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## The AG Sounder Newsletter

### September 2025

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

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# PAINT\* & LEARN

20 SEP 2025, 12-4PM

Rochester, WA

Learn about local rangeland and pasture management with TCD and WSU Extension while painting, drawing, or otherwise artistically depicting local farm life. This event is in celebration of the International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralists and all are welcome.

Join a **guided painting class** or choose your own subject and medium. Participants are encouraged to bring their own art supplies - a limited amount will be provided.

Completed pieces will be welcomed for display at the TCD Harvest Festival.

**FREE! SNACKS PROVIDED!**

**RSVP FOR LOCATION DETAILS, SPACE IS LIMITED**

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\*ALL ARTISTIC  
MEDIUMS &  
SKILL LEVELS  
WELCOME.



**WSU Extension and Thurston Conservation District are combining two local favorites, art and agriculture, into one exciting event: Paint & Learn!**

Learn about local rangeland and pasture management while drawing, painting, or otherwise depicting local farm life. This event will celebrate the International Year of the Rangelands and Pastoralists and all are welcome. Completed pieces will be welcomed as displays at the upcoming Harvest Festival.

September 20, 2025  
12-4 PM, Rochester, WA

Register for the location, space is limited. Email Nora at  
[Nwhite@thurstoncd.com](mailto:Nwhite@thurstoncd.com) to register.

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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!



For more information:  
<https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/swwa-grasslands-arts/>

Click [here](#) to learn more.

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WSU EXTENSION CULTIVATING SUCCESS

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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## Global Agritourism Conference Scholarship Applications Now Open!

The Global Agritourism Conference is taking place from the 23rd-25th of June, 2026 in P&J Live, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Up to 100 funded places are available for agritourism entrepreneurs who might not otherwise be able to attend. We are looking for leaders or leaders in the making who will use the experience to develop agritourism in their respective region and globally, after the conference.

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

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## Local Food System Infrastructure Grant Now Open!

The purpose of the Local Food System Infrastructure Grant program is to support local food supply chains and market access for Washington farms, ranches, food processors, and food distributors. The grant funds projects that expand and strengthen collaboration across linkages in regional food supply chains in Washington. This includes equipment, and facilities for post-harvest handling (including slaughter), aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, distribution, or sale of Washington grown, caught, and raised food. There are two different project types and several different timelines. Please see the grant webpage to learn more. For grant questions please reach out to [localfoodinfrastructure@agr.wa.gov](mailto:localfoodinfrastructure@agr.wa.gov).

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

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