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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 January 1 and June 30, 2024. 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, 2024

WAC Chapter	Rule Title or Subject	Agency Contact	Tentative Timeline			Subject of Rule Making
			CR-101	CR-102 CR-105	CR-103	
16-54	Animal importation	Dr. Ben Smith Animal Services Division 509-350-0081 bsmith@agr.wa.gov	TBD	TBD	TBD	Update definitions and references to C.F.R. citations, update and/or remove requirements, processes, and forms to align with neighboring states and federal regulations.
16-218	Hops	Mike Firman Chemical and Hop Lab 509-249-6943 mfirman@agr.wa.gov	N/A	January 2024	March 2024	Adds clarifying language which identifies commodity cooperative service agreement fees and Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) rice cooperative service agreement fees as separate line items from the unit fees charged for each service. <i>EXPEDITED RULE MAKING</i>
16-161	Organic cannabis certification	Brenda Book Organic Program 360-902-2090 bbook@agr.wa.gov	October 2017 August 2022	March 2024	May 2024	Establishes standards for the certification of organic cannabis and cannabis products in compliance with the National Organic Program.
16-228	General pesticide rules	Christina Zimmerman Licensing and Registration Program 360-902-2150 czimmerman@agr.wa.gov	October 2023	TBD	TBD	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.
16-233	Worker protection standards	Scott Nielsen Pesticide Compliance Program 509-990-6518 snielsen@agr.wa.gov	May 2024	TBD	TBD	Updates application exclusion zone language to match new federal rule-making language.
16-240	Grain inspection program	Philip Garcia Grain Inspection Program 360-902-1921 pgarcia@agr.wa.gov	N/A	October 2023	January 2024	Amends WAC 16-240-039 by adding clarifying language which identifies commodity cooperative service agreement fees and AMA rice cooperative service agreement fees as separate line items from the unit fees charged for each service. <i>EXPEDITED RULE MAKING</i>

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16-240	Grain inspection program	Philip Garcia Grain Inspection Program 360-902-1921 pgarcia@agr.wa.gov	January 2024	TBD	TBD	Revises the structure of permanent staffing including, but not limited to, fees, time frames, and any services that are not specifically identified.
16-252	Commercial feed—Pet food and specialty pet food	Ashlee-Rose Ferguson Animal Feed Program 360-902-1905 aferguson@agr.wa.gov	TBD	TBD	TBD	Updates rule to adopt new pet food labeling requirements and most recent AAFCO official publication.
16-253	NEW; cottage food production of pet treats	Ashlee-Rose Ferguson Animal Feed Program 360-902-1905 aferguson@agr.wa.gov	TBD	TBD	TBD	Creates a new chapter of WAC with regulations specific to pet food treats manufactured in personal residences.
16-302	General rules for seed certification	Paula Moore Seed Program 509-249-6950 Paula.moore@agr.wa.gov	November 2022	TBD	TBD	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.
16-303	Seed assessment, fees for seed services and seed certification	Paula Moore Seed Program 509-249-6950 Paula.moore@agr.wa.gov	October 2023	TBD	TBD	Increases the seed certification 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>
16-350	Registration and certification of fruit tree planting stock	Scott Brooks Plant Protection Program 360-485-1235 sbrooks@agr.wa.gov	January 2024	TBD	TBD	Harmonizes the fruit tree certification program rules with recently published national model standards and recently revised NAPPO RSPM 35 standard.
16-309	Cannabis laboratory accreditation standards program	Trecia Ehrlich Hemp Program 360-584-3711 tehrlich@agr.wa.gov	January 2023	November 2023 February 2024	January 2024 March 2024	Establishes cannabis testing laboratory quality standards in rule as required by HB 1859 (chapter 135, Laws of 2022).
16-390	Fruit and vegetable inspection fees and other charges	Robert Newell Fruit and Vegetable Program 509-249-6917 rnewell@agr.wa.gov	December 2023	TBD	TBD	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.
16-470	Apple maggot quarantine	Greg Haubrich Pest Program 360-902-2071 ghaubrich@agr.wa.gov	TBD	TBD	TBD	Expands the apple maggot quarantine further into Okanogan County.

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16-470	Japanese beetle quarantine	Greg Haubrich Pest Program 360-902-2071 ghaubrich@agr.wa.gov	March 2023	TBD	TBD	Expands the internal quarantine and amends the regulated articles based on 2022 and 2023 trap season catches.
16-611	Nutrient Management	Kyrre Flege Dairy Nutrient Management Program 360-746-1249 kflege@agr.wa.gov	TBD	TBD	TBD	Updates the recordkeeping requirements for dairy producers.
16-662	Weights and measures— National handbooks, sale of motor fuel, electric vehicle supply equipment, and penalties for violations	Tahis McQueen Weights and Measures Program 360-481-7452 tmcqueen@agr.wa.gov	January 2024	TBD	TBD	Amends the payment method requirements for electric vehicle supply equipment to align with the requirements established by the Federal Highway Administrations National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program. <i>RULE MAKING INITIATED AS A RESULT OF A PETITION</i>
16-752	Noxious weed seed and plant quarantine	Scott Brooks Plant Protection Program 360-485-1235 sbrooks@agr.wa.gov	TBD	TBD	TBD	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>