
Small Acreage Landholder Outreach Program 2021 Annual Report

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Executive Summary

The Small Acreage Program provided workshops and class-series for more than 437 participants in 2021 (Table 1). Of the workshops and class-series that took place, a significant majority of respondents agreed they would use what they learned to change their land management practices.

Table 1: Summary Statistics for Events

	Participants / Graduates	Acres Impacted	% Learning Something	Intend to Make Changes N(NR)
BMP Workshops*	43	**	75-100%	9(30)
Expo*	10	**	100%	8(23)
Harvest Celebration	274	325		
Living On the Land	16	81	100%	11(0)
Septic/Well WS*	58	**	84-100%	28(30)
Tours	36	96	100%	21(0)
	437	502		

*Likely underestimated, as only data for households in attendance was collected, as opposed to number of attendees.

** Data not available

Note: The BMP workshops data refers to the two BMP (Best Management Practice) workshops that were offered independently (Livestock and Pasture Management and Utilizing Cover Crops to Build Healthy Soils). The other BMP workshop (Weeds Management) was held in conjunction with the Living On the Land (LOL) class-series and that data is cumulatively recorded under LOL. The Well and Septic Workshops were averaged together.

Task 1 - Best Management Practices (BMPs) Guidelines

Task 1a – Information Resources

Throughout the year, the Coordinator adds announcements for all events and relevant materials where appropriate to the WSU Extension calendar (<http://extension.wsu.edu/clark/calendar/>); Small Acreage webpage (<http://extension.wsu.edu/clark/naturalresources/smallacreageprogram/>) and to the program Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/smallacreageprogram>).

The program also attempts to track public use of the many resources available on our website to determine demand and ascertain use. This includes factsheets, video clips, announcements, and general program information (Table 2). *Five Quick Steps to Reduce Mud* video clip continues to be the most viewed video clip in 2021.

Table 2: 2021 Small Acreage Webpage Activity

Video Clips	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	YTD
Manure Management	162	153	97	111	523
Five Quick Steps to Reduce Mud	1113	683	597	803	3196
Reducing Mud on Small Acreages	11	7	8	36	62
Five Ways to Protect Riparian Areas	65	50	20	42	177
Livestock Exclusion and Off Channel Watering	16	14	8	11	49
Managing Manure	12	19	12	26	69
Doing Our Part for Clean Water	7	8	4	14	33
Total Views	1386	934	746	1043	4109

Issues and Recommendations. The analytic sites for the factsheets and website visitors have changed and the coordinator will continue working to regain access to this data.

Task 1b – Publications

The coordinator submitted an article to *The Reflector* and to *The Columbian* newspapers to promote the Living on the Land (LOL) and Whole Farm Planning class-series. The article covered the land stewardship principles including topic areas in the LOL classes: resource inventory, soil, water, weeds, grazing, livestock, and manure.

The Get To-Gather Farm was highlighted for this year’s Harvest Celebration in the Camas – Washougal Post. This farm qualified for the Doing Our Part for Clean Water stewardship recognition program this year (Appendix A).

The following five factsheets and video clip were highlighted on Facebook and through the Small Acreage Listserv on the topic of reducing mud and keeping water clean. These factsheets were converted to webpages the previous year and also remain accessible as PDFs on the Small Acreage webpage at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/clark/naturalresources/smallacreageprogram/small-acreage-publications-and-videos/>:

Reduce Mud and Keep Water Clean:

- [Water Quality Assessment Guide](#)
- [Improving Drainage](#)
- [Managing Roof Runoff](#)
- [Sacrifice Areas](#)
- [Simple Steps to Protect Your Surface and Well Water](#)
- [Reducing Mud on Small Acreages](#) (video clip)

Issues and Recommendations. The Living on the Land article did not appear to be run by either *The Reflector* or *The Columbian*. The coordinator is working towards tracking the website traffic to the factsheet pages and Small Acreage Program webpage.

Task 2 - Public Education & Outreach

Task 2a – Establishing a Wider Mailing List

The program sent 1415 postcards to small acreage homeowners in three sub-watersheds of the East Fork Lewis River Watershed (Brezee, Jenny, and Rock Creeks) in July to advertise the remaining upcoming events for the year (Appendix A). The postcard also included a link the upcoming Poop Smart program from the Clark Conservation District.

Issues and Recommendations. There are none at this time.

Task 2b – Living on the Land: Stewardship for Small Acreages

The Living on the Land class-series, from October 6 to December 8. The coordinator promoted the LOL series at previous events, as well as in the East Fork Lewis River mailer postcard and Public Health's septic system inspection notifications.

Of those that filled out a pre-class survey, most (26%) heard about the LOL class through a Small Acreage Program event, followed by media and emails, both at 22%. Thirteen percent heard through other sources (Table 3). Two individuals heard about it through a Small Acreage Postcard sent targeting the East Fork watershed and two individuals were informed by the newspaper. One individual heard about this class-series by word of mouth. This data can be somewhat misleading since some participants heard about the course in multiple ways.

Table 3: How Participants Learned About the LOL Class

Source	Responses* (NR)
Small Acreage Events	6*
E-mails (office listservs, local partner newsletters)	5*
Media (Small Acreage Facebook / Extension Website)	5
Flyers (feed stores, veterinarians, and libraries)	0
Newspaper PR / Ads (The Reflector, Post-Record, The Columbian, and FYI)	2
Word of mouth	1
Small Acreage Postcard	2
Other	3
Total	23(0)

** = includes multiple responses from those that took the pre-survey*

Of the 18 households that registered, 16 participants from 12 households graduated by attending six or more classes, 12 (66.8%) households attended at least six of the ten class sessions, while five attended every session (Table 4). Twenty individuals attended four or more classes and 22 individuals attended three or more classes.

