

Agricultural Commodity Commissions

RCW 15.24, 15.26, 15.28, 15.44, 15.65, 15.66, 15.74, 15.88, 15.89, 16.67, 15.115

The agricultural commodity commissions provide for the orderly, fair, efficient, and unhampered marketing of agricultural and forest commodities produced in Washington state. The commissions represent producers or handlers of a specific commodity produced in Washington state.

Agricultural commodity commissions operate under a separate statute or under the provisions of a marketing order, which is adopted by the director of the state Department of Agriculture. The marketing order provides for the goals and objectives of the commodity commission. The producers or handlers of an agricultural commodity must approve the marketing order by referendum. Each agricultural commodity commission is composed of industry representatives who are elected or appointed to the commission. Depending on the statute or marketing order, an agricultural commodity commission may develop and engage in research that benefits the planting, production, harvesting, handling, processing, or marketing of the specified agricultural commodity; promote an agricultural commodity or expand markets through advertising and promotional campaigns; provide for labeling practices, consumer education programs, and dissemination of information to the industry; or take measures to prevent unfair trade practices.

One commodity commission, the Hardwoods Commission, operates independently of the state Department of Agriculture. The commission markets and promotes hardwood products and engages in educational and research endeavors.

Each commodity commission's activities are funded almost entirely through assessments paid by the producers or handlers of the commodity produced. The commissions are supported by local funds that are not budgeted or appropriated. Each commission reports its fiscal activity to the Governor and Legislature and is subject to state audit.

Agency Local Funds

Statement of Local Fund Balances

	7/1/15	6/30/17	2017-19	2017-19	6/30/19
	Fund Balance	Estimated Fund Balance	Estimated Revenues	Estimated Expenditures	Estimated Fund Balance
Non-Budgeted Funds					
Alfalfa Seed Commission	158,280	163,705	140,000	206,000	97,705
Apple Commission	6,915,949	7,274,624	9,100,000	9,230,000	7,144,624
Asparagus Commission	211,715	220,000	440,000	400,000	260,000
Beef Commission	164,499	143,551	2,090,578	2,045,600	188,529
Beer Commission	298,656	350,000	2,150,000	2,000,000	500,000
Blueberry Commission	366,776	400,000	850,000	800,000	450,000
Cranberry Commission	18,606	24,000	25,000	26,000	23,000
Oilseeds Commission	85,928	84,353	56,000	68,000	72,353
Dairy Products Commission	3,166,636	2,269,138	14,523,098	14,523,098	2,269,138
Pulse Crops Commission	745,450	503,000	1,360,000	1,360,000	503,000
Fruit Commission	6,255,929	5,000,000	14,400,000	14,000,000	5,400,000
Grain Commission	16,134,770	7,800,000	9,200,000	10,200,000	6,800,000
Hardwoods Commission	23,014	22,392	98,024	104,330	16,086
Hop Commission (Calendar Year)	432,167	395,995	1,863,115	2,022,329	236,781
Mint Commission	343,222	373,790	380,000	386,000	367,790
Potato Commission	4,851,163	4,300,546	6,932,000	7,332,000	3,900,546
Puget Sound Salmon Commission	91,064	90,000	60,000	60,000	90,000
Red Raspberry Commission	633,656	509,634	600,000	600,000	509,634
Seed Potato Commission	4,851,163	4,300,546	6,932,000	7,332,000	3,900,546
Strawberry Commission	35,031	28,259	60,000	60,000	28,259
Tree Fruit Research Commission	6,420,612	6,500,000	9,600,000	9,800,000	6,300,000
Turfgrass Seed Commission	229,723	247,553	140,000	303,000	84,553
Wine Commission	982,995	1,082,229	18,868,343	18,868,343	1,382,229
Total Non-Budgeted Funds	53,417,004	42,083,315	99,868,158	101,726,700	40,524,773