



**Water, Labor, Economic Viability, Innovation and
Leadership**

Friday, February 16th

WSU NWREC

16650 S.R. 536, Mount Vernon, WA

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Agenda

Friday morning, Feb 16th

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| 9 am | Registration |
| 9:15 am | Introduction/Opening remarks: Don McMoran, WSU Skagit County Extension. |
| 9:30 am | Action Team 1: Water |
| | Objective: To educate the Skagit Agricultural Community on water rights and availability. |
| 9:30 am | John Rose— Washington State Department of Ecology
Peter Ojala— Snohomish Law firm |
| 10:15 am | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:30 am | Action Team 2: Labor |
| | Objective: Highlight the need for farmers and farm workers to come together. |
| | Labor Law
Sarah Wixsom— Stokes Lawrence Law |
| | Local Labor Perspective
Jennifer Lund and Annelise Vance-Sherman
— Worksource |
| 11 am | Action Team 3: Economic Viability |
| | Objective: The continued economic viability of Skagit Agriculture. |
| | Andrew Miller, Agricultural Economic Development
EDASC |
| | Stacie Pratschner, Senior Planner—Skagit County |



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11:30 am

Innovation

Moderator: David Bauermeister

Objective: To educate the Skagit Agricultural Community on Innovation that is occurring in Skagit County.

- Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ) Partners

12 pm

Lunch

12:30 pm

Skagit Agricultural Leadership for the Next 20 years

Moderator: Don McMoran

Objective: The continued viability of Skagit Agriculture.

Skagit County Government:

Ron Wesen, Ken Dahlsteadt and Lisa Janicki

1 pm

Commercial Agriculture:

Michael Hughes—Hughes Farms

Charlie Dykstra—Dykstra Farms

1:30 pm

Food Processing:

Dave Green—Skagit Malting

Patrick Mateer – Seal the Season

2 pm

Agritourism

Trevor Lane—WSU Extension Ferry County

2:30pm

Young and Beginning Farmers

Michael Frazier—Viva Farms

Amy Morrison—Mount Vernon FFA

3 pm

Export—Julie Johnson – WSDA

Janet Bauermeister—U.S. Commercial Service
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| 3:30 pm | Research: "Starting at the Finish Line: Perspectives about the Past and Future of Agricultural Research in Skagit County"

Dr. Debbi Inglis– WSU NWREC |
| 4 pm | Break |
| 4:15 pm | <i>Visioning: Knowing what we have learned from the previous session, What does Skagit County Agriculture look like in 2037? Break into 7 groups (Commercial Ag, Food Processing, Agritourism, Government, Young and Beginning Farmers, Export and Research) Think, pair and share.</i> |
| 4:45 pm | Synthesizing Discussion: Reframing the Top Priorities from each session.

Chad Kruger– WSU NWREC |
| 5 pm | Closing and Evaluation |
| 5:15 pm | Networking |



LOCAL FOOD & FARM MIXER

Join us Friday evening
directly following the Skagit Ag Summit for a taste of
Craft Beer
and **small bites** made from local ingredients by
TBD

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5:00-6:00 PM
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