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## The AG Sounder Newsletter



## September 2023

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## Celebrate Taste Washington Day

Wednesday, October 4th

Taste Washington Day is a day for school districts around the state to celebrate Farm to School and local agriculture. This year, on Wednesday, October 4th nutrition services staff, school gardeners, teachers, administrators, and volunteers all over Washington will serve school meals with local ingredients and do activities to help children learn about the farms that feed us.

Cafeterias across the state celebrate how Farm to School looks in their district by featuring local and Washington-grown products, farmers sign up to supply ingredients or speak at a local school, school gardeners host classes or lunchtime in the garden, and teachers do food and agriculture related lessons in the classroom.

Farmers can sign up to join the list of participating farms for Taste Washington Day. WSDA will share your contact information and product availability with participating schools.

If you are interested in other farm-to-school opportunities please contact Stephen Bramwell at [bramwell@wsu.edu](mailto:bramwell@wsu.edu)





## Resilerator Northwest: Business Skills Intensive For Mid-Scale Farms

FARMER CAMPUS PORTAL,  
VIA VIRTUAL ZOOM PLATFORM

[Register Here](#)

### *Looking to grow your farm business into a thriving and resilient enterprise?*

Seeking a strong foundation to scale up your production and systems? The Resilerator is like a business accelerator, but with an emphasis on long term sustainability instead of the rapid pursuit of short term profits.

Join Northwest Agriculture Business Center for an 11 week business skills intensive. Limited to a small number of growers, this cohort-based program will meet weekly from October to December 2023 for discussions with experts and farmer peer-to-peer support.

Our program will begin with each participant completing a thorough Business Resilience Self-assessment. During the program, participants will use the self-assessment to identify goals and actions to be taken, and at the end of the program each participant will receive an hour of one-on-one technical assistance related to their goals.

Each week participants will watch a video on their own time, then come to class prepared with questions for an in-depth discussion. Each class will have a local farmer or service provider to provide a short presentation and enhance the discussion.

### MEET THE INSTRUCTORS



**Poppy Davis** is a business and policy adviser to agricultural, fishing, and food and beverage enterprises, as well as nonprofits, and local governments. She has been teaching small farm business, tax and accounting issues in various capacities her entire career. Previously she worked at the USDA, most recently as the National Program Leader for Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers. She began her career as a California CPA. She holds a JD from Drake University Law School, a Masters in Journalism from Georgetown, and a BS in Agricultural Economics from UC Davis.



**Winona Dorris** is a farm business advisor with 20+ years of experience advising business owners on accounting, tax, and insurance, with a focus on empowering communities who are more at risk for injustice. She is the great niece of Ed Scott, a Mississippi sharecropper and claimant of the Pigford lawsuit and settlement. Through her family's history, she understands the effect injustices have had on generations of people stripped of their livelihood. She has long career experience in finance and accounting as a CFO, and COO. Winona holds a BA in Economics and Accounting, a Masters in Business Administration, and a Masters in Taxation, and is licensed as an insurance agent and a tax preparer.

**Course Dates:** Class meets weekly Tuesdays from 9:00 am - 11:00 am Pacific from October 10th - December 19th with a break the week of November 21st.

**Course Fee:**  
Course requires a \$200 deposit which is fully refundable upon graduation from the course.

**Registration:**  
Priority application deadline August 1st, 2023. Applications will be accepted until the cohort reaches 20 farmers. Registration closes September 15th.

**Who is eligible to participate?**  
This agricultural intensive has been designed for (but not limited to) mid-scale farmers who:

- Operate in Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom, Lewis, Thurston, Grays Harbor, Pacific, Mason, or Pierce counties.
- Can commit to ~40 hours of time over three months.
- Have a current gross farm income of ~\$100,000 or higher annually.
- Have been in operation for three or more years.
- Have been selling wholesale at least one year or accessing market channels beyond farmers market and CSA.

**Questions?** Contact Emily Manke at [emily@agbizcenter.org](mailto:emily@agbizcenter.org) or (360) 223-2008.

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WSSP 2023  
Annual Convention  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Yakima, WA



Save the date!

