

**WAC 16-731-030 What definitions are important to this chapter?**

**"Applicant"** means any person who applies to participate in the asparagus grower equipment leasing program and who produces in the state of Washington asparagus in commercial quantities (6,000 pounds or more in a calendar year) for fresh market, for processing, or for sale to processors and paid assessments to the Washington asparagus commission in the calendar year preceding the year in which they submit an application.

**"Automation"** means a labor-saving technique or equipment used to bring about automatic operation and control of a process.

**"Department"** means the Washington state department of agriculture.

**"Director"** means the director of the Washington state department of agriculture or the director's designee.

**"Equipment"** means labor-saving equipment used principally to aid in the production or harvesting of asparagus but excludes general farming equipment, such as tractors.

**"Grower"** means any person who produces in the state of Washington asparagus in commercial quantities for fresh market, for processing, or for sale to processors.

**"Labor saving"** means actions, activities or processes designed to decrease the amount of human labor needed to produce or harvest fresh asparagus.

**"Leasing"** means to obtain the use of asparagus production or harvesting equipment through the asparagus grower equipment leasing program.

**"Person"** means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association engaged in growing fresh Washington state asparagus.

**"Program administrator"** means the director of the Washington state department of agriculture or the director's designee.

**"Review committee"** means a group of five to seven people that is made up of representatives from the department, the Washington asparagus commission staff and its members. In addition, one agricultural representative who is neither directly affiliated with the asparagus industry nor any of the equipment leasing program applicants shall be part of the committee. The purpose of the committee is to review equipment leasing program applications and make selection recommendations to the director.

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