

## Eastern Region Agriculture Consortium Charter

**Background/Scope:** This consortium was formed with three goals in mind: to create pathways into agriculture BAS programs with colleges on the east side of the state; to develop a short core agriculture certificate available at consortium colleges, develop common course numbering within agriculture programs; and to market agriculture programs offered at consortium colleges. Participating consortium colleges include Big Bend Community College, Columbia Basin College, Spokane Community College, Walla Walla Community College, Wenatchee Valley College, and Yakima Valley College. While this consortium is currently only eastern Washington colleges, the long-term concept would expand this work statewide.

**Mission:** The Eastern Region Agriculture Consortium will increase the accessibility of agriculture degrees by working to create articulation agreements and common course numbering within agriculture programs, and identifying areas of potential flexibility and collaboration that best serve the students of Washington state.

### **Goals:**

- Create articulation agreements into existing agriculture-related BAS programs
- Create a short certificate of core agriculture courses offered at consortium colleges
- Develop common course numbering for agriculture courses
- Marketing of agriculture programs offered at the consortium colleges
- Conduct industry outreach for the agriculture programs offered at consortium colleges

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### Reporting Plan

The Agriculture & Natural Resource Center of Excellence will schedule Spring/Fall/Winter 45-minute zoom meetings to outline ongoing work by the consortium and request feedback from participating colleges. Agendas will be sent out two weeks prior to the scheduled zoom meeting. Minutes from meetings will be sent out, post meeting, with a mechanism to schedule following meetings.

### Links

Eastern Region Agriculture Consortium resources will be housed at:

<https://agcenterofexcellence.com/eastern-region-agriculture-consortium/>