

Farming Resources on the Internet

Washington- Government Resources & Information

Agricultural Workforce in Washington State (PDF report)

Report covers trends in agriculture, and how these trends affect agricultural workers in Washington State.

http://www.workforceexplorer.com/admin/uploadedPublications/2826_AgricReport-03WE.pdf

County Profiles- Washington (PDF report)

Detailed reports of labor and economic characteristics by county, including agricultural information.

<http://www.wa.gov/esd/lmea/pubs/profiles/profiles.htm>

Guide for Small Business in Washington State (PDF report)

A general guide for Washington residents who are starting or already own a small business. Provides contact information for state agencies and other organizations that assist small business owners in a variety of ways.

http://www.choosewashington.com/content_downloads/113_2009_Guide_for_Small_Business.pdf

Thurston Geodata Center

Information on soil type, water sources, value and more for land parcels in Thurston County.

<http://www.geodata.org/>

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)

The WSDA “carries out a broad spectrum of activities that support the producers, distributors, and consumers of Washington's food and agricultural products.”

<http://agr.wa.gov/>

WSDA Future of Farming Strategic Plan

“A statewide strategic plan for Washington agriculture submitted to the Legislature and the Governor in February 2009.”

<http://agr.wa.gov/FoF/>

WSDA Small Farm & Direct Marketing Program

Resources to help small farms with effective marketing strategies.

<http://agr.wa.gov/Marketing/SmallFarm/default.aspx>

Municipal Research & Services Center of Washington (MRSC) - Farmland Preservation Techniques and Sustainable Agriculture Links

An exhaustive directory of links about farming and sustainable agriculture.

<http://www.mrsc.org/subjects/planning/farmland.aspx>

Washington- Academic Resources & Information

Northwest Berry & Grape Information Network

“The Northwest Berry & Grape Information Network is the most comprehensive information and communications resource for berry and grape production practices, research, and marketing.”

<http://berrygrape.org/>

WSU Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources (CSANR)

Created by the Washington state legislature in 1991, “CSANR leads efforts in sustainable agriculture, food, and natural resource systems that are economically viable, environmentally sound, and socially responsible.”

<http://csanr.wsu.edu/>

WSU Cooperative Extension- Grays Harbor County

WSU master gardener program for Grays Harbor County- “To provide public education in gardening and home horticulture based on researched-based information from WSU Extension.”

<http://graysharbor.wsu.edu/>

WSU Cooperative Extension- Lewis County

WSU master gardener program for Lewis County- “To provide public education in gardening and home horticulture based on researched-based information from WSU Extension.”

<http://lewis.wsu.edu/mg/>

WSU Cooperative Extension- Mason County

WSU master gardener program for Mason County- “To provide public education in gardening and home horticulture based on researched-based information from WSU Extension.”

<http://mason.wsu.edu/MG/Index.html>

WSU Cooperative Extension- Pacific County

WSU master gardener program for Pacific County- “To provide public education in gardening and home horticulture based on researched-based information from WSU Extension.”

<http://pacific.wsu.edu/>

WSU Cooperative Extension- Thurston County

WSU master gardener program for Thurston County- “To provide public education in gardening and home horticulture based on researched-based information from WSU Extension.”

<http://thurston.wsu.edu/MasterGardener/>

WSU Farmfinder- Washington & Oregon

Searchable database provides information on Washington farms, farmer’s markets, crops, and harvesting schedules.

http://smallfarms.wsu.edu/farms/name_result.asp

WSU Puyallup Plant & Insect Diagnostic Laboratory

Assists in diagnosis and resolution of plant issues due to insect infestation.

<http://www.puyallup.wsu.edu/plantclinic/index.html>

WSU Small Farms Team

“Washington State University Small Farms Team provides research-based information and educational programs for farmers, consumers, decision-makers, and others involved in local food systems.”

<http://smallfarms.wsu.edu/>

Washington- Financial Assistance

PCC Farmland Trust

“PCC Farmland Trust secures, preserves and stewards threatened farmland in the Northwest, to ensure that generations of local farmers productively farm it using sustainable, organic growing methods.”

<http://www.pccnaturalmarkets.com/farmtrust/index.html>

Washington- Associations & Organizations

Cascade Harvest Coalition

“Cascade Harvest Coalition is a non-profit organization dedicated to re-localizing the food system in Washington State by more directly connecting consumers and producers.”

