

How does the Pesticide Stewardship Program fit in?

We need to tell EPA how regulation changes will affect Washington farmers. By participating, you can help show how these new regulations may affect Washington farmers. The program can also help connect farmers to resources that can help them adapt to new regulations.

GOAL 1

Tell EPA what will and won't work in Washington. Ensure they know what Washington farmers are doing to protect the environment.

GOAL 2

Gather information from farmers about practices that are already being used in Washington to reduce drift, runoff, and erosion. Provide Washington farmers with reliable and current information about EPA's planned changes and timelines.

GOAL 3

Plan projects in the Palouse region that will help farmers right now, based on their input.

GOAL 4

Expand our Pesticide Stewardship Program to more areas of Washington.

Are you interested in trying new management practices on your farm and participating in a research project?

How can you get involved?

Show off what you already do on your farm to reduce drift, runoff, and erosion!

Share information!

Come to a meeting and tell us where EPA's plans aren't feasible and what other ideas we can suggest.

Help steer our projects!

Tell us about your biggest needs and priorities.

Contact us!

For more information and contacts, visit:
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PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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The Washington State Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Stewardship Program will work with farming communities throughout the state. We will coordinate with conservation districts, university researchers, educators, and other agencies to support farmers with upcoming pesticide regulations changes.

GOAL

Ensure farmers can access and use management practices specific to their farms and crops, and reduce the chance that pesticides will harm the environment.

STRATEGY

Information: Give farmers up-to-date and accurate information about changing pesticide regulations.

Cooperation: Work with Washington State University, conservation districts, and other partners to ensure farmers have needed resources.

Participation: Get information from farmers to customize our projects to meet their most urgent needs.

Pesticide regulations are changing

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making changes to the rules farmers and pesticide applicators must follow. Many of these changes will include conservation practices to lower the chance that pesticides will enter the environment through drift or runoff.



Photo courtesy Palouse Conservation District

Why is this happening?

Since 2001, the EPA has been sued repeatedly for not meeting Endangered Species Act requirements when they review pesticide registrations. Now they must follow a court-ordered schedule to complete Endangered Species Act reviews. They are also required to make sure no endangered species are harmed by pesticides before reviews can happen.

What changes are we going to see?

If the EPA thinks that the same protections are needed everywhere in the United States, they will be listed on the pesticide label. If they think the protections are only needed in specific habitats, they will be listed on Endangered Species Protection Bulletins on the Bulletins Live! Two website.

What will change on pesticide labels?

Some pesticide labels will have more requirements to follow. They will still have requirements about application rates, number of applications, and weather, but they may also have requirements about tillage, cover crops, filter strips, buffers, or other practices.

What is Bulletins Live! Two?

Where there are requirements for specific geographic regions or habitats, the EPA is going to share that information on a website called Bulletins Live! Two. They will create Endangered Species Protection Bulletins to list the different requirements in or near endangered species habitat.



How do I know if I need to get an Endangered Species Protection Bulletin?

- If the **Directions for Use** section of the label includes **Endangered Species Advisory** or **Protection Requirements**, you must obtain a bulletin before applying the pesticide.
- Bulletins are an extension of the label.
- Bulletins are enforceable.

How do I find and use Bulletins Live! Two?

- Download Endangered Species Protection Bulletins online at: <https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species/bulletins-live-two-view-bulletins>
- Call: 1-844-447-3813
- Email: ESPP@epa.gov

How will enforcement work?

For enforcement questions, contact WSDA Pesticide Compliance at: (360) 902-2040.

You can also visit WSDA's Pesticide Management Division website: <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/pesticides-and-fertilizers/pesticides/bulletins-live-two>