Table 4: LOL Attendance

Classes Attended	# Households	As % of Households
10	5	27.8%
9	3	16.7%
8	2	11.1%
7	1	5.6%
6	1	5.6%
5	0	0%
4	1	11.1%
3	1	5.6%
2	0	0%
1	2	11.1%
0	1	5.6%
Total	18	100%

The 12 households that graduated this class-series all came from Clark County (Table 5). This year most graduates came from south Clark County. Historically, most graduates have come from central Clark County.

Table 5. 2021 Geographic Distributions

Location		2021	City Totals (2003-2021)
North	Amboy	0	28
	La Center	1	100
	Ridgefield	1	128
	Yacolt	0	82
	Woodland (Clark Co.)	1	42
	Subtotal	3	380
Central	Battle Ground	1	306
	Brush Prairie	1	140
	Subtotal	2	446
South	Camas	1	158
	Vancouver	5	100
	Washougal	1	108
	Subtotal	7	366
Out of County		0	164
Totals		12	1356

Graduates managed at least 81 acres, with the average of 6.7 acres, well below the average 10.5 acres owned between 2003 and 2020 (Table 6). Fifty percent of the parcels were 5 acres or less. The largest acreage was 20 acres.

Table 6: 2021 Graduate Property Characteristics **

		2003 - 2020	2021	Total
# Graduates		1344	12	1356
# Properties		396	12	408
Ac Owned	Total Acreage	4,154	80.9	4154
	Avg Ac/ Property	10.5	8.9	10.4
	Smallest	0.1	0	0
	Largest	110.0	20	130
	< = 5 ac	184	6	190
	>5 - 10	105	4	109
	>10 - 20	47	2	49
	> 20 ac	45	0	45
Years On Land	Average	7	NA	7
	Least	0	NA	
	Most	66	NA	66
Land with:	Septic System	348	11	359
	Well	294	9	303

*** Not all graduates provided all information.*

Seven keep livestock, while six keep larger types of livestock: alpacas, goats, horses, pigs, and cattle (Table 7).

Table 7: 2021 Number of Livestock Owned*

Livestock	2003 - 2020	2021	Total
Poultry	3058	70	3128
Alpacas	307	0	307
Cattle	325	3	328
Horse / Donkey	316	4	320
Goats/ Sheep	533	30	563
Swine	145	0	145
Llama	58	1	59
Rabbits	471	0	471
Total	5213	108	5321

** Understates total since not all participants provided information.*

Knowledge Increases. Participants rated their knowledge on class topics before and after each workshop using a scale of one to five: a response of one equals poor, two fair, three average, four good and five excellent. Knowledge before and after the class was measured using a class self-evaluation. A change in knowledge of 1 indicates the respondents learned some, 2 they learned a moderate amount, 3 they learned a lot, and 4 indicates they learned an extreme amount. Across all class topics, at least 70% learned some to an extreme amount of knowledge. At least 30% of respondents learned a moderate to an extreme amount about the major topic areas (Table 8).

Table 8: 2021 LOL Knowledge Level Change

LOL Class	Knowledge Area	Before and After Class Knowledge Change (As percent of respondents averaged)					
		Same	1	2	3	4	N (NR)
Resource Inventory	Four topic areas: goal setting, considering neighbors, identifying assets and problems, considering financial and human resources	30%	41%	23%	5%	2%	11(3)
Pasture and Livestock	Four topic areas: grazing management for healthy grass, feed and forage needs of animals, sacrifice areas, and rotational grazing	20%	10%	10%	5%	55%	5(9)
Weeds Management	Four topic areas: weeds management plan considerations, life cycles of weeds, methods to manage weeds, identifying local weeds	25%	29%	33%	13%	0%	13(0)
Soils	Five topic areas: benefits of soil life and biodiversity, why compaction and erosion are problematic, major nutrients for plant/soil health, understanding soil tests and their purposes	20%	40%	16%	16%	8%	5(6)
Watersheds	Four topic areas: why clean water program was formed, how the program collects and uses funds, ways to protect watersheds, signs of a healthy/unhealthy stream	4%	46%	13%	33%	4%	6(5)
Farms and Forests	Four topic areas: Agricultural business opportunities, direct marketing and value-added products, forest health concerns and stewardship practice, agroforestry systems and benefits	17%	8%	42%	33%	0%	3(7)
Wildlife and Livestock	Four topic areas: types of local wildlife, creating habitat, ways to reduce mud and runoff, manure management	25%	25%	42%	8%	0%	3(7)
Stewardship	Topic areas: how stewardship practices improve water quality	11%	44%	11%	22%	11%	9(2)

Note: The well and septic workshop and tour were not included in this table as they are represented in other sections, sections 2c and 3a, respectively.

Living on the Land class-series longitudinal impacts

A single-page follow-up survey for 2019 through 2021 will be sent to participants this upcoming year.

Issues and Recommendations. The coordinator is working on ways to improve evaluation participation.

