



The Pierce County Farm Advisory Commission (PCFAC) is confirmed in Pierce County Code 2.49. The PCFAC serves in an advisory capacity and may make recommendations to the Council and Executive on agricultural policies and programs that affect and/or impact agriculture.

- The PCFAC has established the following ***Mission Statement*** to guide their efforts: *The Pierce County Farm Advisory Commission with input from a diverse and broad based community examines programs and policies affecting agriculture and provides recommendations to Pierce County that encourage a viable agricultural economy.*
- ***PCFAC members*** include: Dick Carkner (Chair), Chris Wilcox (Vice Chair), Scott Candoo (Secretary), Bob Arnold, Ross Bischoff, Roy Bueler, Cheryl Ouellette, Ron Sasaki, and Ken Shamblin. Currently, two vacancies exist. Members are appointed for 4-year terms and shall not serve more than two full terms.
- The PCFAC holds ***regular meetings*** the fourth Monday of every month at WSU-Puyallup, Administration building-Chicona Room, 7612 Pioneer Way, from 7-9 PM. The Commission may hold special meetings outside of the regular meeting date.
- The PCFAC has been instrumental in crafting a new chapter in Pierce County Code titled ***Right to Farm Protections***. This chapter ensures farmers who are operating in accordance with the law some security that their operations are safe from nuisance complaints filed from new development. The chapter establishes a notification program that attempts to inform property owners who surround agricultural operations about the nuisance protections afforded by State and local laws.
- The PCFAC recognizes the importance of marketing agricultural products directly to buyers and consumers in efforts to conserve and protect agricultural lands from conversion to other uses. The PCFAC urged Pierce County to participate in ***Puget Sound Fresh***, a program that encourages consumers, wholesalers, retailers, and restaurants to seek out and purchase locally grown products.

The Department of ***Planning and Land Services*** serves the Commission in an ex-officio capacity. The staff contacts are Brynn Brady (253) 798-3667 and Mike Erkkinen (253) 798-2705.