

# Department of Agriculture

RCW 43.23

## Current Law Budget

Request	\$198,271,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$12,747,766	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	6.9%	Increase

The Department of Agriculture carries out a broad spectrum of activities that benefit the producers, distributors, and consumers of food and agricultural products.

The department protects public health and safety through its regulation of food producers, processors, and distributors and its regulation of pesticide and fertilizer use. The department seeks to protect the state's natural resources, its agricultural industry, and the public through surveillance, control, and/or eradication of selected plant pests and diseases and animal diseases in Washington state. The department works to facilitate the orderly movement of agricultural products in domestic and international markets by providing timely and accurate official inspection and certification of grain, fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, seeds, livestock, and other agricultural commodities. The department combats hunger and improves health among low income individuals and families by supporting nutritious food distribution, food banks, and tribal food voucher programs. The department assists with the development of agricultural markets and to guarantee marketplace equity for businesses and consumers.

### Agency Mission

Through service, regulation, and advocacy, the Washington State Department of Agriculture supports the viability and vitality of agriculture while protecting consumers, public health, and the environment.

## Agency Level Summary

### Operating Budget: Summary

2015-17 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Estimated	2017-19 Proposed
34,134,000	267,217	General Fund - Basic Account - State	30,947,441	33,866,783	34,046,000
30,520,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal	21,767,023	30,520,000	30,884,000
		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal Unanticipated	466,462		
193,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local	110,170	193,000	193,000
2,896,000		Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account - State	2,796,854	2,896,000	2,573,000
1,240,000		Motor Vehicle Account - State	1,200,926	1,240,000	1,307,000
5,919,000		State Toxics Control Account - State	5,169,207	5,919,000	5,554,000
73,000		Water Quality Permit Account - State	72,518	73,000	73,000
<u>74,975,000</u>	<u>267,217</u>	<b>Total Appropriated Funds</b>	<u>62,530,601</u>	<u>74,707,783</u>	<u>74,630,000</u>
		<b>Non-Appropriated Funds</b>			
		Industrial Insurance Premium Refund - Non-Appropriated	136,409	375,451	
		Agricultural Local Account - Non-Appropriated	44,857,795	48,942,000	58,223,000
		Grain Inspection Revolving Acct - Non-Appropriated	18,415,310	21,329,000	23,434,000
		Fair Account - Non-Appropriated	4,033,263	4,139,000	4,146,000

**Non-Appropriated Funds**

Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Acct - Non-Appropriated	31,372,376	35,994,000	37,802,000
Livestock Nutrient Management Acct - Non-Appropriated	65,288	36,000	36,000
<b>Total Non-Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>98,880,441</b>	<b>110,815,451</b>	<b>123,641,000</b>

**Capital Budget: Summary\***

2015-17 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Estimated	2017-19 Proposed
2,000,000		State Building Construction Account - State	929,406	2,000,000	
249,000		Public Facility Const Loan Revolv - State	529,148	249,000	
<b>2,249,000</b>		<b>Total Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>1,458,554</b>	<b>2,249,000</b>	

\*For detail projects, see 2017-19 Capital Plan.

**Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium**

	2013-15 Actual		2015-17 Estimated		2017-19 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	14,085,983	9.6%	24,112,192	14.9%	12,747,766	6.9%

**Employment Summary**

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	787.5	816.2	862.0	861.2	861.4