Task 2c – Well and Septic Maintenance Workshops

During the well and septic workshops, the coordinator opened each workshop with a summary of best practices impacting water quality before the Public Health speakers presented. During the November and December workshops Sean Hawes and Allison Johnson presented on septic systems and Joe Ellingson and Chuck Harman presented on maintaining potable wells. Participants pay \$15 to attend these workshops.

Of the 58 households that participated in the workshops, 97% of respondents indicated they would use the information they learned (Table 9).

Table 9: Well and Septic Workshop

Date	Households	Intend to Use Information <i>%Yes N(NR)</i>	% Learned Something New	Workshop Location
March 24	4	67% 3(1)	67% 3(1)	Online
April 17*	7	100% 3(4)	100% 2(5)	Online
August 18	15	100% 7(8)	94% 6(9)	Online
November 3*	21	100% 8(13)	62% 7(14)	Online
December 2	11	100% 8(3)	79% 7(4)	Online
Totals	58	97% 29(29)	84% 25(33)	

* Includes participants from Small Acreage Expo and Living on the Land sessions

Participants evaluate their knowledge about selected topics before and after attending the workshop (Table 10). Evaluation results show that at least 84% of respondents increased their knowledge about four topic areas on well and septic system maintenance and health. In total, 76% of respondents improved their knowledge about how their management practices impact clean water.

Table 10: Well and Septic Workshop Knowledge Level Change

Workshop	Knowledge Area	Before and After Workshop Knowledge Level Change (as percent of responses)					N (NR)**
		Same	1	2	3	4	
March 24	Knowledge of four topic areas	33%	33%	0%	0%	33%	3(1)
	How my management practices impact clean water	33%	33%	33%	0%	0%	3(1)
April 17	Knowledge of four topic areas	0%	22%	33%	22%	22%	2(5)
	How my management practices impact clean water	0%	67%	0%	33%	0%	3(4)
Aug 18	Knowledge of four topic areas	6%	45%	28%	21%	0%	6(9)
	How my management practices impact clean water	0%	29%	29%	43%	0%	7(8)
Nov 3	Knowledge of four topic areas	38%	18%	18%	19%	3%	7(14)
	How my management practices impact clean water	38%	25%	38%	0%	0%	8(13)
Dec 15	Knowledge of four topic areas	21%	41%	21%	9%	3%	7(4)
	How my management practices impact clean water	50%	25%	25%	0%	0%	8(3)
*All Classes	Knowledge of four topic areas	16%	27%	17%	12%	10%	25(33)
	How my management practices impact clean water	24%	36%	25%	15%	0%	29(29)

*Percentages do not always add up to 100% because these are averages.

**N = number of responses; NR = no response

Well and Septic workshops longitudinal impacts

No follow-up surveys were mailed out in 2021.

Issues and Recommendations. Efforts are underway to improve workshop attendance for the coming year. Due to a change in registration websites, usual data collected during registration regarding how individuals heard about the events and acreage impacted was not collected. The coordinator is working to find alternative ways of collecting this data for next year's programming.

Task 2d – Best Management Practices Workshops

The coordinator held three workshops throughout the year. One of the workshops, Weeds Management, was part of the Living on the Land class-series and was open to the public to attend as a stand-alone workshop.

The coordinator promoted the workshops widely through press releases to local newspapers, Facebook posts, website content, and listserv emails, and a targeted postcard mailer to a selected watershed and at previous events (Table 11).

Table 11: Responses to Promotion

How Participants Heard of Events	Responses N(NR)*
Small Acreage Events	0
E-mails (office listservs, local partner newsletters)	9
Extension Website	0
Digital Media (Small Acreage Facebook)	5
Flyers (feed stores, veterinarians, and libraries)	0
Newspaper PR / Ads (<i>The Reflector</i> , <i>Post-Record</i> , <i>The Columbian</i> , and <i>FYI</i>)	2
Word of mouth	1
Small Acreage Postcard	0
Other	1
Total	18(10)

* N = number of responses; NR = no response

All survey respondents of the workshops indicated they learned something new and intended to use the information (Table 12).

Table 12: BMP Workshops Summary

Date	Topic	Households	Intend to Use Information %Yes N(NR)	Overall Rating 1-5	Workshop Location
Aug 25	Pasture and Livestock Management	14	100% 6(8)	4.5	Online
Oct 20*	Weeds Management	16	100% 13(0)	4.4	Online
Nov 4	Cover Crops	13	100% 3(10)	4.0	Online

*The Weeds Management workshop includes 16 households, not including 13 from *Living On the Land* class-series.

At least 75% of respondents increased their knowledge of the four topics in each workshop (Table 13).

Table 13: BMP Workshop Knowledge Level Change

Workshop	Knowledge Area	Before and After Workshop Knowledge Level Change (as percent of responses)					
		Same	1	2	3	4	N(NR)*
Livestock and Pasture Management	Four topic areas: grazing management for healthy grass, feed and forage needs of livestock, sacrifice areas, rotational grazing	0%	17%	42%	29%	13%	6(8)
	Weeds Management Four topic areas: weeds management plan considerations, life cycles of weeds, methods to manage weeds, identifying local weeds	25%	29%	33%	13%	0%	13(0)
Cover Crops for Healthy Soils	Four topic areas: role of cover crops in healthy soil, cover crop options and unique services, different ways to manage, how cover cropping impacts soil erosion and water quality	22%	22%	56%	0%	0%	3(10)

*N = number of responses; NR = no response

BMP workshops longitudinal impacts

No follow-up surveys were mailed out in 2021.

