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## The AG Sounder Newsletter

July 2024

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The Ag Sounder? Let us know!



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## Food Northwest HACCP in Spanish

Thursday - July 25th  
Online

This course introduces food industry professionals to the concepts of HACCP in Spanish. Through group exercises and discussions, participants will learn to identify hazards associated with food production: microbiological, chemical, and physical. Participants will leave with a better understanding of key concepts for implementing and maintaining a HACCP based food safety management system.

Nina Parkinson will walk attendees through the principals needed to enhance their critical thinking skills related to food safety and HACCP systems. Emphasis will be focused on microbial food safety, understanding and evaluating flow diagrams, hazard analysis,

Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

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# Farm and Orchard Tours

Join us for a public farm and nursery tour, with our founder Michael Dolan leading the way as we share with you our 20 acres of organic fruits and nuts.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

**Saturday, July 20th, 2024**

**10am - 12pm *or* 1:30 - 3:30pm**

**Saturday, August 17th**

**10am - 12pm *or* 1:30 - 3:30pm**

**Saturday, September 14th**

**10am - 12pm *or* 1:30 - 3:30pm**



Single Tickets: **\$15.00** 🌿 Party of 3: **\$35.00** 🌿 Party of 4: **\$40.00**

*For tickets go to [www.burntridgenursery.com](http://www.burntridgenursery.com) or call **360-985-2873***

We'll view our crop plants, including hazelnuts, chestnuts, figs, grapes, blueberries, kiwis, and more!

Cultivation and propagation techniques will be discussed, as well as varieties that do well here in the Pacific Northwest.

A fruit sample plate will be provided after the tour.

*Live plants, organic produce, and preserved foods will be available for purchase.*



Click [here](#) for more information & tickets.

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## Apiaries, Bees, & Community Workshop

Saturday - July 27  
2016 Elliot Ave NW  
Olympia, WA 98502

You're invited to gather for an on-farm learning circle and conversation for women and non-binary military veteran farmers, hosted by American Farmland Trust and Garden Raised Bounty (GRuB)! If you've been curious about how to incorporate bees into your farm, for both pollination and to produce a product, this learning circle is a great place to start!

Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

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**DUPONT  
FARMERS  
MARKET  
2024**

**THURSDAYS, 3-7 PM**

**June 27**

**July 11, 18, 25**

**August 1, 8, 15, 29**

**September 5**

**[dupontwa.gov/566/Farmers-Market](https://dupontwa.gov/566/Farmers-Market)**

**CLOCKTOWER PARK -**

**1400 PALISADE BLVD. DUPONT, WA.**



Click [here](#) to learn more.



Thurston County Fair is this coming Wednesday July 31st through Sunday August 4th. Enjoy this quintessential family event combining youth educational projects with FFA and 4-H members, rides, community artwork, food entries, flower arrangements, indulgent fair food, and plenty of community and educational exhibits on farming, natural resource conservation, ecological restoration, farmland protection, raising livestock of all kinds and sizes, science, sewing, robotics, shooting sports, photography, and much more!

Click [here](#) for more information & to purchase tickets.



# Steve Stinson Legacy Family Forest Field Day

Saturday - August 10  
Longview, WA 98632

Whether you own a “home in the woods” or many acres of land, this “out in the woods” educational event is packed with practical “how-to” information that you need to know.

Stewarding land is both rewarding and challenging. Successful management is due to the decisions you make and the actions you take. Attending the Family Forest Field Day will prepare you to plan and execute sound practices, enabling you to accomplish your management objectives, reduce risks, and protect your financial investment. Don't own land but are still interested in learning more about forests?

All are welcome! Maybe you're thinking about buying some forestland but want to see what you're getting into? This is a great opportunity to learn about what to look out for when buying forestland.

Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

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## Water Resource Drought Response Grant Opportunity

Washington State Department of Ecology issued a Drought Emergency Declaration on April 16, 2024. On April 10, 2024, the state Executive Water Emergency Committee determined that specific areas in Washington meet the statutory criteria for drought conditions described in Chapter 43.83B RCW, "water supply is less than 75 percent of normal, resulting in undue hardships to water users and the environment." Under SHB 1138, Emergency Drought Response, funding became available to alleviate immediate conditions from this drought. The adopted emergency drought funding rule, Chapter 173-167 WAC, remains effective until Aug. 14, 2024.

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

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# Farms Forever Dinner

A farm-to-table dinner and ask to benefit farmland preservation in the South Sound.

**Live Auction • Local Farm Fresh Food • Live Music**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dani Madrone** — *American Farmland Trust*

Saturday **August 17th**  
**4 - 8pm**

**Little Creek Casino Resort**  
91 WA-108 • Shelton

Purchase your tickets at:

<https://auctria.events/2024FarmsForever>



Click [here](#) for more information & to purchase tickets.