<http://www.cascadeharvest.org/>

Dairy Farmers of Washington

“The Washington Dairy Products Commission, a state agency, is certified by the USDA to manage producer funds collected for the purpose of building demand for milk and other dairy products via a number of business development activities - including dairy promotion, consumer education, and issues/crisis management programs - that support Washington State's second largest agricultural commodity.”

<http://www.havemilk.com/>

Puget Sound Fresh

A subdivision of the Cascade Harvest Coalition, “Puget Sound Fresh is a buy local program that supports producers operating in any of the 12 Puget Sound Counties: Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Thurston, Jefferson, Clallam, Kitsap, Mason, Island and San Juan.”

<http://www.pugetsoundfresh.org/>

South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust

“Promoting vibrant local food and farming systems through community supported farmland preservation strategies, partnerships that increase opportunities for farms and farmers to flourish, and public educational outreach.”

<http://communityfarmlandtrust.org/>

Thurston Conservation District

“The Thurston Conservation District promotes voluntary stewardship among private landowners in Thurston County.”

<http://www.thurstoncd.com/>

Tilth Producers- a Chapter of the Washington Tilth Association

“Tilth Producers of Washington, a Chapter of Washington Tilth Association, is the premier organic farming and sustainable agriculture organization of Washington State.”

<http://tilthproducers.org/>

Tilth Producers Directory

“A Washington Guide to Organic and Sustainable Growers, Food and Farm Suppliers and Resources.”

<http://www.tilthproducers.org/directory/tpdirportal.htm>

Washington Organic Tree Fruit Growers Association

“The Washington Organic Tree Fruit Growers Association supports the production of organic tree fruit in Washington State.”

<http://www.washingtonorganic.com/>

Washington State Farmers Market Association

“WSFMA supports and promotes vibrant and sustainable farmers markets in Washington State.”

<http://www.wafarmersmarkets.com/>

Washington Sustainable Food and Farming Network

“The Washington Sustainable Food & Farming Network (the Network) is a grassroots, statewide advocacy organization for sustainable agriculture and family farms in Washington State.”

<http://www.wsffn.org/>

Federal Resources

USDA Aquaculture Automated Database Searches

“Conduct automated, real-time, searches to locate current resources on aquaculture.”

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/aqua/aquasearch.shtml>

USDA Farmer’s Market Guide

USDA’s portal for information about farmer’s markets in the US, including a directory of US Farmer’s markets and resources on starting a farmer’s market in your community.

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/farmersmarkets>

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)

“Farm Service Agency is equitably serving all farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans.”

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>

USDA National Agriculture Library

Digital library resources from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/>

USDA Publications- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA's)

USDA's portal for information about community supported agriculture, aka "farm shares" where the community pledges to support a local farm by purchasing "shares" of the farm's crops in advance.

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/csa/csa.shtml>

National Associations & Organizations

American Dairy Science Association

"The American Dairy Science Association provides leadership in scientific and technical support to sustain and grow the global dairy industry through generation, dissemination, and exchange of information and services."

<http://www.adsa.org/>

American Farmland Trust

"American Farmland Trust is committed to protecting the nation's best farm and ranch land and improving the economic viability of agriculture...AFT works with federal, state and local leaders and communities to develop legislation, implement policies and execute programs that keep farmers on their land and protect our environment."

<http://www.farmland.org/>

Center for Rural Affairs

Nebraska organization that seeks to "establish strong rural communities, social and economic justice, environmental stewardship, and genuine opportunity for all while engaging people in decisions that affect the quality of their lives and the future of their communities."

<http://www.cfra.org/>

Community Alliance with Family Farmers (California)

"The Community Alliance with Family Farmers advocates for California family farmers and sustainable agriculture."

<http://www.caff.org/>

Community Food Security Coalition (Oregon)

"The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) is a non-profit... organization dedicated to building strong, sustainable, local and regional food systems that ensure access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food for all people at all times."

<http://www.foodsecurity.org/>

Ecotrust's Food & Farm Program

"We improve public understanding of agriculture and the challenges it faces, increase the market share of locally grown, processed, and manufactured foods, and share the abundance of our region with eaters from all walks of life."

<http://www.ecotrust.org/foodfarms/>

Farmers' Legal Action Group

“Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc. (FLAG) is a nonprofit law center dedicated to providing legal services to family farmers and their rural communities in order to help keep family farmers on the land.”

<http://www.flaginc.org/>

Food Alliance

“Food Alliance is a nonprofit organization that certifies farms, ranches and food handlers for sustainable agricultural and facility management practices.”