Issues and Recommendations. Follow-up surveys for 2019 through 2021 will be sent in 2022.

Task 2e – Outreach Events and Promotional Activities

General Outreach and Promotions. The program mailed postcards to a targeted area of the East Fork Lewis River Watershed (Task 2a) and continued to add program promotional inserts to Septic System Inspection notification mailers from Public Health to help broaden participation. The coordinator attended and gave program updates at the Clark County Food System Council meetings and Poop Smart meetings. The coordinator sent program promotional materials to Spanish-speaker groups and promoted the Agricultural Entrepreneurship and Business Planning and Whole Farm Planning class-series to Veterans and Spanish-speaker groups.

The Program uses a number of means to advertise program offerings (Table 14). Looking across all events for the year, the most successful promotions are through events and emails, followed by digital media (including the Small Acreage Website and Facebook) and other means.

Table 14: Responses to Event Promotions

How Participants Heard of Events	Responses
Small Acreage Events	29
E-mails (office listservs, local partner newsletters)	17
Digital Media (Small Acreage Facebook / Extension Website),	11
Flyers (feed stores, veterinarians, and libraries)	0
Newspaper PR / Ads (<i>The Reflector</i> , <i>Post-Record</i> , <i>The Columbian</i> , <i>FYI</i>)	6
Word of mouth	2
Small Acreage Postcard	2
Septic Inspection Notification	0
Other	5
Total	72

Small Acreage Exposition.

The fifteenth annual Small Acreage Expo took place on Saturday, April 17th online from 9am to 2:30pm. Speakers presented on four session topics (Table 15). The program charged \$10 per household. Four organizations were invited to speak about their programs prior to each session. Ten households attended the Expo.

Table 15: Small Acreage Expo Topics

Session A 9:00-10:15	Partner Intro: Watershed Alliance	Sunrise O'Mahoney
	Septic System Maintenance and Self-Inspection	Sean Hawes
Session B 10:15-11:30	Partner Intro: Conservation District	Samantha Frundle
	Managing Grazing for Sustainable Pastures	Gary Fredricks
Lunch 11:30-Noon		
Session C Noon-1:15	Partner Intro: WA Department of Ecology	Devan Rostorfer
	Rural Land Stewardship	Eric Lambert
Session D 1:15-2:30	Partner Intro: Clark County Food Systems Council	Ann Foster
	Regenerative Soil Practices	Jen Aron – Blue Raven Farm

Most of the respondents found out about the event through emails and the newspaper. Wilco donated \$150 in gift certificates that were used in the raffle for attendees at this event (Table 16).

Table 16: Responses to Expo Promotion

How Participants Heard of Events	Responses N(NR)*
Small Acreage Events	0
E-mails (office listservs, local partner newsletters)	2
Media (Small Acreage Facebook / Extension Website),	1
Flyers (feed stores, veterinarians, and libraries)	0
Newspaper PR / Ads (<i>The Reflector</i> , <i>Post-Record</i> , <i>The Columbian</i> , and <i>FYI</i>)	2
Word of mouth	0
Small Acreage Postcard	0
Other	1
Total	6(8)

*N = number of responses; NR = no response

The coordinator promoted the Expo widely through program events, email and digital media, flyers, and newspapers (including paid advertising). Email and newspapers proved the most successful means for promoting the Expo.

All respondents indicated they learned something new and intend to use the information learned to change what they do at home (Table 17).

Table 17: Small Acreage Expo Participant Change in Knowledge Levels

Expo Session	Knowledge Area	Before and After Class Knowledge Change (As percent of respondents)					
		Same	1	2	3	4	N (NR)*
Septic System Maintenance	How to properly inspect your septic system	0%	22%	33%	22%	22%	2(5)
	Will use information to change practices at home?	100% Yes			0% No		3(4)
Livestock and Pasture Management	Grazing practices that encourage healthy grass	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	2(7)
	Will use information to change practices at home?	100% Yes			0% No		2(7)
Rural Land Stewardship	Manure management and its importance	0%	0%	75%	25%	0%	4(7)
	Will use information to change practices at home?	100% Yes			0% No		4(7)
Regenerative Soil Practices	Ways to improve soil fertility	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%	2(4)
	Will use information to change practices at home?	100% Yes			0% No		2(4)

*N = number of responses; NR = no response

Despite a low response rate, Expo sessions seemed to increase participants' knowledge of topics and provided useful information.

WSU Harvest Celebration. The 22nd annual Clark County Harvest Celebration took place on Saturday September 18 from 10 am to 3 pm. The event showcased eight farms, including four farms that were recognized for their stewardship efforts with “Doing Our Part for Clean Water” signs. Two new additions to this year’s Harvest Celebration were Dilish Farm and Get To-Gather Farm. Every farm displayed a poster highlighting its features. The number of attendees counted for this event was 274 individuals and 403 farm visits, as some individuals visited more than one farm (Table 18). The Small Acreage Program promoted the Harvest Celebration through press releases, at events, flyers, email lists, and with a program, including a map. The Harvest Celebration Program and an article in the Camas Washougal Post Record highlighting one of the farms in the Harvest Celebration can be viewed in Appendix A.

Table 18: 2021 Harvest Celebration Attendance

Farm	Visited First	Total Farm visits
Get To-Gather Farm*	54	66
Dilish Farm	50	67
78 th St. Heritage Farm	13	15
Baur's Corner Farm	33	62
Serendipity Alpaca Ranch *	43	85
Gather and Feast Farm*	38	63
Coyote Ridge Ranch	28	28
Gifts of the Planet*	15	17
Total	274	403

* Farms with clean water signage

Veterinarian and Farrier Outreach. The program sends flyers to local veterinarians and farriers about animal related events.

