

Washington State Department of Agriculture Budget Fact Sheet

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What the Department of Agriculture does:

- Protects public health by assuring the safety of the state's food supply.
- Ensures the safe distribution, use and disposal of pesticides and fertilizers in the state.
- Protects natural resources, the agriculture industry, and the public from selected plant and animal pests and diseases.
- Facilitates the movement of agricultural products in domestic and international markets.
- Is predominately fee-supported, with roughly three-fifths of revenues coming from those the agency serves, one-fifth from General Fund-State, and one-fifth from other state and federal funds.

	Operating	Transportation
2007-09 Operating Budget	\$127.3 million	\$1.4 million
2009-11 Maintenance Level	\$130.5 million	\$1.5 million
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Reductions and actions we are taking:

- Eliminating agricultural marketing projects, including the "From the Heart of Washington" campaign and funding to organizations for market promotion and fighting trade barriers.
- Scaling back the Farm-To-School Program.
- Reducing grants to counties for noxious weed control.
- Eliminating a biofuels quality assurance position now that initial technical and policy issues have been addressed.

Programs and services we will continue to deliver:

- A broad spectrum of activities that support the producers, distributors and consumers of Washington's food and agriculture products will be continued.

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- All food safety and animal health activities will continue without interruption.
- Customers of WSDA's fee-supported programs, including the commodity inspection and pesticide regulatory programs, will experience no reduction in service.
- A reduced level of agricultural marketing assistance will continue through the agency's domestic and international marketing programs.
- Most activities to combat plant pests and diseases will continue, including programs to combat spartina and gypsy moth.

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