

# Department of Agriculture

## Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture is dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life.

The WDA's philosophy consists of:

- ◆ **Strong Work Ethic:** We are dedicated to providing innovative, responsive solutions and pride ourselves on providing Wyoming's citizens with an honest days work utilizing a highly trained and knowledgeable staff.
- ◆ **Integrity:** We are dedicated to ethic, honest and credible service to the citizens of Wyoming.
- ◆ **Public Service:** We are dedicated to being responsive, open, courteous, and equitable in our dealings with the public and will strive to simplify processes and reduce bureaucracy.
- ◆ **Quality:** We are dedicated to taking pride in our work and providing timely, high value, accurate and cost efficient service.

## Results of outcomes

Consumer Health Services employees found 9,795 critically positive controls during their inspections of retail establishments. In addition, inspectors found 299 major deficiencies in meat plants and 1,015 critical violations at retail establishments. All deficiencies and violations were corrected and employees were trained to preclude recurrences.

Technical Services employees conducted pesticide program inspections, finding that 81 percent of the pesticide applicators and agribusinesses in the state were in full compliance with pesticide laws and regulations. The percentage of total analyses performed by the Analytical Services Laboratory and reported within 30 days was 96.1 percent. A client satisfaction survey was completed on the lab and its services with a rating of 84.2 percent. Technical Services employees have the responsibility to assure the public that consumer products are safe and truthfully marked. As a result of their inspections, 87 percent of products inspected were found to be in compliance with state and federal standards. Of the nursery stock, feed, fertilizer, and seed establishments, 91 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.

### General information

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### Other locations

Laramie, Douglas, Statewide

### Year established

1923

### Statutory references

W.S. 11-1-101 through 11-17-108  
W.S. 35-7-109 through 35-7-374  
W.S. 40-7-101 through 40-10-136  
W.S. 14-4-104  
W.S. 35-28-101 through 35-28-110  
W.S. 35-4-224  
W.S. 11-41-102 to 11-41-108

### Authorized personnel

73 full-time; 13 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

General Funds .....	\$11,635,454
Federal Funds .....	\$ 849,465
Other.....	\$ 5,070,852
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$17,555,771</b>

At the Wyoming State Fair, 406 user/event days were utilized outside of fair time. The amount of dollar support and sponsorships for the Fair equaled \$45,822 and the number of special awards and donations amounted to \$4,925. Six (6) new junior and open competitive events were established during the 2003 Wyoming State Fair.

In order to expand the opportunities to promote the protection of our natural resources, the WDA Natural Resource personnel provided information and assistance to 34 Conservation districts, 23 Weed and Pest Districts and 11 Coordinated Resource Management (CRM) groups. Four small water development programs were implemented with WDA assistance and seven impaired streams were addressed with WDA water quality grants. WDA also assisted in the development of one endangered species management plan. WDA Natural Resource officials conducted ten mediation processes and initiated one carbon sequestration pilot program.

## Goals

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture has the following goals for the upcoming year.

1. Protect human health and natural resources.
2. Assure the public consumer products are safe and truthfully marketed.
3. Provide information and education to promote and preserve our agricultural community.

# Department of Agriculture organization chart