Low Impact Development. There were no specific LID events, although the Program does promote materials on LID practices.

Equine Community. Although the coordinator reached out to several equine groups and spoke with group leaders, the program did not deliver promotional talks to equine groups due to no response from these groups, likely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. A full-page ad for the Small Acreage Program was taken out in the Clark County Executive Horse Council Equine Services Directory. Also, relevant event promotions were sent to equine groups.

Issues and Recommendations. The Small Acreage Exposition was poorly attended. Online event fatigue and this being the first sunny weekend of the season were likely significant factors. The Harvest Celebration numbers were down from previous years, as well. The weather was very rainy and windy on the day of this celebration and COVID-19 concerns were significant factors.

Task 3 - Model Stewardship Small Acreage

Task 3a – Land Tours

The first stewardship tour of the year took place at the Get-To-Gather Farm on July 17th. On October 23rd a second stewardship tour took place at the Bours Corner Farm. Fourteen people were in attendance at the Bours Corner Farm tour with 9 individuals attending from the Living on the Land class-series. The cost was \$10 per household (for those not in Living on the Land) and this was a masks-required event. This farm qualified for the Doing Our Part for Clean Water recognition program earlier this year. They highlighted their new hazelnut orchard, their hedgerow and riparian buffer zone. The farmers also spoke about their fruit trees, chickens, native plants, tractors, erosion management and additional water quality and conservation practices, such as well maintenance, managing runoff, reducing soil compaction, and drip irrigation. Some participants saw the land by way of a wagon tour. All respondents heard about this event from previous events for the Bours Corner Farm Tour (Table 19).

Table 19: Responses to Tour Promotion in 2021

How Participants Heard of Events	Responses** (NR)*
Small Acreage Events	10
E-mails (office listservs, local partner newsletters)	8
Digital Media (Small Acreage Facebook, Extension Website),	3
Flyers (feed stores, veterinarians, and libraries)	0
Newspaper PR / Ads (<i>The Reflector</i> , <i>Post-Record</i> , <i>The Columbian</i> , and <i>FYI</i>)	0
Word of mouth	1
Small Acreage Postcard	0
Other	0
Total	21(24)

*N = number of responses; NR = no response

** Some respondents heard about the event in multiple ways

All evaluation respondents indicated they learned something new and intend to use information that was provided (Table 20).

Table 20: Model Property Tour Evaluation Summary

Date	Participants	Intend to Use Information % Yes N(NR)	Learned Something New	Acreage Owned	Overall Rating	Workshop Location
July 17	31	100% 13(18)	100% 13(18)	24.2	4.8	Get To-Gather Farm
Oct 23	5**	100% 8(6)	100% 8(6)	71.6	5.0	Bours Corner Farm

*N = number of responses; NR = no response

** Does not including the 9 participants from the Living On the Land class-series

At least 77% of respondents increased their knowledge of streamside management, while at least 85% improved their knowledge of how management practices impact water quality (Table 21).

Table 21: Stewardship Tour - Change in Knowledge Levels

Tour Location	Knowledge Area	Before and After Workshop Knowledge Change (As percent of respondents ⁺)					
		Same	1	2	3	4	N(NR)*
Get To-Gather Farm	Knowledge of Streamside Management	15%	23%	46%	15%	0%	13(18)
	Knowledge of livestock management	46%	23%	31%	0%	0%	13(18)
	Controlling and managing runoff	23%	23%	38%	15%	0%	13(18)
	How management practices impact water quality	15%	38%	38%	0%	8%	13(18)
Baurs Corner Farm	Knowledge of nut and fruit tree farming	0%	0%	50%	38%	13%	8(6)
	Knowledge of riparian buffer strips and hedgerows	0%	38%	50%	13%	0%	8(6)
	Controlling and managing runoff	13%	38%	38%	13%	0%	8(6)
	How management practices impact water quality	13%	38%	38%	0%	13%	8(6)

* N = number of responses; NR = no response

Select responses from participants were asked about what they found most informative include:

“All of it”

“Native plants being used as water filters”

“Talking about the hazelnut industry, co-op etc.”

“There was a lot of good info.”

Issues and Recommendations. Due to COVID-19 continue to need to take special precautions for in-person gatherings.

Longitudinal impacts of Tours 2012 -2020

No follow-up surveys were sent in 2021.

Task 3b – Land Steward Recognition

The program assessed six locations for the recognitions program, four of which qualified for the Doing Our Part for Clean Water sign. These included land stewards Steve Thalberg, Noah Shinneman, John Spencer of Get To-Gather Farm, and Sue Marshall and Rob Baur of Baurs Corner Farm. In the fourth quarter the Baurs Corner Farm qualified for this sign for their management of stormwater runoff, especially with their practices of slowing runoff with vegetation through their hazelnut orchard and through the use of a riparian buffer strip and hedgerow. Noah Shinneman qualified by using gutters installed on all buildings, diverting water away from livestock areas, and managing vegetation around an on-site pond.

Issues and Recommendations. There are none at this time.

