

Department of Agriculture

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) helps the residents of Wyoming to live safe and healthy lives, promotes and preserves the agricultural community, is a responsible steward of the state's natural resources and achieves integrity in the marketplace.

The WDA comprises six sections: Administrative Services, Analytical Services (Chemistry and Microbiology Laboratories), Consumer Health Services, Natural Resources, Technical Services and Wyoming State Fair.

❖ *Results of outcomes*

Consumer Health Services employees found 4,350 critically positive controls during their inspections of retail establishments. In addition, inspectors found 215 major deficiencies in meat plants and 622 critical violations at retail establishments. All deficiencies and violations were corrected, and employees were trained to preclude reoccurrence. Technical Services employees conducted 467 pesticide program inspections, exceeding their inspection objective by 48 percent. The total analyses performed by the Analytical Services Laboratory were 50,332, compared with its goal of 35,500, while only eight quality control records were out of compliance with accreditation requirements, 20 percent below the goal.

Three million acres are managed by Coordinated Resource Management groups and administered by the Natural Resources Section. Ten management strategies were developed and implemented in coordination with the agriculture organizations to address current natural resource issues.

Technical Services employees have the responsibility to assure the public that consumer products are safe and truthfully marked. As a result of their inspections, 68 percent of products inspected were found to be in compliance with state and federal standards. Of the nursery stock, feed, fertilizer and seed establishments, 80 percent were found to be in compliance with state and federal standards, while 87 percent of all weights and measures inspections were in full compliance. All grain inspected warehouses were found to be in full compliance.

At the Wyoming State Fair, 120 commercial exhibitors displayed their wares, while 2,171 youth and open livestock operators exhibited their animals.

❖ *Strategic plan changes*

There are no changes to the strategic plan for next year.

General information

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Other locations

Laramie and Douglas

Year established

1923

Statutory references

W.S. 11-1-101 through 11-17-108

Number of authorized personnel

70 full-time, 14 part-time

Organizational structure

Administration, Analytical Services Lab,
Consumer Health Services, Natural Resources,
Technical Services, Wyoming State Fair

Clients served

Agriculture producers; consumers; conservation districts; agricultural, conservation, consumer, recreation and environmental organizations

Budget information

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| General funds | \$9,429,529 |
| Federal funds | 806,733 |
| Other | 3,913,832 |
| Total | \$14,150,094 |

Department of Agriculture organization chart

