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**EXTENSION**

## The AG Sounder Newsletter

July 2025

Do you have an event or story you would like featured in  
The Ag Sounder? Let us know!

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- SW Washington Grasslands & Grazing Photography Competition - Submissions accepted now through Nov 15th

- Explore Your Farm Dreams - August 18th
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Help support the Cougs with a donation to WSU College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Resource Sciences

Make a Gift Today!



Come to the Thurston County Fair and stop by the WSU Extension booth!

For more information and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

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ANNOUNCING: SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON GRASSLANDS & GRAZING

# Photography Contest!



Agricultural photography can convey stories about farming, natural resources, and the day-to-day lives of farmers.

No matter your skills, consider participating in this photography contest to showcase your work and tell the story of local, grass-based agriculture.

Farmers have the inside story, so producers themselves are encouraged to join in!



Submissions are accepted  
May 1<sup>st</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Click [here](#) to learn more.

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# EXPLORE YOUR FARM DREAMS

## EXPLORE LOS PASOS HACIA UNA GRANJA

Monday August 18th online via Zoom 6-9pm

*Lunes el 18 de agosto en línea con Zoom 6-9pm*

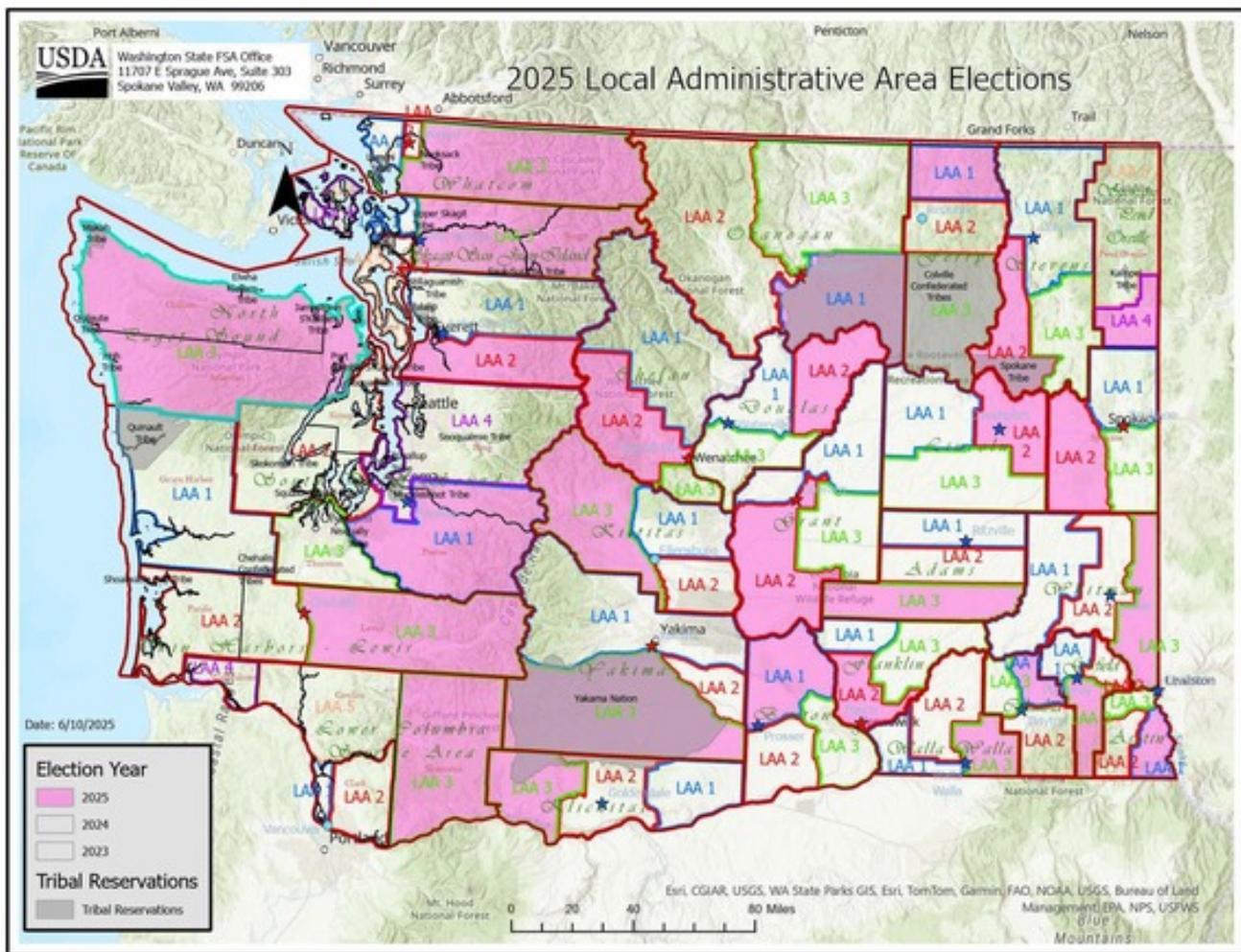


### Explore Your Farm Dreams Workshop

Dreaming of beginning or expanding your own small farm? The WSU Cultivating Success™ series of courses combines workshop and farmer-direct learning experiences to help foster the success of new and existing farms. First up in the series is **Explore Your Farm Dreams**, a 3-hour workshop designed to help you explore the development of a small farm enterprise offered on August 18th from 6-9pm.

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

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## Nominations Now Open for Farmers and Ranchers to Serve on USDA Farm Service Agency County Committees

Nominations are now being accepted for farmers and ranchers to serve on local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees. The County Committees play a significant role in executing and deciding on policy at the local level. Committee members are paid for their time and travel. The time commitment varies by county but is typically only a few hours per month.

All nomination forms for the 2025 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2025.

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

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Mondays online via Zoom / Los lunes en línea con Zoom 9/22 - 11/3 6:00pm-8:00pm

# WHOLE FARM PLANNING

## PLANIFICACIÓN DE

## TODA LA GRANJA



### Whole Farm Planning Course

The WSU Cultivating Success™ series of courses combines workshop and farmer-direct learning experiences to help foster the success of new and existing farms. The **Whole Farm Planning Course** will be held on Mondays, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, September 22 through November 3. Offered statewide, courses will be conducted online using the Zoom platform with in-person field trips available in regions of WA state. In addition, courses will be offered with Spanish language interpretation.

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



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