<http://www.foodalliance.org/>

Land Stewardship Project

“The Land Stewardship Project (LSP) is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1982 to foster an ethic of stewardship for farmland, to promote sustainable agriculture and to develop sustainable communities.”

<http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/>

Local Harvest

The Local Harvest website is an online directory of farmer's markets, family farms, and other sources of sustainably grown food. Their motto is “real food, real farmers, real community.”

<http://www.localharvest.org/>

National Family Farm Coalition

“National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) unites and strengthens the voices and actions of its diverse grassroots members to demand viable livelihoods for family farmers, safe and healthy food for everyone, and economically and environmentally sound rural communities.”

<http://www.nffc.net/>

National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service

The National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service “provides information and other technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, Extension agents, educators, and others involved in sustainable agriculture in the United States.”

<http://attra.ncat.org/>

Organic Farming Research Foundation

The Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) seeks to “foster the improvement and widespread adoption of organic farming systems.”

<http://ofrf.org/>

Pesticide Action Network- North America

“Pesticide Action Network North America (PAN North America, or PANNA) works to replace the use of hazardous pesticides with ecologically sound and socially just alternatives.”

<http://www.panna.org/>

Rodale Institute

Rodale Institute is a nonprofit organization that promotes farm worker's rights, organic farming, and sustainability in agriculture. Rodale Institute's New Farm journal provides "farmer-to-farmer resources, articles and personal stories that explain how to make regenerative farming profitable and build supportive communities."

<http://rodaleinstitute.org/home>

Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group

"The Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group is a non-profit organization bringing together diverse individuals and groups working in sustainable agriculture and food systems to share successful models, realize our collective strengths, build regional capacity and inform the agriculture policy debate."

<http://www.westernsawg.org/>

General Financial Assistance

Farm Subsidy Database

Environmental Working Group's farm subsidy database. "EWG supports broad-based reform of federal farm policy by expanding farmland conservation programs to increase assistance especially to the bottom 90% of farm subsidy recipients as well as those completely left out of the current system."

<http://farm.ewg.org/farm/index.php>

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

SARE provides "grants and outreach to advance sustainable innovations to the whole of American agriculture."

<http://www.sare.org/>

General Reference Resources

Aquaculture Resources Directory

Resources with content relating to aquaculture, mariculture, agriculture, aquaponics, sustainability, fish/seafood products and related topics.

<http://www.northernaquafarms.com/links.html>

Basic Seed Saving- International Seed Saving Institute

Provides seed saving instructions for 27 common vegetables. The ISSI's goal is "to help people become truly self-reliant in their own food and seed production."

http://www.seedsave.org/issi/issi_904.html

Capital Press Agricultural Newsletter

Capital Press Agricultural Newsletter is an independent weekly farm and ranch newspaper that serves California, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and other western states.

<http://www.capitalpress.info/>

Farm Journal (full text articles also available in Proquest & General OneFile databases)

“Farm Journal, the largest national U.S. farm magazine, is a prime source of practical information on crops and livestock for farm families. Published 12 times a year, the magazine emphasizes agricultural production, technology and policy.”

<http://www.agweb.com/FarmJournal/Default.aspx>

Land Stewardship Project’s “Ear to the Ground” podcast

“LSP’s Ear to the Ground is an audio podcast produced by the Land Stewardship Project. It features interviews and presentations related to sustainable agriculture, rural development, local food and farming systems, agricultural policy and social justice.”

<http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/podcast.html>

Milk Production site

Milkproduction.com contains a digital reference library addressing all aspects of the dairy business, so farmers “involved in milk production can find information that will help them make better business decisions.”

<http://www.milkproduction.com/>

SPIN Farming

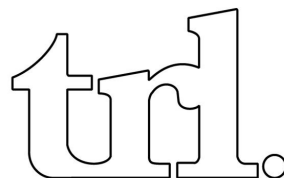
“SPIN-Farming is a non-technical, easy-to-learn and inexpensive-to-implement vegetable farming system that makes it possible to earn significant income from land bases under an acre in size.” SPIN stands for S-small P-lot IN-tensive.

<http://spinfarming.com/>

Understanding Dairy Markets

“Your source for market information and price risk management principles.” Site was created by Professor Brian W. Gould from the University of Wisconsin Dairy Marketing and Risk Management Program.

<http://future.aae.wisc.edu/>



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