Task 4: Impact Evaluation & Reporting

Task 4a – Evaluations

Workshop Evaluations. The program conducts post-event evaluations for each workshop, tour, and class where appropriate. Spouses and partners are encouraged to fill out separate evaluations. Registration and attendance are tracked and recorded, along with evaluation results and comments. Participant suggestions and comments are incorporated as appropriate in planning for future events.

Impact Reporting (follow-up surveys on workshops and tours). No follow-up surveys were sent out in 2021.

Information Requests. The coordinator responded to over 81 requests for assistance in 2021. In the fourth quarter the coordinator responded to 23 requests for information on upcoming events, agricultural business ventures, septic systems, drainage, animal husbandry, and stormwater management. Individuals who contact the program receive relevant factsheets and flyers for upcoming events as well as verbal or written guidance applicable to their concerns.

Task 4b – Reporting

Reporting. This report constitutes the final report for 2021.

Issues and Recommendations. There are none at this time.

Table 23 summarizes the 2021 summary of program activities.

Table 23: Progress Summary

Program Elements			2021 Goals	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	YTD	% 2021 Goals
Best Management Practices (Task 1)	Information Resources	Materials added to reference files	ongoing	1	1	1	1	4	
		Post links and resources to website	ongoing	1	1	1	1	4	
		Track website activity	ongoing	1	1	1	1	4	
	Publications	Drive traffic to factsheet webpages	5				6		120%
		Article	1			1		1	100%
Public Outreach and Education (Task 2)	Mass Mailing	Postcard mailing	1000			1415		1415	142%
	LOL Class Series	LOL series	1				1	1	100%
		Graduation	20				16	16	80%
	Well & Septic Workshops	Well & septic workshops	5	1	1	1	2	5	100%
		Attendance	80	4	7	15	32	58*	73%
	BMP Workshops	BMP Workshops	3			1	2	3	100%
		Attendance	30			14	29**	43*	143%
		Revise & maintain speaker's list	ongoing	1	1	1	1	4	
	Outreach Events & Promotional Activities	SA Expo	1		1			1	100%
		Attendance			10			10*	
		Harvest Celebration	1			1		1	100%
		Attendance				274		274	
		Equine Promotions	2			1	1	2	100%
		Additional Events as identified						0	
Stewardship Recognition (Task 3)	Stewardship Tours	Conduct tours	2			1	1	2	100%
		Attendance	30			31	5**	36	120%
	Sign Recognition	Assess properties for signage program	3	1	2	0	3	6	200%
Impact Evaluation and Reporting (Task 4)	Evaluation	Track Event Attendance	4	1	1	1	1	4	100%
		Impact evaluations	2	0	0	0	0	0	0%
		Requests for assistance		12	25	21	23	81	
	Reporting	Quarterly Reports	3	1	1	1		3	100%
		Annual Report	1	1				1	100%

*Likely underestimated, as only data for households in attendance was collected, as opposed to attendees. Goals listed are for attendees.

**BMP Workshops and Stewardship Tour attendance do not include LOL participants.

Appendix A: Example Promotional Materials

ARTICLE

HARVEST CELEBRATION PROGRAM

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Back to Nature: Washougal couple commits to full-time farm life

Andra and John Spencer's Get To-Gather Farm will be part of Clark County Harvest Celebration Day farm tour on Saturday, Sept. 18

By Doug Flanagan | September 16, 2021 10:00 am | [comments](#)



Andra Spencer (left) and John Spencer, show a recent harvest of fruit from their Washougal Get To-Gather retail farm stand on Sept. 2, 2021. Top: Flowers are in bloom at the Get To-Gather farm on Sept. 2, 2021. (Photos by Doug Flanagan/Post-Record)

Local Events

Help make a difference. Get involved in the Clark County community.

- Camas School Board**
Monday, October 25th - 5:30pm
- Washington Trail Riders Assoc. monthly meeting**
Monday, October 25th - 7pm
- Washougal School Board**
Tuesday, October 26th - 6:30pm
- UNITE! Washougal Community Coalition**
Thursday, October 28th - 4:30pm
- Legacy Genealogy Software User Group**
Monday, November 1st - 10am

Photo Galleries



Graduation: Local high schools celebrate class of 2021



Camas Farmers Market kicks off '21 season



(Doug Flanagan/Post-Record)



John Spencer had an epiphany during a lunch meeting in the summer of 2019 when he suddenly realized that he wasn't content with what he was doing for a living and that something had to change. It all started with some wise counsel from a client and trusted friend.

"I told (him), 'My project for you isn't done yet. I just haven't been able to focus on it. I'm sorry.' He turns to me and says, 'Well, that's because you don't love what you do,'" Spencer said. "It was one of those classic light-bulb-over-the-head, launch-the-midlife-crisis (moments). Over the next few months I said, 'He's right. What do I love?' And what I came back to is (my farmland). The reason I wasn't getting that project done, the reason I wasn't focusing, was that I was out on the land all the time taking care of it."

So later that year, Spencer and his wife, Andra, decided to become full-fledged farmers, a radical departure from their careers as a business analyst/consultant and educator, respectively.

During the past year they've worked diligently to transform their Washougal property into a commercial farm, planting hundreds and hundreds of vegetable starts, fruit trees and flowers, and opening a retail stand.

Now, they're getting the word out that their life-changing venture, Get To-Gather Farm, is open for business and has big plans for the future. The farm will be part of the Washington State University Clark County Extension's Harvest Celebration Day, to be held from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18.

