

Bi-Monthly Food Policy Forum Meeting Agenda

WASHINGTON STATE
FOOD POLICY FORUM

Thursday, August 6, 2026 • 1:00–4:00 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612414337?pwd=U3M6Uq7O6lWv2LNFmBPH5XBVII9jBF.1>

Meeting ID: 161 241 4337, **Passcode:** 739992

Objectives

- *Discuss an upcoming Forum-led learning session on succession planning*
- *Assess emerging areas of activity related to the Forum's priorities and recommendations and identify strategic opportunities for future Forum influence.*
- *Provide input on key challenges and opportunities facing Washington's small- and mid-scale farms sector to help inform WSDA's Phase 2 Agricultural Viability report.*

Agenda

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| 1:00 – 1:15 PM | Welcome, Roll Call, & Get Settled (Facilitator and Chair) (15 min) |
| 1:15 – 1:35 PM | Ag Land Protection Team Spotlight: succession planning learning session (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addie Candib, American Farmland Trust, and Caleb Gwerder, Washington Farm Bureau, will provide a preview of the Succession Planning Learning Session scheduled for October 1, including an overview of the meeting structure and anticipated outcomes for participants.• Forum members will be invited to share what insights and perspectives they hope to hear from producers at the learning session. |
| 1:35 – 1:55 PM | Impacts of Climate Change Team Spotlight: Ongoing Water & Climate Conversations (20 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members of the Climate Change Team will provide the following updates:• Washington State University's Forecast Report – Chad Kruger, Washington State University Office of Research<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Washington's Water Future Initiative – Jon DeVaney, Washington State Tree Fruit Association• Letter to Governor Ferguson Regarding Existing Forum Recommendations and Washington's Water Future Initiative – Richard Conlin, Conlin Columbia Partnership for Cities |

- Non-Forum organized legislative agricultural tour in July & upcoming two-day legislative education tour in September – Chris Voigt, Washington State Potato Commission

1:55 – 2:55 PM

WSDA Ag Viability Report Phase 2 Work (60 min.)

- Laura Raymond and Madi Roy, WSDA, will provide a high-level overview of the WSDA Ag Viability Report.
- Participants will be invited to provide input on key challenges and opportunities facing Washington’s small- and mid-scale farms sector via a whiteboarding activity and discussion.

2:55 – 3:15 PM

State Food Security Strategy Implementation (20 min.)

- Katie Rains, WSDA, will provide an update on the Statewide Food Security Strategy, including the current timeline and an overview of a WSDA outreach and development plan used to inform the Strategy.

3:15 – 3:45 PM

State Farm Bill and Farm to School Planning (30 min.)

- Representative Reeves will update the Forum on planning that is underway for the Washington State Farm Bill and Farm to School efforts.
- Participants will be invited to discuss how it can support these efforts.

3:45 – 4:00 PM

Closing Reflections & Adjourn (Facilitator and Vice Chair) (15 min)

- Next Forum meeting is on October 1, 2026, and will be focused on a Succession Planning Learning Session led by the Ag Land Protection and Next Generation Farming team.

Washington State Food Policy Forum

The Forum serves as a collaborative venue for advancing food system change across Washington. Established in statute in 2020, the Forum brings together diverse stakeholders from agriculture, conservation, nutrition, public health, and government to identify and address pressing food system challenges. Since 2019, the Forum has produced recommendation reports and letters to the Legislature, which it continues to expand upon. See *Forum reports and resources* here: www.scc.wa.gov/food-policy

Forum Priorities for 2025–27

Following a multi-phase planning process beginning in April 2025, the Forum established five teams to advance the following priorities for the 2025-27 biennium:

Team Name	2025-27 Topical Priorities
Impacts of Climate Change	• Water Supply for Agriculture and Food Production • Climate Resilience for Agriculture and Food Production
Agricultural Land Protection and Availability and Next Generation Farming	• Succession Planning and Incentives
Alleviating Barriers to Small and Mid-Scale Farm Viability and Market Access	• Advanced Technical Expertise and Knowledge Transfer
Regional Food Infrastructure and Institutional Procurement for Economic Development	• Public-Private Partnership Models for Infrastructure Finance • Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Coordination
Food Insecurity	• Food System Coordination for Food Security • Eligibility and Access for Food Assistance Programs