November 3-4, 2023

[wssp.org](http://wssp.org)

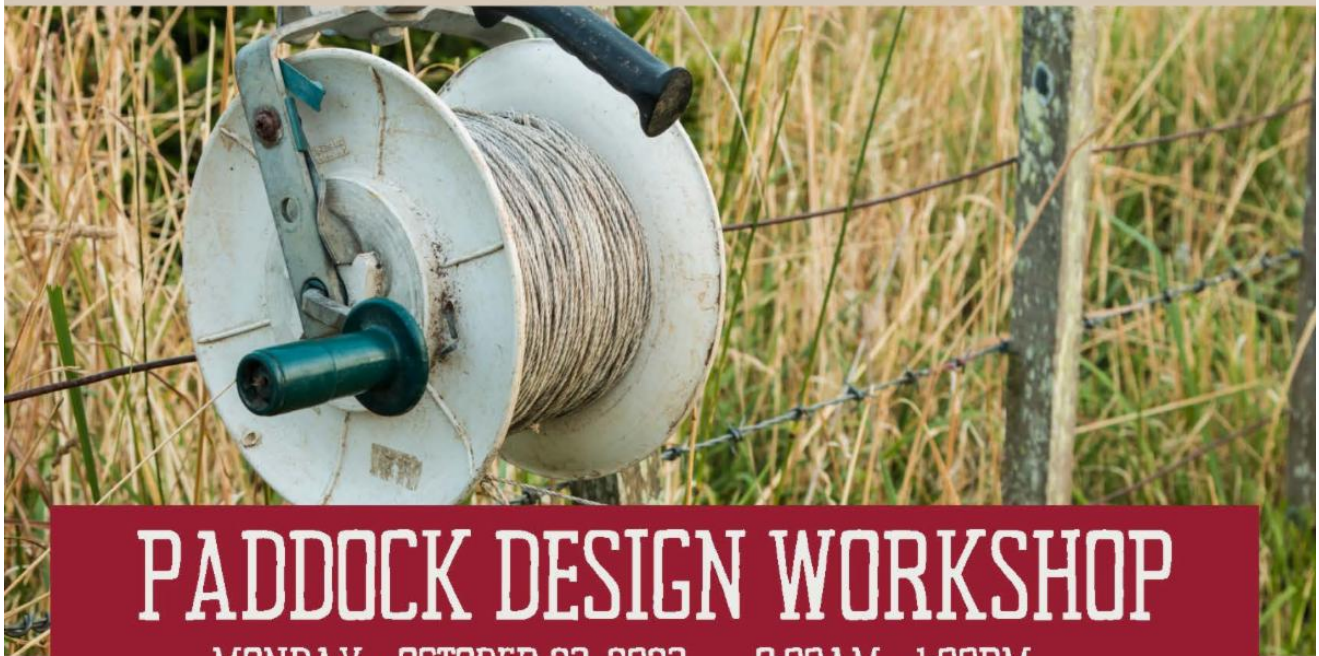
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Please email [washingtonsheep@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonsheep@gmail.com) for more information.

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# Paddock Design Workshop

MONDAY - OCTOBER 23, 2023 9:00AM - 1:00PM



## VIOLET PRAIRIE GRANGE

17028 VIOLET PRAIRIE RD.

TENINO, WA 98589

Learn and apply the fundamentals of rotational grazing paddock design.

Walk the new "Camas Demonstration Ranch" and then design its paddock layout including fencing, water, and animal handling infrastructure.

Lunch & refreshments provided  
Please bring rain gear

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## Ethnoveterinary Data in Britain & Ireland: Can Native Herbal Medicine Promote Animal Health?

Antibiotic and multi-antibiotic resistant is a problem in managing intestinal parasites in grazing animals. It is critical to use dewormers appropriately, and explore a variety of strategies to manage these pests. The study here is interesting work being done in England and Ireland exploring native herbal remedies for managing intestinal worm populations. This traditional ecological knowledge is at risk of being lost, and is potentially very helpful in pest management. We've also compiled some resources on a [WSU internal parasite management resource page](#).

Click [here](#) to read the full Ethnobotany Research & Applications article.

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## *Increasing Land Access, Security, and Opportunities Act*

There is an opportunity to communicate with Senators and Representatives about the Increasing Land Access, Security, and Opportunities Act (H.R. 3955, S.2340).

If enacted, this legislation would expand the USDA Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program and authorize \$100 million in annual funding for community-led solutions to the land access problem facing young and BIPOC farmers through the 2023 Farm Bill. This would provide resources to young farmers, ranchers, and others seeking equitable land access, retention, and transition options.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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## **Resources in Response to the Wildfires in Washington & Oregon**

In response to the recent wildfires in Washington & Oregon, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network has developed resources to help children, families, and communities navigate what they are seeing and hearing, acknowledge their feelings, and find ways to



cope together.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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## Mainstem Malt Opportunity - Salmon-Safe Malt Barley

Mainstem Malt is looking for someone who is interested in growing [Salmon-Safe](#), organically certifiable malt barley in Western Washington.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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## Managing Weeds on Your Farm Series

Farmers nationwide are tackling the challenge of using ecological principles to manage weeds using fewer herbicides. Understanding the biology of weeds is key to helping producers adopt innovative strategies that achieve strong yields while adapting to changing consumer preferences.

Three new videos from Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) illustrate how Klaas and Mary-Howell Martens manage weeds without chemicals on their 2,000-acre organic grain farm near Penn Yan, New York.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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