



WSU EXTENSION NEWS

Stevens County Newsletter

FAIR SEASON IS HERE!**In this issue:****NOTE: Aug 24-27, we may not be IN the office, but you can find us at the fair!**

- **4-H:** August is **Fair Season** in Stevens County!

- **Agriculture:** Livestock Field Day -Sept 23rd, new Cultivating Success webinar series training starting Sept 25th, and take a farm survey to enter a drawing!

- **Master Gardeners:** Pressure Canner Lid/Gauge Testing Dates!
-Answer/Plant Clinics every Monday, 9-11am!
-Booths at Farmers Markets and at NE WA Fair!
-Fall Plant Exchange coming in September

**4-H Happenings****August is Fair Season in Stevens County**

Did you know we have **four** fairs in Stevens County? There's bound to be one near you, so we encourage you to attend one or more of our local fairs. These community celebrations showcase arts, crafts, food, home arts, animals, and more. You'll also enjoy great entertainment, and of course, fair food.

Support our local youth as they show their projects for the year. As a reminder you can enter your own items in a local fair. Additional information can be found below on visiting and entering a fair near you...



Valley Community Fair – August 12. Visit [August 12, 2023 - Home \(weebly.com\)](https://www.valleycommunityfair.com) or follow on Facebook [Valley Community Fair | Valley WA | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ValleyCommunityFair)

Hunters Community Fair – August 19. Visit [Hunters Community & 4-H Fair \(hunterscommunityfair.com\)](https://www.hunterscommunityfair.com) or follow on Facebook [Hunters Community & 4-H Fair | Hunters WA | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HuntersCommunity&4HFair)

NE WA Fair in Colville – August 24-27. Visit [Northeast Washington Fair Grounds - Stevens County WA](https://www.newa.org) or follow on Facebook [NE WA Fair | Colville WA | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NEWAFair)

Clayton Community Fair – August 25-27. Visit [Clayton Community Fair](https://www.claytoncommunityfair.com) or follow on Facebook [Clayton Community Fairgrounds | Clayton WA | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ClaytonCommunityFairgrounds)

For information about our 4-H program, visit our website: [4-H Youth | Stevens County](https://www.4hyouth.org) or contact [Shannon Rowley](mailto:Shannon.Rowley@wsu.edu), 509-684-2588

Agriculture News

It's August, can you believe it? Many think of the NE WA Fair when they think August, and so do we! **Stevens County Extension** will be at the fair with lots of great extension information for the community. We will have FREE first aid kits, WSU stickers, lanyards, pens, and more. Stop by and say Hi!



We often talk about wildfire preparedness when it comes to our family and home, but what about our farms and livestock? See link below for wildfire resources for farmers and landowners.

[Agriculture & Natural Resources | WildFire Recovery | WSU \(wsu.edu\)](https://www.wsu.edu/extension/stevens/agriculture/wildfire-recovery)

Save the Date! - September 23rd

Join us at the **Vetter Demonstration Farm & Forest** for the **Livestock Field Day****Save the Date for the Vetter Farm and Forest Livestock Day!**[HTTPS://EXTENSION.WSU.EDU/STEVENS/AGRICULTURE/VETTER-FARM/](https://extension.wsu.edu/stevens/agriculture/vetter-farm/)**ABOUT THE FARM**

Stevens County Conservation District (SCCD), Washington State University, and WSU Stevens County Extension developed a partnership to collaborate with the local community to establish a working-lands experimentation facility. The goal is to explore the area's relevant agricultural and forest management practices and techniques in a manner that benefits the small farmer and landowners.

ABOUT THE EVENT

We'll be showcasing presentations about livestock processing, direct marketing, and operation economics from local operators, specialists, and agency personnel. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, and 17 and under are free. Ticket includes a BBQ lunch!

SAVE THE DATE!

The event will be held at the Vetter Farm and Forest at 5281 Hattery-Owens Road, Deer Park WA from 9 am to 3 pm. Call the Stevens County Conservation District to save your spot!

Also, we're offering free booth spaces to businesses and entities involved in agriculture--give us a call to reserve your space!

