

Senate Enrolled Act 52 was passed into Law by the 2015 Wyoming State Legislature, creating the Wyoming Bean Commission. The Wyoming Bean Commission is now seeking applications for Gubernatorial Appointment.

The Act becomes effective on July 1st of this year and affects all growers of dry beans, as well as all buyers and handlers of dry beans whether licensed or not. The Bean Commission established by this act is comprised of six members initially appointed by the Governor. Four members are growers, and two members are handlers with facilities located in Wyoming. One member must reside in Laramie, Platte or Goshen County, Wyoming. If any grower or handler of beans wishes to seek nomination to the board, visit the Governor's website at <http://governor.wyo.gov/resources/boards-and-commissions/> to obtain the application.

The Bean Commission will be funded through assessments collected on dry bean sales and will be housed within the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. The commission will meet no less than two times each year and will keep a permanent record of its proceedings and report its activities to the Governor and Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands, and Water Resources interim committee. Along with this, the commission may conduct or contract scientific research, disseminate information on dry edible beans based on research, study state and federal legislation with respect to matters concerning the dry edible bean industry, appoint advisory groups, make grants to research agencies for financing special or emergency studies, and a variety of other activities.

For more information on the Wyoming Bean Commission, contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at 307-777-7321.