

WSR 25-14-040

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 July 1 through December 31, 2025, in compliance with RCW 34.05.314.

The department may undertake additional rule-making activity as conditions warrant. If you have questions regarding the department's rule-making agenda, contact Gloriann Robinson at 360-902-1802 or grobinson@agr.wa.gov.

**SEMI-ANNUAL RULES DEVELOPMENT AGENDA
July 1 - December 31, 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-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	TBD	TBD	TBD
16-54	Animal importation	Updates definitions and references to C.F.R. citations; updates and/or remove requirements, processes, and forms to align with neighboring states and federal regulations. Removes the exemption for dairy cattle going [to] slaughter to have a certificate of veterinary inspection if they are coming from or comingled with cattle from a premise under quarantine for highly pathogenic avian influenza.	Dr. Ben Smith Animal Services Division 509-350-0081 bsmith@agr.wa.gov	TBD	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	TBD	TBD	TBD
16-101	Milk and milk product standards	Adopts the most recent version of the pasteurized milk ordinance. EXPEDITED RULE MAKING	Wil Satak Food Safety Program 360-951-5086 wsatak@agr.wa.gov	N/A	September 2025	November 2025
16-101X	Degrades, license suspensions, and revocations for dairy producers and processors	Updates the debit point values table.	Wil Satak Food Safety Program 360-951-5086 wsatak@agr.wa.gov	TBD	TBD	TBD
16-104	Shell eggs—Standards, grades and weight classes	Amends inspection frequency.	Wil Satak Food Safety Program 360-951-5086 wsatak@agr.wa.gov	TBD	TBD	TBD
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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16-165	Food inspection	Updates the debit point values table.	Wil Satak Food Safety Program 360-951-5086 wsatak@agr.wa.gov	TBD	TBD	TBD
16-180	Produce safety	Establishes a new chapter of WAC in order to adopt the 2024 version of the Food and Drug Administration's produce safety rule. EXPEDITED RULE MAKING	Karen Ullman Food Safety Program 206-714-6125 kullmann@agr.wa.gov	N/A	May 2025	July 2025
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	July 2025	August 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	July 2025	August 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	August 2025	TBD	TBD
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. RULE MAKING INITIATED AS A RESULT OF A PETITION	Paula Moore Seed Program 509-249-6950 Paula.moore@agr.wa.gov	October 2023	May 2025	July 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	September 2025	October 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	October 2025	November 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	August 2025	October 2025

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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	TBD	TBD	TBD
16-476	Firewood quarantine	Establishes an external quarantine on untreated firewood.	Sven Spichiger Pest Program 360-280-6327 sspichiger@agr.wa.gov	August 2024	August 2025	October 2025
16-610	Livestock identification	Allows public livestock markets to print livestock identification certificates from an electronic system.	Brennan Kimbal Livestock Identification Program 360-902-1808 brennan.kimbal@agr.wa.gov	July 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. RULE MAKING INITIATED AS A RESULT OF MULTIPLE PETITIONS	Scott Brooks Plant Protection Program 360-485-1235 sbrooks@agr.wa.gov	April 2024	May 2025	July 2025

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