**ON FARM COMMUNITY EDUCATION****HANDS-ON LEARNING FOR PRODUCERS****CONTACT STEVENS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP**

☎ 509-684-7579

✉ SCCD@STEVENS.CO.WA.GOV**WSU Cultivating Success™: Whole Farm Planning Offered Statewide, Online, and with Spanish Interpretation**

This course will cover a broad range of topics and decision-making tools for you to create a successful small farm enterprise! Whether you are just exploring the opportunities available or already have an existing operation, you'll learn what it takes to create, sustain, and grow a viable small farm.

- \$200 for an 11-week course September 25th through December 4th, 2023
- Class meets weekly on Mondays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Online course classroom through Zoom with in-person field trips
- Scholarships are available for Military Veterans and anyone for whom the course fee is a barrier

This course will be offered with Spanish language interpretation and facilitation <https://www.cultivatinguccesswa.org/whole-farm-planning>

**WHOLE FARM PLANNING COURSE**

Online via Zoom - Mondays Sept 25th - Dec 4th 6:00pm-8:00pm

PLANIFICACIÓN DE TODA LA GRANJA

Curso en línea con Zoom los lunes 25 de sept - 4 de dic 6:00pm-8:00pm

Interpretación en español disponible

**Food Systems**
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



Please take the **Washington State Agricultural Community- Needs Assessment** and take the opportunity to enter a drawing for a gun safe.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wafarmers>

We will share the combined, anonymous findings of this survey through [WSU Extension](https://www.wsu.edu/extension). We plan to have the results by September 2023.

If you need help, the following resources are available:

- 988 Crisis phone Hotline
- 741741 Crisis text line
- Farm Aid at 1-800-FARM-AID (327-6243)
- WSU Extension Services by County: <https://extension.wsu.edu/locations/>
- WSU's Suicide Prevention Resources
- Western Region Agricultural Stress Assistance Program (WRSAP): [farmstress.us](https://www.farmstress.us)

For more information about Agriculture programs offered by WSU Extension in Stevens County, please visit our website: [Agriculture | Stevens County](https://www.wsu.edu/extension/stevens/agriculture).

email: [Kathryn.Hoogheem](mailto:Kathryn.Hoogheem@wsu.edu) or call 509-684-2588

Farmer Assistance Request Form**Master Gardener News****STAY SAFE FROM FOODBORNE ILLNESS: - HAVE YOUR CANNER TESTED ANNUALLY!!****Canner Testing Dates (please bring lid ONLY):****August 10, 10a-12p:** at *WSU Extension office*, 986 S Main**August 12, 10a-12p:** at *Colville Farmers Market***August 25, 11a-1p:** at *Chewelah Farmers Market***September 9, 10a-12p:** at *Colville Farmers Market***September 22, 11a-3p:** at *Chewelah Farmers Market*

NOTE: You may also bring your canner lid to our office during office hours. Call first to make sure the tester is working that day!

**PLANT PROBLEM? GARDEN PEST? Ask a Master Gardener!****Mondays, 9-11am — Answer/Plant Clinic @ WSU Extension office (closed Labor Day)**

- * **WALK-IN (986 S Main St, Suite D, Colville):** bring us a sample! **PLEASE SEAL** it in a see-through plastic container, like a Ziploc baggie or a jar with a lid

- * **CALL** 509-684-2588 (ask for Plant Clinic—only on Mondays, 9-11am)

- * **EMAIL** photos or questions with Subject Line "Plant Clinic" to: extensionstevens@wsu.edu

Saturday, Aug 12th & Sep 9th — Booth at *Colville Farmers Market*, 9am-1pm**Friday, Aug 25th & Sep 22nd — Booth** at *Chewelah Farmers Market*, 11am-3:30pm**FIND OUR BOOTH next to the CENTER STAGE at the NE WA Fair**

We will have information about composting, beekeeping, soil amendments, and many other topics: soil-testing, gardening, vegetables, growing fruit, lawns, weeds, and pests.

For information about our Master Gardener program: [Master Gardeners | Stevens County](https://www.wsu.edu/extension/stevens/master-gardener) or contact [Linda Teller](mailto:Linda.Teller@wsu.edu), 509-684-2588

