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AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Following is the department of agriculture's (department) semi-annual rules development agenda for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2025. This document is being sent in compliance with RCW 34.05.314.

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SEMI-ANNUAL RULES DEVELOPMENT AGENDA
January 1 - June 30, 2025

WAC Chapter	Rule Title or Subject	Purpose/Scope of Rule Making	Agency Contact	Tentative Timeline		
				CR-101	CR-102 CR-105	CR-103
16-XXX TBD	*New chapter; Washington products labeling and promotion program	Creates a new voluntary location-based promotion program for Washington state food and agricultural products.	Lora Liegel Director's Office 360-489-4077 lora.liegel@agr.wa.gov	TBD	TBD	TBD
16-06	Public records	Revises information related to indexes maintained by the department and references to division names.	Pam Potwin Public Records Officer 360-902-1935 pamela.potwin@agr.wa.gov	April 2025	TBD	TBD
16-54	Animal importation	Updates definitions and references to C.F.R. citations; updates and/or removes requirements, processes, and forms to align with neighboring states and federal regulations.	Dr. Ben Smith Animal Services Division 509-350-0081 bsmith@agr.wa.gov	March 2025	TBD	TBD
16-86	Cattle and bison diseases in Washington state	Removes the brucellosis vaccination requirement at change of ownership.	Dr. Ben Smith Animal Services Division 509-350-0081 bsmith@agr.wa.gov	March 2025	TBD	TBD
16-101	Milk and milk product standards	Adopts the most recent version of the pasteurized milk ordinance. <i>EXPEDITED RULE MAKING</i>	Wil Satak Food Safety Program 360-951-5086 wsatak@agr.wa.gov	N/A	January 2025	May 2025
16-161	Organic cannabis certification	Establishes standards for the certification of organic cannabis and cannabis products in compliance with the National Organic Program.	Brenda Book Organic Program 360-902-2090 bbook@agr.wa.gov	October 2017 August 2022	TBD	TBD

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16-202	Application of pesticides and plant nutrients through irrigation systems	Modifies the rules for chemigation and fertigation monitoring to incorporate current technological capabilities and potential automation future capabilities.	Tim Stein Pesticide Compliance Program 509-990-8869 tstein@agr.wa.gov	October 2024	March 2025	April 2024
16-228	General pesticide rules	Amends the chapter to align with SB 5330 (chapter 186, Laws of 2023), the federal certification and training standards in 40 C.F.R. 171 passed in 2017, and the Washington plan for certification of pesticide applicators approved by the Environmental Protection Agency in December 2022.	Christina Zimmerman Licensing and Registration Program 360-902-2150 czimmerman@agr.wa.gov	October 2023	January 2025	February 2025
16-233	Worker protection standards	Updates application exclusion zone language in chapter 16-233 WAC to match new federal rule making language. Amends the pronouns used throughout the chapter to modern grammatically correct and inclusive pronouns. Aligns with the department of labor and industries' eyewash standards.	Tim Stein Pesticide Compliance Program 509-990-8869 tstein@agr.wa.gov	May 2025	TBD	TBD
16-250	Commercial feed	Adopts the latest version of the Association of American Control Officials (AAFCO) Official Publication (OP), clarifying areas of the rule regarding livestock feed and including additional categories of product types that were previously absent.	Ashlee-Rose Ferguson Animal Feed Program 360-902-1905 aferguson@agr.wa.gov	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
16-252	Commercial feed—Pet food and specialty pet food	Adopts the latest version of the AAFCO OP and incorporates aspects of the pet food label modernization work that has been conducted over the last several years [by] AAFCO.	Ashlee-Rose Ferguson Animal Feed Program 360-902-1905 aferguson@agr.wa.gov	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025

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16-302	General rules for seed certification	Aligns standards for applicable crops with the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies' newly adopted seed and field standards, creates a Pacific Northwest sod quality standard and tagging process, makes clerical changes to address inconsistencies between crop standards, removes references to repealed WAC, adds an application deadline for dryland seed production, and other clarifying changes.	Paula Moore Seed Program 509-249-6950 Paula.moore@agr.wa.gov	November 2022	February 2025	March 2025
16-303	Seed assessment; fees for seed services and seed certification	Increases the seed certifications fees for buckwheat, chickpea, field pea, lentil, millet, soybean, sorghum, and small grains and adds quinoa as a crop these certification fees apply to. <i>RULE MAKING INITIATED AS A RESULT OF A PETITION</i>	Paula Moore Seed Program 509-249-6950 Paula.moore@agr.wa.gov	October 2023	February 2025	March 2025
16-350	Registration and certification of fruit tree planting stock	Harmonizes the fruit tree certification program rules with recently published national model standards and recently revised NAPPO RSPM 35 standard.	Scott Brooks Plant Protection Program 360-485-1235 sbrooks@agr.wa.gov	September 2024	January 2025	February 2025
16-390	Fruit and vegetable inspection fees and other charges	Increases fruit and vegetable program fees and revises the fee schedule to more accurately reflect the scope of services provided including, but not limited to, adding fees for services that are not specifically identified in current rule.	Robert Newell Fruit and Vegetable Program 509-249-6917 rnewell@agr.wa.gov	December 2023	February 2025	March 2025
16-470	Apple maggot quarantine	Expands the apple maggot quarantine further into Okanogan County.	Sven Spichiger Pest Program 360-280-6327 sspichiger@agr.wa.gov	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025
16-470	Japanese beetle quarantine	Expands the Japanese beetle quarantine into Pasco and SeaTac.	Sven Spichiger Pest Program 360-280-6327 sspichiger@agr.wa.gov	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025

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16-611	Waste storage pond standards	Adds specificity to the standards and requirements for dairy producer waste storage ponds.	Kyrre Flege Nutrient Management Technical Services 360-902-2894 kflege@agr.wa.gov	April 2025	TBD	TBD
16-752	Noxious weed seed and plant quarantine	Adds multiple species to the list of plants that are prohibited from being transported, bought, sold, or distributed in Washington state. <i>RULE MAKING INITIATED AS A RESULT OF MULTIPLE PETITIONS</i>	Scott Brooks Plant Protection Program 360-485-1235 sbrooks@agr.wa.gov	April 2024	January 2025	February 2025

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