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# EXPLORE YOUR FARM DREAMS

## EXPLORE LOS PASOS HACIA UNA GRANJA

Set goals

Assess Resources

Explore Enterprises

Build Networks

This workshop is designed to help you explore the development of a small farm enterprise and create a plan of action for achieving your small farm dreams

*Este taller está diseñado para ayudarlo a explorar el desarrollo de una empresa agrícola y crear un plan de acción para lograr sus sueños de pequeña granja*

**Date:** Monday August 19th  
**Time:** 6pm-9pm  
**Format:** Statewide live virtual Zoom class with Spanish interpretation  
**Cost:** \$15.00



**Dia:** Lunes 19 de agosto  
**Hora:** 6pm-9pm  
**Formato:** Clase virtual por Zoom en todo el estado con interpretación en español  
**Costo:** \$15.00



Scholarships available to anyone for whom the class fee is a barrier

*Becas disponibles para cualquier persona para quien la tarifa de la clase sea una barrera*

Registration: <https://www.cultivatingsuccesswa.org/explore-your-farm-dreams>

Establecer metas

Evaluar recursos

Explorar empresas

Hacer conexiones



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Click [here](#) to learn more and register.



## Tilth Alliance Food Safety Survey

Tilth Alliance is gathering data as a baseline to better understand Washington's small to midsized farms food safety practices, as part of the Local Food Safety Collaborative's nationwide efforts.

This information will help to inform outreach, education, and training to enhance food safety and understanding of the FSA Food Modernization Act (FSMA) guidelines. The survey is estimated to take between 10-15 minutes to complete.

All survey responders will be entered in a drawing to win two free tickets to this year's Tilth Conference or a \$250 gift card to Johnny's for seeds, tools, or supplies!

This year's **Tilth Conference** will feature three days of activities including more than 25 producer-focused workshops, lectures and panel discussions, a half-day research symposium, a vibrant two-day trade show, engaging national keynotes, a policy roundtable, social events and more.

Tilth Conference speakers present on a range of topics covering a variety of scales, experience levels and interests — from implementing new technology to developing expanding markets; from building food resiliency to creating change through political advocacy.

Click [here](#) to take the survey.

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## Farm Photography Judges Needed

Would you like to help local agriculture be more visible and more understandable to consumers and the general public? The WSU Extension agriculture team is seeking farmers and non-farmers from Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, or Thurston Counties to help judge a farm photography contest. The time commitment for judging would be only two to three 30 to 40 minute meetings over the remainder of 2024. This is an opportunity to help farmers and farms be more visible using public arts venues. Please consider joining for this artistic, practical, and educational effort.

*"In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught."* Baba Dioum, Senegalese Forestry Engineer

Please contact [bramwell@wsu.edu](mailto:bramwell@wsu.edu) to express interest.

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## USDA Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops Program

Did your specialty crop operation recently incur on-farm food safety program expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification? You may be eligible for financial assistance through USDA's Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops Program (FSCSC) for 2024 and 2025.

FSCSC provides funds to specialty crop operations that incur eligible on-farm food safety program expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification. FSCSC will cover a percentage of the specialty crop operation's cost of obtaining or renewing their certification, as well as a percentage of their related expenses.

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

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## Sustainable Mulch Management Newsletter

The spring/summer edition of the Washington State University e-newsletter, *Sustainable Mulch Management*, is now available! Access the current edition, review past editions, or refer a friend to sign up for the free newsletter on our [Mulch Technologies website](#).

This edition includes the following articles:

- Impact of mulching on specialty crop performance
- Developing a biobased weed barrier for direct-seeded, high density specialty crops
- PFAS are not present in soil-biodegradable plastic mulch
- Microplastics in agroecosystems: A growing concern beneath the surface!
- Do you want to recycle your agricultural chemical containers?

Click [here](#) to read the latest edition.

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# WHOLE FARM PLANNING

# PLANIFICACIÓN DE TODA LA GRANJA

*This course will be offered with Spanish language interpretation and facilitation. Este curso se ofrecerá con interpretación y facilitación en español.*

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.

There are scholarships available for anyone for whom the course fee is a barrier.



**CULTIVATING™  
SUCCESS**  
small farms education

Ya sea que este explorando nuevas oportunidades disponibles o que ya tenga una operación existente, aprenderá lo que se necesita para crear, sostener y hacer crecer su granja pequeña.

Hay becas disponibles para cualquier persona para quien la tarifa del curso sea una barrera.

## SUSTAINABLE SMALL FARMING AND RANCHING AGRICULTURA SOSTENIBLE DE PEQUEÑA ESCALA

Online course

Mondays 6pm -8pm

Sept. 23- Nov. 4

Field trip options Oct 5, 12 &19 throughout the state



Curso en línea

Lunes 6pm-8pm

23 de sept. - 4 de nov.

Opciones de visitas de campo el 5,12, y 19 de oct



<https://www.cultivatingsuccesswa.org/whole-farm-planning> 360-399-6052 (español)

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