

SNAP-ED

We are collaborating with Lewis and Thurston County farmers markets, to promote SNAP Market Match program and WIC/Senior market check redemption. We are providing markets with weekly seasonal produce kid's coloring sheets and activity pages, as well as seasonal "Farm Fresh" recipe handouts, promoting uncommon/unfamiliar veg. SNAP-Ed is reaching out to rural, underserved area markets in Lewis County, including Morton, Toledo, Pe Ell, Packwood and Winlock, to explore potential partnerships.



4-H PROGRAM

2020 has been a year of learning how to do what we know in new ways. Although 4-H programs and events have not been held in person for several months, by using the 4-H philosophy "learn by doing," 4-H youth and leaders continue to successfully work together virtually on their projects. We are creating online contests, such as posters, crafts, kitchen activities, and public presentations. In addition, leaders of the animal projects are now planning virtual

shows so the youth may not only showcase what they have learned about their projects this year, but also have the chance to qualify for the State Fair.



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EXTENSION

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES — JUNE 2020



Cattle entered new grazing paddock, Riverbend Ranch



Camas plants setting seed

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Rotational grazing trials continued at Riverbend Ranch, Colvin Ranch and Fisher Ranch this spring and early summer. The picture above shows cattle moving eagerly into new grazing paddocks constructed at Riverbend Ranch on six acres for this project. In "conservation grazing" systems in the region, cattle are deferred from certain paddocks while native prairie plants grow and set seed (shows in the picture of camas seedpods). Owners at Riverbend Ranch have long been interested in rotational, conservation grazing, but took the plunge as part of this prairie grazing study. Since starting, they have included another 7 acres pasture in rotational grazing management to continue to experiment with the practice.



WATER RESOURCES — NATIVE PLANT SALVAGE

The program successfully held a fully online sale in early June, supplying 263 Thurston County homes with 3,500 native and drought-tolerant plants to enhance their landscapes for wildlife and water-quality benefits! The team developed extensive Covid-safe guidelines, including minimum 8-foot distancing, masks, and vigorous sanitation, and collaborated in very small groups of 5 or fewer—meaning a Herculean effort for a very small number of volunteers and staff! Many volunteers supported the effort from the safety of their homes, and all together, a small-but-mighty group of only 25 volunteers contributed a total of 1,412 volunteer-only hours, supported by additional substantial staff and AmeriCorps hours. In addition to creating new habitat and beautifying landscapes, the sale raised enough funding to support an AmeriCorps placement for 2020-21!

