

Purchases of Washington Grown Food

Applies to: Any state office or activity of the executive branch of state government, including state agencies, departments, offices, divisions, boards, commissions, institutions of higher education as defined in [RCW 28B.10.016](#) and correctional and other types of institutions.

Authorizing sources:

- State Law [RCW 39.26.090\(9\)](#)
- State Law [RCW 39.26.125\(8\)](#)
- State Law [RCW 15.64.060](#)

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Reason for Policy

This policy encourages agencies to purchase Washington grown food.

Policy

1. Food purchases shall be made in accordance with RCW 39.26.090 and RCW 39.26.125.
 2. “Washington Grown Food” means food that is grown and packed or processed in Washington (RCW 15.64.060(4)).
 3. Agencies are encouraged to purchase Washington grown food to the maximum extent practicable except when it is inconsistent with international trade commitments.
 4. Agencies must use existing DES master contracts or DES approved cooperative contracts for purchases of food unless the contracts cannot justifiably satisfy agency needs as documented by the agency.
 5. If specific Washington grown food is not available from Washington sources through an existing DES master or cooperative contract, agencies may make off-contract purchases of those Washington grown foods as an exception from competitive solicitation under RCW 39.26.125.
 6. When state agencies subject to RCW 39.26 and entities covered under RCW 28B.10 purchase Washington grown food that is outside of a DES master or cooperative contract, the Washington grown food must be of an equivalent or better quality than similar food available through the master contract.
 7. All food contracts must include, to the maximum extent practicable, a plan for acquiring Washington grown food except when it is inconsistent with international trade commitments.
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History

This new policy was adopted on:
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