



Washington Friends of Farms & Forests

2017 Year in Review - What We Did for You

We represented our members before the state legislature by:

- Stopping a bill that would have required pre-notification before applying pesticides and use reporting afterward.
- Preventing a surtax on pesticides and petroleum products.
- Stopping a new capital gains tax.

We developed educational materials for members about:

- EPA's Worker Protection Standard
- Forest herbicide Frequently Asked Questions
- Forest herbicide Best Management Practices
- Forest herbicide community outreach

We supported our members by:

- Hosting four member training sessions to help members gain skills in talking about pesticides.
- Hosting an All Agency Pest/Pesticide Issues Forum to encourage agencies to share information with each other and allow our members to learn more about agency programs and plans.
- Providing feedback to DNR about materials they developed relating to herbicide use in forestry.
- Working with WFPA to relaunch community outreach.
- Supporting county weed boards in several counties where citizens had expressed concern about herbicide use.
- Working with the Washington Policy Center's new ag bureau.
- Working with the Food Policy Forum to ensure they had access to accurate information about production agriculture.

We educated the public about agriculture, pesticides and biotechnology through:

- Monthly Washivore features
- Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

We submitted comments to EPA on the following issues:

- Neonic risk assessment
- Importance of 2,4-d
- Pyrethroids

We sponsored educational activities including:

- A tour for legislators which included two special features about pesticides and their use.
- Washington Commission on Pesticide Registration Specialty Crop Tour
- Capital Press Newspapers in Education
- Pacific Education Institute
- Washington Ag in the Classroom

We shared information at the following events:

- WA/OR Dieticians Conference
- Farmers Market Convention
- Forestry Legislative Reception
- WA Newspaper Publishers Conference
- WA State Potato Conference
- WA Turf and Landscape Show
- WA State Weed Conference
- Washington Friends of Farms & Forests legislative reception featuring foods developed through biotechnology