"I hope that the farm will be bustling with interested locals checking out all the amazing work (John and Andra have) done and consider purchasing their fruits, vegetables, flowers, eggs, etc. in the future from them, along with sharing the love with our other wonderful farmers," said Carie Maniscalco, who volunteers at the farm. "I absolutely adore the two of them and their whole family, and how hard they are working to build and operate an amazing vegetable and flower farm and host special events."

Doug Flanagan/Post-Record John Spencer waters a plant at Get To-Gather Farm on Sept. 2.



Doug Flanagan/Post-Record The retail stand at Get To-Gather Farm in Washougal opened earlier this year, selling a wide variety of locally grown produce.



Doug Flanagan/Post-Record Get To-Gather Farm's orchards include a wide variety of fruit trees, including figs.

Couple takes advantage of 'COVID opportunity'

In order to turn his dream into reality, John first had to convince his wife that they (probably) wouldn't go bankrupt.

"I'm definitely the risk-averse one in the family, (but I knew) we had to lean into it," said Andra, who is continuing to work as a human development professor at Clark College. "We (told ourselves) that we weren't going to starve because we could eat what we grow. When we do our taxes this first year, I'm sure I'll be (shocked). But you make choices. John gave up his plane. That's when I knew things were real."

John and Andra are leasing about seven acres of John's family's 150-acre property for the farm, located at 1913 SE 303rd Avenue in Washougal.

"When (the family) bought it, we were young, having families and working," Andra said. "Now we are into the next phase of life. This is what I call a COVID opportunity. Things shifted. (The pandemic) made the decision for us, let's just put it that way."

"I stopped (consulting) cold turkey. COVID kind of stopped it for me," John added. "I had the idea for the farm pre-COVID, but COVID just happened to be a really, really convenient (reason to get started). Part of the advantage we had was that we already had the land. It's not just that (a lot of the infrastructure) was already there. It's that we didn't have to pay for it. And I truly did not intend to earn any money this year, so we've got that advantage of being able to figure it out as we go."

The farm offers a large variety of fresh produce grown by the Spencers; partner farms such as Shady Grove (Camas), Windy Ridge (Washougal), Finca (LaCenter) and Dilish (Vancouver); and friendly neighbors.

"We're looking for partnerships and working with people and coming together to create a community that's developing here," John said. "Part of it is (having) volunteers and helping each other out, and part of it is partnering with other local farmers, giving them an outlet and getting their assistance and spare produce."

The Spencers envision their farm as a true community hub, capable of hosting a variety of classes, social events and even business meetings. They've already hosted several classes, including a salsa-making workshop that was so well-received that they had to schedule a second session later that day.

"(The instructor) sat there and chatted with the people for three hours because it was a beautiful spot, a beautiful day, and I was just thrilled to see that people were gathering," John said. "(I thought), 'This is what this is about.' I'd like to have cider press nights and 'come-roast-chestnuts-over-the-open fire' nights ... and get people out for parties. We want to make it (about) the experience."

"People are so excited to be here," Andra added. "There's a positive vibe. People say, 'Oh my gosh, I love this.'"

John's orchards are planted on about two-and-a-half acres of the property and produce a wide selection of fruits, including staples such as apples, pears, cherries and plums, but also exotic varieties such as paw-paws, goumis, gojis, thimbleberries, elderberries, pomegranates, figs, seaberries, mulberries, aronia berries, yuzus and mayhaws.

He also planted kiwi berry vines and nut trees containing filberts, hazelnuts, almonds, chestnuts and walnuts.

"I try to do stuff that's different," he said. "I spent many, many hours in front of the internet (researching these varieties). I also discovered One Green World, a nursery in Gresham (Oregon) that specializes in all of this weird stuff."

Andra focuses her time on the other end of the farm, a three-quarter-of-an-acre plot that holds large vegetable and flower gardens.

"This (farm) is just upping the level," she said. "I've always had a garden and I've always enjoyed the land."

The vegetable garden includes pumpkins, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, jalapeño peppers, eggplants, zucchinis, onions, beans, stevias and rhubarbs, along with ground-growing fruits such as watermelons.

"Joe's Place Farms (in Vancouver) closed last January, and we purchased a lot of things from (the owner)," Andra said. "He's kind of become a bit of a mentor to us. He checks in on us and offers things to us. We're really fortunate."

Andra's flower garden includes dahlias, zinnias, sunflowers, cosmos and carnations.

"It's a fiesta of color," she said. "My new love is zinnias, but my first love is dahlias when it comes to plants. Dahlias are forgiving. and zinnias aren't. Our kids started the sunflowers and we took it to the next level this year. We added lots of layers to the garden."

They've both learned a lot about farming and the agricultural economy. They've endured some challenges, such as a February storm that destroyed their recently-built greenhouse. They acknowledge that the first year "has been tough" as they work to grow the farm as well as a viable business model for the future.

But now that they're doing it, they couldn't imagine doing anything else.

"It feels good to make use of the farm," Andra said. "For a long time, it's just been (here). We've enjoyed it, but we realized that we were (missing out) on some of the potential."

And as for John? So far, his "midlife crisis" is going just fine.

"I love being outside. And it's as I predicted in the beginning — I love tending to the plants. It feels good," John said. "The work isn't going to ever end, but that's kind of cool. I look forward to being the grizzled, 80-year-old farmer who finally keels over from a heart attack in the middle of his field. That's what I want."

Doug Flanagan

Post-Record staff writer

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Harvest Celebration Program

22nd HARVEST CELEBRATION

FREE!



