

Department of Agriculture

Mission and Philosophy

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture assists the residents of Wyoming to live safe and healthy lives, promote and preserve the agricultural community, be responsible stewards of natural resources and achieve integrity in the marketplace.

The department is comprised of six sections: Administrative Services, Analytical Services (Chemistry and Microbiology Laboratories), Consumer Health Services, Natural Resources, Technical Services and the Wyoming State Fair.

Results of Outcomes

Consumer Health Services employees found 7,996 critically positive controls during their inspections of retail establishments. In addition, inspectors found 361 major deficiencies in meat plants and 1,088 critical violations at retail establishments. All deficiencies and violations were corrected and employees were trained to preclude reoccurrence.

Technical Services employees conducted pesticide program inspections, finding that 95 percent of the pesticide applicators and agribusinesses in the state were in full compliance with pesticide laws and regulations. The percentage of the total analyses performed by the Analytical Services Laboratory and reported within 30 days on 95 percent of all samples was 81.2 percent, with an 86.8 percent client satisfaction rating of the lab and its services. Technical services employees have the responsibility to assure the public that consumer products are safe and truthfully marked. As a result of their inspections, 70 percent of the products inspected were found to be in compliance with state and federal standards. Of the nursery stock, feed, fertilizer and seed establishments, 75 percent were found to be in compliance with state and federal standards, while 80 percent of all weights and measures inspections were in full compliance. All grain-inspected warehouses were found to be in full compliance.

To help promote understanding and cooperation among agriculture industry and department officials, two Ag Coalition meetings were conducted during the year. The number of surveys of individuals attending these meetings was not measured.

At the Wyoming State Fair, 3,147 youth and open livestock operators exhibited their animals. The amount of dollar support and sponsorship for the Wyoming State Fair equaled \$31,227, and the number of state fair special awards and donations amounted to \$3,541.

In order to expand the opportunities to promote the protection of natural resources, three Coordinated

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Other locations

Laramie, Douglas, statewide

Year established

1923

Statutory references

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

Authorized personnel

73 full-time; 13 part-time

Organization structure

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

Clients served

Agriculture producers, consumers, conservation district and agricultural, conservation, consumer, recreation and environmental organizations

Budget information

General Funds:	\$ 11,427,954
Federal Funds:	\$ 849,465
Other:	\$ 5,070,852
Total:	\$ 17,348,271

Resource Management awareness programs were conducted and two management strategies were developed. There were no participants in a pesticide management plan, as there has been no need for a pesticide management plan.

It is important that agricultural opportunities for Wyoming be expanded by increasing agribusiness development, and providing consumer and industry information of specific commodities. As measure of accomplishing that objective, the Wyoming Beef Council producer attitude score equaled 70 percent and the council provided 12 informational opportunities.

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