

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 our agricultural community, be responsible stewards of our natural resources and achieve integrity in the marketplace.

The WDA is comprised of seven sections: Administrative Services, Analytical Services (Chemistry and Microbiology Laboratories), Consumer Health Services, Natural Resources, Promotion & Marketing, Technical Services and Wyoming State Fair.

🦋 *Results of outcomes*

Protect human health and natural resources

Outcomes	FY97 Actual	Goal
1. Number of food handlers trained in proper food handling techniques	5,990	1,500
2. Number of food establishments trained in HACCP principles	217	200
3. Percent change in number of deficiencies found in meat establishments	494	N/A
4. Percent of Wyoming pesticide applicators and agribusinesses inspected and found to be in full compliance with pesticide laws and regulations	Not Measurable this year	
5. Average analytical work-hours per completed sample and percent change from FY95.	*3.48 +6.72%	3.05

Accomplishments affecting outcomes:

- Achieved FDA certification for the analysis of Vitamin A and D in milk.

- Implementation of new pathogenic bacteria analysis procedures for Wyoming slaughtered beef and swine.

- Continuing work with other government agencies to identify detrimental fluoride levels in ground water.

Factors influencing outcomes:

- Limited control over sample submissions.
- Increasing costs of chemicals, reagents and supplies.
- Aging instrumentation, which causes decreased productivity and increased maintenance expenses.
- Increases in regulatory quality assurance/quality control requirements.

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

Full-time 75, Part-time 16

Organization structure

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

Clients served

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

Budget information

General funds	\$9,507,096
Federal funds	875,265
Trust and agency funds	2,451,807
Other	2,066,447
Total	\$14,900,615

Assure the public that consumer products are safe and truthfully labeled

Outcomes	FY97 Actual	Goal
1. Percent of products inspected that are in compliance with state and federal standards	50%	70%
2. Percent of nursery stock, feed, fertilizer and seed establishments inspected that are in compliance with state and federal standards	50%	55%
3. Percent of total weight and measure inspections in compliance with state and federal standards	50%	65%
4. Percent of grain warehouses in compliance with state & federal standards	100%	100%

Expand agricultural opportunities for Wyoming by increasing agribusiness related skills and knowledge, conducting market research, facilitating agricultural business development and providing consumer and industry information of specific commodities

Outcomes	FY97 Actual	Goal
1. Percent increase in agribusiness development and recruitment activities to promote agricultural diversification and strengthen agricultural family income	10%	0%
2. Percent increase in agriculturally related business marketing and promotional activities of primary and value-added agricultural products	78%	0%
4. Maintain industry information opportunities for beef producers that can lead to optimizing the producer's profit opportunities	2	1

Department of Agriculture organization chart

