

WAC 16-516-010 Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings given in RCW 15.66.010, supplemented by the following additional definitions:

"Act" means the Washington state agricultural commodity commissions statute, chapter 15.66 RCW;

"Affected area" or "area of production" are synonymous and mean all of the state of Washington;

"Affected commodity" means potatoes as defined in this section;

"Affected handler" means any handler of potatoes;

"Affected producer" means any producer who is subject to this marketing order;

"Agricultural development" means activities intended to increase the efficiency, productivity, or fair market access of Washington potatoes and potato products;

"Commercial quantities" shall mean and include five hundredweight or more per growing season;

"Disclosure" means inspection or copying;

"Director" means the director of agriculture of the state of Washington or any qualified person or persons designated by the director of agriculture to act on the director's behalf concerning some matter under this chapter;

"District" means the geographical divisions of the area of potato production established pursuant to the provisions of WAC 16-516-020;

"Handler" means any person who acts, either as principal, agent, or otherwise, in the processing, packing, shipping, selling, marketing, or distributing of potatoes that are not produced by the handler. "Handler" does not include a common carrier used to transport an agricultural commodity. "To handle" means to act as a handler;

"Hundredweight" or "affected unit" are synonymous and mean and include each 100 pound unit or any combination of packages making a 100 pound unit of potatoes;

"Marketing season" or "fiscal year" are synonymous and mean the 12-month period beginning July 1st of any year and ending upon the last day of June, both dates inclusive;

"Person" includes any individual, firm, corporation, limited liability company, trust, association, partnership, society or any other organization of individuals or any unit or agency of local or state government;

"Potato commission" or "commission" are synonymous and mean the commission established pursuant to the provisions of WAC 16-516-020;

"Potatoes" means and includes all kinds and varieties of Irish potatoes grown in the state of Washington and marketed, sold or intended for use for human consumption;

"Producer" means any person engaged in the production of potatoes grown in Washington for market in commercial quantities, and it includes a landowner, landlord, tenant or other person that participates in the growing or producing of the affected commodity and who has a proprietary interest in the potatoes so produced. "To produce" means to act as a producer;

"Public records" includes any writing containing information relating to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained by the department regardless of physical form or characteristics;

"Research" means scientific research conducted by a university or other accredited researcher on pest and disease surveys; pest and disease control tools or techniques; planting, harvesting, handling and other production or processing tools or techniques; health or nutri-

tional qualities or benefits of potatoes or potato products; and environmental issues including, but not limited to, water use, water quality, water quantity, and erosion control related to production of potatoes or potato products. Results of agricultural research conducted under the provisions of this marketing order shall be public information;

"Sale" means a transaction wherein the property in or to potatoes is transferred from the producer to a purchaser for consideration. "Sale" shall also include an agreement to acquire such property for a consideration;

"Unfair trade practice" means any practice that is unlawful or prohibited under the laws of the state of Washington including but not limited to Titles 15, 16, and 69 RCW and chapters 9.16, 19.77, 19.80, 19.84, and 19.83 RCW, or any practice, whether concerning interstate or intrastate commerce that is unlawful under the Federal Trade Commission Act of 1914, as amended (38 Stat. 719; 15 U.S.C. Sec. 41 et seq.) or the violation of or failure to accurately label as to grades and standards in accordance with any lawfully established grades or standards or labels.

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