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Agricultural Commodity Commissions Records Retention Schedule
Version 1.0 (June 2025)

This schedule applies to: Agricultural Commodity Commissions

Scope of records retention schedule

This records retention schedule authorizes the destruction/transfer of the public records of the various agricultural commodity commissions relating to the unique functions of monetary assessments, marketing, and promotion of agricultural commodities. The schedule is to be used in conjunction with the *State Government General Records Retention Schedule* which authorizes the destruction/transfer of public records common to all state government agencies.

Disposition of public records

Public records covered by records series within this records retention schedule (regardless of format) must be retained for the minimum retention period as specified in this schedule. Washington State Archives strongly recommends the disposition of public records at the end of their minimum retention period for the efficient and effective management of agency resources.

Public records designated as “Archival (Permanent Retention)” must not be destroyed. Records designated as “Archival (Appraisal Required)” must be appraised by the Washington State Archives before disposition. Public records must not be destroyed if they are subject to ongoing or reasonably anticipated litigation. Such public records must be managed in accordance with the agency’s policies and procedures for legal holds. Public records must not be destroyed if they are subject to an existing public records request in accordance with chapter 42.56 RCW. Such public records must be managed in accordance with the agency’s policies and procedures for public records requests.

Revocation of previously issued records retention schedules

All previously issued records retention schedules to agricultural commodity commissions (including former commissions) are revoked. Agricultural commodity commissions must ensure that the retention and disposition of public records is in accordance with current, approved records retention schedules.

Authority

This records retention schedule was approved by the State Records Committee in accordance with RCW 40.14.050 on June 4, 2025.

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REVISION HISTORY

Version	Date of Approval	Extent of Revision
1.0	June 4, 2025	Update and consolidation of all previous agricultural commodity commission records retention schedules into a single schedule.

For assistance and advice in applying this records retention schedule,
please contact the commission's Records Officer
or Washington State Archives at:
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1. ASSESSMENT

This section covers records relating to the collection of monetary assessments for commodities.

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25-06-69862 Rev. 0	<p><i>Crop Assessments and Collections</i></p> <p>Records relating to the collection of mandatory monetary assessments on certain agricultural crops in accordance with statutory requirements.</p> <p>Includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assessment receipts;Grower/processor reports;Documentation of foreign-grown agricultural products stored in Washington State and for which an assessment will be levied.	<p>Retain for 6 years after end of fiscal year</p> <p><i>then</i></p> <p>Destroy.</p>	NON-ARCHIVAL NON-ESSENTIAL OPR

2. MARKETING AND PROMOTION

This section covers records relating to the marketing and promotion undertaken by the commission in support of Washington State’s agricultural commodities industries.

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	RETENTION AND DISPOSITION ACTION	DESIGNATION
25-06-69863 Rev. 0	Commodity Marketing and Promotion Records documenting the commission’s marketing programs, business promotion, or other activities promoting the marketing and sale of agricultural commodities from Washington State. Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advertising campaigns;• Educational/promotional fairs and events;• Consumer education.	Retain for 6 years after end of calendar year <i>then</i> Transfer to Washington State Archives for appraisal and selective retention.	ARCHIVAL (Appraisal Required) NON-ESSENTIAL OPR



GLOSSARY

Appraisal

The process of determining the value and disposition of records based on their administrative, legal, and fiscal use; their evidential and informational or research value; and their relationship to other records.

Archival (Appraisal Required)

Designation for public records that may possess enduring legal and/or historical value and must be appraised by the Archives. Such records are to be evaluated, sampled, and weeded according to archival principles by Archives staff. Records appraised as non-archival may be destroyed after their retention has been met.

Archival (Permanent Retention)

Designation for public records that possess enduring legal and/or historical value and must not be destroyed. State government agencies must transfer these records to the Archives at the end of their minimum retention period. Local government agencies must either transfer these records to the Archives or retain and preserve them according to archival best practice until transferred to the Archives. Other than removing and disposing of duplicates, the Archives will not sample, weed, or otherwise dispose of records with this designation.

Disposition

Actions taken with records when they are no longer required to be retained by an agency. Possible disposition actions include transfer to the Archives and destruction.

Disposition Authority Number (DAN)

Control number for a specific records series in a retention schedule that authorizes a retention period and disposition action for records belonging to that series.

Essential Records

Records needed to respond to, and/or perform critical operations during/after, a disaster or emergency. They need to be protected through backup or enhanced storage. (RCW 40.10.010)

Local Records Committee

Committee established by RCW 40.14.070 to review and approve disposition of local government records through records retention schedules. The Committee's three members include the State Archivist and one representative each from the Office of the Attorney General and the State Auditor.



Non-Archival

Designation given to public records that do not possess sufficient historical value to be designated as “Archival.” Agencies must retain these records for the minimum retention period specified by the appropriate current records retention schedule. Agencies should destroy these records after their minimum retention period expires, provided the records are not required for litigation, public records requests, or other purposes required by law.

Non-Essential Records

Public records which are not required in order for an agency to resume its core functions following a disaster, as described in chapter 40.10 RCW.

OFM (Office Files and Memoranda)

Public records not defined and classified as official public records in RCW 40.14.010 and other documents or records as determined by the records committee to be office files and memoranda.

OPR (Official Public Records)

Public records necessary to document transactions relating to public property, public finances, and other agency business, or records determined by the records committee to be official public records.

Public Records

Records that have been created or received by any government agency in Washington State in connection with the transaction of public business regardless of physical form or characteristics.

Records Series

A group of records performing a specific function, which is used as a unit, filed as a unit, and may be transferred or destroyed as a unit. A records series may consist of a single type or a number of different types of documents that are filed together to document a specific function.

State Records Committee

Committee established by RCW 40.14.050 to review and approve disposition of state government records. Its four members include the State Archivist and one representative each from the Office of the Attorney General, Office of the State Auditor, and the Office of Financial Management.

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