DIRECTOR’S OFFICE and AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Mya Yazbek, Environmental Specialist (Olympia) ..................................... 360/819-6549
Emily Oberhoffer, Environmental Specialist (Yakima) ................................. 509/490-2849
Katie Noland, Environmental Specialist (Olympia) ...................................... 360/819-0841
Jaclyn Hancock, Hydrogeologist (Olympia)  ............................................... 360/701-1518
Dani Gelardi, Senior Soil Scientist (Olympia) ............................................... 306/791-3903
Margaret Drennan, Natural Resource Scientist (Olympia) ............................ 360/280-6849
Perry Beale, NRAS Program Manager ..................................................... 360/902-1807
Lina Feffer, Exp. Assistant to the Director .................................................. 360/902-1987
Patrick Capper, Deputy Director ............................................................... 360/902-2083
Laura Butler, Director of Strategic Initiatives ........................................... 360/902-1842
Ignacio Marquez, Regional Assistant to the Director (Yakima) ................. 509/249-6970
Natasha Roberts, Chief Financial Officer .................................................. 360/902-1988

Administrative Regulations

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

Hannah Flourancy, Admin. Regulations Manager ........................................ 360/902-1809
Pamela Potwin, Public Records Officer ..................................................... 360/902-1935
Glenn Robinson, Rules Coordinator & Adjudicative Proceedings ............... 360/902-1802
Megan Finkenberger, Commodity Commissions ...................................... 360/902-1887
Teresa Norman, Fairs program Administrator .......................................... 360/902-2043
Heather Burkett, Forms Coordinator .......................................................... 360/902-1829
Janet Waeschele, Administrative Policy Coordinator ................................ 360/902-2047

Contract Management

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

Laura Lowe, Contracts Manager ................................................................ 360/902-2002
Jennifer Lacey, Purchasing & Procurement Specialist ................................. 360/902-2001

Information Technology

Susie Fry, Chief Information Officer ......................................................... 360/902-2077
Vacant, IT Operations Manager ................................................................. 360/902-2077
Jay Delozier, Service Desk Supervisor ....................................................... 360/902-2890
Curt Secker, Application Development ...................................................... 360/902-2014
Tim Valdez, Webmaster ........................................................................... 360/725-5507

International Marketing

Assists state companies in exporting food and agriculture products.

Rianne Perry, Program Manager ................................................................ 360/902-1841
Julie Johnson, Export Development ............................................................ 360/902-1940
Rebecca Weber, Senior Trade Specialist (Kennewick) .............................. 509/735-3666
Elsa Duun, Trade Specialist (Seattle) ......................................................... 206/434-2201
Zachary Garza, Trade Specialist (Othello) .................................................. 509/249-6910

Natural Resources Assessment Section (NRAS)

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

Perry Beale, NRAS Program Manager ..................................................... 360/902-1807
Matthew Bischoff, Natural Resource Scientist (Yakima) ........................... 509/895-9368
Joel Demory, Environmental Specialist (Spokane) .................................... 360/701-9312
Margaret Drennan, Natural Resource Scientist (Olympia) ....................... 360/280-6849
Dani Gelardi, Senior Soil Scientist (Olympia) .......................................... 360/791-3903
Jaclyn Hancock, Hydrogeologist (Olympia) .............................................. 360/701-1518
Leslie Michel, Soil Scientist (Yakima) ....................................................... 509/731-9985
Abigail Nickelson, Environmental Specialist, (Yakima) ......................... 509/895-9338
Katie Noland, Environmental Specialist (Olympia) ................................. 360/819-0841
Emily Oberhoffer, Environmental Specialist (Yakima) ......................... 509/490-2849
Jadely Ryan, Soil Data Scientist (Olympia) ................................................. 360/819-7855
Mya Yazbek, Environmental Specialist (Olympia) .................................. 360/819-6549
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 cattle and horses for proof of ownership.

General Information .............................................................. 360/902-1855
Brennan kimbel, Customer Service Specialist ......................... 360/688-0893
Carrie Rucshner, livestock ID ................................................ 360-902-1855

COMMODITY INSPECTION
General Information .............................................................. 360/902-1960
Jessica Allen, Assistant Director .......................................... 360/902-1828
Rachel Furth, Business Administration and Operations Manager ........................................ 360/902-1997
Reanna McNamara, Operations Admin ................................ 360/688-3219
Cannabis Coordinator ......................................................... 360-584-2711
Trecia Ehrlich, Hemp Coordinator ........................................ 360-584-3711

Food 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 ................. 360/870-1178
Vance Lubbe, Quality Assurance Manager .......................... 360/644-2950
Ray Diemoe, NW Regional Manager .................................. 253/591-2064
Jacob Hillebrand, SW Regional Manager ............................. 360/625-2727
Scott Steinbucher, Acting Eastern Regional Manager ........... 509/533-2487

Grain Warehouse Audit Program
Licenses, audits and physically inventories agricultural commodity warehouses/terminals.

Scott Steinbucher, Program Manager (Spokane) ...................... 509/533-2488

Seed Inspection/Certification Program
Inspects seed fields for insects/disease; tests and seeds food 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
vacant, Division Coordinator .............................................. 360/902-1967
Stacy Lunez, Management Analyst & Wellness Coordinator .... 360/902-2160
Vacant, Administrative Assistant ....................................... 360/902-1886

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 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 ............................................... 360/725-5651
Lisa white, Management 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, pro-grum 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
Program Manager ............................................................ 360/902-1952
vacant, Program Specialist ................................................ 360/902-1948
vacant, Compliance ............................................................ 360/902-1860
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 that feed products meet the guaranteed analysis stated on their label by conducting periodic product sampling at both the retail and manufacturing level.

Vacant 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.

Luisa Castro, Acting Program Manager .................................. 360/725-3898
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 .............................. 360/902-2010
Maryann Connell, Division Coordinator ............................... 360/902-2012

Dairy Nutrient Management
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 Schultz, Program Manager ............................................. 509-994-0936
Olympia Compliance .......................................................... 360/902-2040
Moses Lake Compliance ..................................................... 509/766-2574
Spokane Compliance .......................................................... 509-990-8869
 Wenatchee Compliance ...................................................... 509/994-0936
 Yakima Compliance ............................................................ 509/766-2574

Registration Services

Kelle Davis, Program Manager ............................................. 360/902-1851
Pesticide Registration .......................................................... 360/902-2030
Fertilizer Program, (Olympia) ............................................... 360/902-2025
Fertilizer Compliance Program ............................................ 509/553-2689
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
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
Farmer 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.

Greg Haubrich, Program Manager ......................................... 360/902-2071
Jennifer Falacy, Plant Pathology Project Coordinator ............... 360/386-5309

Entomology
Spichiger, Sven-Erik, Managing Entomologist ......................... 360/664-8969
Dr Chris Looney, Entomologist .............................................. 306/902/2042
Wade Petersen, Pest Biologist ............................................... 360/902-2042
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
Spongy 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

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
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
John Price, Customer Service ............................................. 564/200-2365
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.

State Director ................................................................. 360/890-3300
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