

Department of Agriculture

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

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

The WDA is comprised of 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 7,524 critically positive controls during their inspections of retail establishments. In addition, inspectors found 369 major deficiencies in meat plants and 1,506 critical violations at retail establishments. All deficiencies and violations were corrected, and employees were trained to preclude reoccurrence. Technical Services employees found during their inspections that 95 percent of Wyoming pesticide applicators and agribusinesses were in full compliance with pesticide laws and regulations. Eighty percent of all analyses performed by the Analytical Services Laboratory were within the regulatory or method holding times.

Two million acres are being managed by Coordinated Resource Management groups and administered by the Natural Resources Section. Four 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, 70 percent of 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.

At the Wyoming State Fair, the number of commercial exhibits increased 25 percent, and 2,500 youth and open livestock operators exhibited their animals. The number of dollars received from outside donors increased by 50 percent.

❖ *Strategic plan changes*

No significant changes are planned.

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

72 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; and agricultural, conservation, consumer, recreation and environmental organizations

Budget information

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

Department of Agriculture organization chart

