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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, 2026, 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  
January 1, 2025 [2026] - June 30, 2026**

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	To be determined (TBD)	TBD	TBD
16-TBD	*New chapter*; Maple syrup inspection	Establishes a new chapter of rule that creates inspection standards for maple syrup processors.	Wil Satak Food Safety Program 360-951-5086 wsatak@agr.wa.gov	October 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 2026	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 2026	TBD	TBD
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
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
16-233	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

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16-303	Seed assessment, fees for seed services and seed certification	Increases one of the fees that Washington State Crop Improvement Association charges in WAC 16-303-340, which was not included in most recently completed rule making. <i>RULE MAKING INITIATED AS A RESULT OF A PETITION.</i>	Paula Lundt Seed Program 509-249-6950 Paula.lundt@agr.wa.gov	October 2025	December 2025	February 2026
16-306	Hemp program	Updates the rule to reduce or remove multiple inconsistencies and inefficiencies in order to save time and increase clarity for both farmers and administrative staff of the hemp program including, but not limited to: Eliminating time and mileage fees that lead to inconsistent inspection charges from year to year and replacing it, as well as the harvest inspection fee, with a new "harvest certification fee" that encompasses the cost of entire administrative process from scheduling the inspection to certifying the crop; aligning our definition of THC testing with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) definition of total THC for clarity; and removing references to testing that are not utilized by the program or marketplace in order to reduce confusion.	Trecia Ehrlich Hemp Program 360-584-3711 tehrlich@agr.wa.gov	November 2025	TBD	TBD
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	December 2025	March 2026
16-401	Nursery inspection fees	Amends the annual assessment of fruit tree material.	Scott Brooks Plant Protection Program 360-485-1235 sbrooks@agr.wa.gov	February 2026	TBD	TBD
16-414	Washington standards for cherries	Amends the standards of Washington sweet and sulphured cherries to be aligned with USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Marketing Order 923 and makes corrections for clerical and clarity purposes to the language.	Robert Newell Fruit and Vegetable Program 509-249-6917 robert.newell@agr.wa.gov	December 2025	TBD	TBD
16-470	Sunflower broomrape quarantine	Establishes a quarantine against sunflower broomrape ( <i>Orobanche cumana</i> ).	Sven Spichiger Pest Program 360-280-6327 sspichiger@agr.wa.gov	January 2026	TBD	TBD
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	December 2025	February 2026
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	February 2026	TBD	TBD
16-476	*New chapter* firewood quarantine	Establishes an external quarantine on the transportation of untreated firewood into Washington state.	Sven Spichiger Pest Program 360-280-6327 sspichiger@agr.wa.gov	August 2024	December 2025	February 2026
16-662	Weights and measures— National handbooks, sale of motor fuel, electric vehicle supply equipment and penalties for violations	Adopts the most recent version of the NIST handbooks.	Robbie Parke Weights and Measures Program robbie.parke@agr.wa.gov	December 2025	TBD	TBD

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