

EXTENSION TO SPONSOR REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR AG PRODUCERS

Washington State University Extension and the Oregon State University Extension Service announce an upcoming educational program called the “Mid-Columbia Farm Enterprise Investigation Series.” This program is designed for experienced agricultural producers interested in changing, adding or expanding their enterprise(s) as well as new landowners interested in investigating agricultural production options for their property. At the conclusion of the series, participants will have produced a farm enterprise plan and be able to make a decision about viability of the enterprise they are considering.

“This series is designed for anyone who wants help investigating a farm product they are considering producing or developing” said Susan Kerr, WSU-Klickitat County Extension Director. “We’ve tailored the program to meet the diverse needs of current and future producers in the Mid-Columbia Area.”

The series will be conducted at the Mountain View Grange, 1085 Main St. in White Salmon, WA on Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and Jan. 23. Topics to be addressed include Developing a Farm Plan; Sustainability Concepts; Farm Resource Evaluation and Financing; Enterprise Assessment; Equipment and Facilities; Sustainable Crop Production; Soil Properties and Management; Pest and Weed Management; Sustainable Animal Production; Sustainable Grazing Management; Direct Marketing; E-Commerce; Developing a Marketing Plan; Enterprise Budgets and Financial Viability; and Tools for Success. Local and regional presenters will include experienced farmers, agency representatives, Extension educators and other experts. Each session will include time for questions and answers, networking and discussion.

The cost of the series is \$25 per family; need-based scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required to ensure sufficient classroom materials. Please pre-register by contacting Tim Shatraw at 509-773-5817 or tshatraw@wsu.edu. Payment is not required until the first class on Nov. 14. Use the same contact information for answers to questions about the program.

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