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Our Goals

• Build public support for agriculture
• Preserve Washington farmland for food and fiber production
• Help farms adopt practices that are sustainable—economically, socially, and environmentally
• Unify farmers and consumers in developing local markets and community food access

Team Programs

Cultivating Success Courses
www.cultivatingsuccess.org

Conferences & Workshops

Immigrant Farmer Programs

Annual Harvest Celebrations
(Held in the Fall)

Publication Series
Farming the Northwest

Website and E-mail Listserve
www.smallfarms.wsu.edu

Quarterly Newsletter
Sustaining the Pacific Northwest

We’re here to help. If you have a question about small farming, contact us or check out our web site www.smallfarms.wsu.edu

WSU’s Small Farms Team works with communities to foster profitable family farms, land and water stewardship, and access to healthy food.

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Family-Scale Farming:
Resources that Fit

WSU’s Small Farms Team conducts research, teaching, and outreach for small- and mid-sized family-owned farms. Team members come from a wide variety of specialties and are based in WSU programs, state agencies, and non-profit organizations.

The team members help these farms manage the current realities facing agriculture: development pressure, increased costs, environmental regulations, and competition from global markets. The team helps family farmers identify and meet personal and financial goals.

At the farm level, team members keep growers informed of the latest research on economically and environmentally sound farming practices. This includes traditional, as well as new crops and livestock alternatives. In communities, team members work with local partners to develop sustainable food projects, promote improved nutrition, and spur economic development through processing and marketing infrastructure. The team also helps enhance farm viability by increasing consumer purchases of locally-grown food.

Strategic Initiatives

Educational Resources for Farmers

• University & Extension Courses:
  ➢ Entrepreneurship & Farm Business Planning
  ➢ Sustainable Production & Food Systems
  ➢ On-Farm Internships
• Small Farm Demonstration Projects
• Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, Field Days
• Web site, Publications, E-mail Lists
• Immigrant Farmer Programs

Outreach to Communities

• Public support for farm viability
• Access to fresh, nutritious farm products
• Impacts of food buying choices
• Community & economic development
• Community health & nutrition
• Policy research and education

Team-Based Research

• Interdisciplinary research with farmers
• Direct market and consumer research
• Enhancement of soils, water, and wildlife habitat
• Innovative pest management strategies
• Farmers’ market research & development
• Land use studies

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