. 206/256-6110

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
Jason Gambill, Safety ............................................................................. 360/902-7565

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

ANIMAL SERVICES
Dr. Brian Joseph, State Veterinarian ......................................................... 360/902-1881
Dr. Amber Itle, Assistant State Veterinarian ............................................... 360/961-4129
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 Piffler, Regulations and Permits ..................................................... 360/902-1878

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 .............................................................................. 800-606-3056

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 Coordinator ................. 360/725-5493

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

General Information ............................................................... 360/902-1855
Robbie Parke, Program Manager ............................................................ 360/902-1836

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COMMODITY INSPECTION

General Information ................................................................. 360/902-1960
Jessica Allerton, Assistant Director ................................. 360/902-1928
Rachel Furt, Business Administration and Operations Manager .... 360/902-1997
Teresa Joyce, Operations Admin .......................... 360/902-1770
Aspen Humiston, Administrative Assistant .............. 360/902-1931
Steven Howe, Phytosanitary Coordinator .................. 360/584-3711
Melissa Andrusak, Hemp Coordinator ..................... 360/584-3711

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, 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 ................ 360/664-8950
Ray Dionne, NW Regional Manager ......................... 253/593-2064
Jacob Hillebrand, SW Regional Manager .................. 360/577-2004
Scott 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 ....................................................... 509/249-6950
Paula Moore, Program Manager ............................. 509/314-1032

FOOD SAFETY & CONSUMER SERVICES

Steve Fuller, Assistant Director ................................. 360/902-1834
Angela Starr, Division Coordinator ......................... 360/902-1967
Stacy Lancy, Management Analyst & Wellness Coordinator .... 360/902-2160
Laura Packard, Administrative Assistant ................... 360/902-1886

Food Assistance

WDSD’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 ................................. 360/725-5651
Lisa White, Program Analyst .................................... 360/725-5640

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, our 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
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 ................................. 360/902-1860
Gena Reich, MFRPS ..................................................... 509/539-4781

Food Safety and Consumer Services Laboratory Program


Yong Liu, Lab Manager .............................................. 360/664-8962
Becky Weatherly, 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.

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 ................................. 360/902-1805

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
Lyndsie 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.

Cheryl Sullivan, Program Manager .......................... 360/902-1928
Kyrra 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 ................................. 509/333-2689
Fertilizer Tonmage 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 ............................................. 360/202-2056
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

Studies 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 Farnman, 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 Haubrich, Program Manager .......................... 360/902-2071
Leah Doyle, Administrative Assistant .................. 360/902-2070
Jennifer Falacy, Plant Pathology Project Coordinator .... 360/586-5389
Entomology
Spichiger, Sven-Erik, Managing Entomologist ........................................... 360/664-8969
Rian Wojahn, Japanese Beetle Specialist .................................................... 360/664-8970
Jenni Cena, Wood Boring Insects .............................................................. 360/664-8966
Mike Bush, Apple Maggot Project, (Yakima) ............................................... 509/249-6966
Eric LaGas, 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;
ensures 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 .................................................................................................. 360/902-1984
Kelsey Lindstrom, Customer Service .......................................................... 360/902-1822
Leslie German, 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 ....................................................................... 360/890-3300
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