22nd Annual Tour of
Clark County Farms
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021
10 am to 3 pm

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Mask up outdoors when it's not possible to socially distance. No pets please.*



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Showcasing the Bounty of
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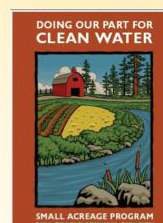
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Showcasing the Bounty of Clark County Farms



This sign indicates farms implementing practices to protect water quality as part of a program sponsored by the **Clark County Clean Water Program** in partnership with **WSU Clark County Extension**.



1. Get To-Gather Farm - 1913 Southeast 303rd Avenue, Washougal, WA 98671 www.gettogatherfarm.com. Located on a 155 acre estate, Get To-Gather Farm opened with 3 acres of production in 2021. This farm has a diverse fruit, nut and berry orchard on 2 acres, a large chicken run (current count is 45 chickens, 2 geese and 3 turkeys), a 1/2 acre production garden, a small blueberry patch (60 plants), and a test garden -- everything is organic. The farm stand includes a wide variety of seasonal produce from our farm and from our partners in Clark County. Flowers, seasonal produce, honey, eggs, and treats are available for sale at our farm stand. Hayrides will be offered every twenty minutes for \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Apple-cider right from the apple press, water, and port-a-potties will be available. Artist Susan Hall will be onsite painting -- learn about her at www.susanclwarthall.com. Visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/gettogatherfarm and [instagram.com/gettogatherfarm](https://www.instagram.com/gettogatherfarm) to learn more! The farm stand offers products from Shady Grove Farm, Finca Farm and Pantry, Windy River Livestock, and Dilish Farm, as well. Directions: From highway 14 East, take exit 12 from WA-14E. Second exit on traffic circle. Continue on NW 6th Ave. towards city center. Turn right on NE Adams St. Turn left onto NE 3rd Ave. Turn left onto SE Crown Rd. SE Crown Rd turns slightly left and becomes SE 283rd Ave. Turn right onto SE 23rd St. Turn left and keep left and park near the farm stand.

2. Dilish Farm - 22904 NE 58th Street, Vancouver, WA 98682 <https://dilishfarm.wordpress.com/>. Dilish Farm is a new farm in Clark County as of 2020 and is a no till farm while maintaining permaculture ideas at the forefront. On this farm veggies and flowers are grown from regional seed companies, while also utilizing seed saving techniques for more adaptability to our microclimate. The farmers try to generate a closed system with no off farm products, utilizing chickens and Icelandic sheep for land management and we compost the manure. They also offer options for eggs and wool in their CSA. Visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/dilishfarms and [instagram.com/dilishfarm](https://www.instagram.com/dilishfarm) to learn about this farm's CSA shares and farm stand. Other vendors that will be selling produce and wares on-site will be Little Miss Baketress, Harvest of Peace Microgreens, 9 Bar Espresso, as well as local pottery and basket makers. Directions: from highway 14 E, take exit 10. Turn left onto SE 192nd Ave. for 3.4 miles. Turn right onto NE 13th St. Continue onto NE Goodwin Rd. Continue onto NE 28th St. Turn left onto WA-500W. Turn right onto NE 230th Ave. NE 230th Ave turns left and becomes 61st St. Farm is on the left.

3. 78th St. Heritage Farm - 1919 NE 78th St. Vancouver, WA 98665 <https://clark.wa.gov/public-works/78th-street-heritage-farm>. The 78th Street Heritage Farm is a 79 acre farm that is overseen by Clark County and with vast community involvement. These tours are hosted by the Clark County Food System Council, to showcase the diverse community partners who work at the Heritage Farm to support a healthy local food system. This includes agricultural research and education, local agriculture and business development, youth programs including 4-H, community gardens, a composting demonstration site, and the overall historical importance of the farm. Port-a-potties and water will be available. Directions: From I-5 take exit 4. Follow NE 78th St. 0.7 miles to the farm on the right (by the very large conifer tree and across the street from Grover Electric and Plumbing supply).

4. Bours Corner Farm - 4316 NW 169th St. Ridgefield, WA 98642 <https://m.facebook.com/baurscornerfarm>. Bours Corner Farm is a 29 acre farm. This farm has recently converted most of the pear orchard to hazelnuts. Come tour this quaint and beautiful family farm, learn about tractors, cut your own dahlias, buy vegetables and fruit, and take part in activities for the whole family. There will be live music from 11am to 2pm featuring John Hoover and The Mighty Quinns. There is a picnic table and shady seating available, as well as a sink and restrooms. No pets please. Directions: From I-5 take the 179th Street exit # 9 (fairgrounds exit). Turn west onto 179th Street and proceed approximately 2 miles to the first stop sign at NW 41st Avenue and turn left. Proceed up the hill and take the first right onto NW 169th Street. Drive in the second driveway on the right, there will be signs for parking.



5. Serendipity Alpaca Ranch - 2630 NE 253rd Street Ridgefield, WA 98642 facebook.com/Serendipity-Alpaca-Ranch. This is a cottage industry with a farm store, and a small breeding program. This ranch gives demonstrations of animal husbandry. Lots of fiber exhibits and examples!! Come enjoy alpacas! Directions: North I-5 take Exit 11 for Battle Ground. Turn right on WA-502. Turn left on 29th, you are now heading north. Turn left on 253rd. There is a black cyclone fence and a sign with a Raspberry colored barn.

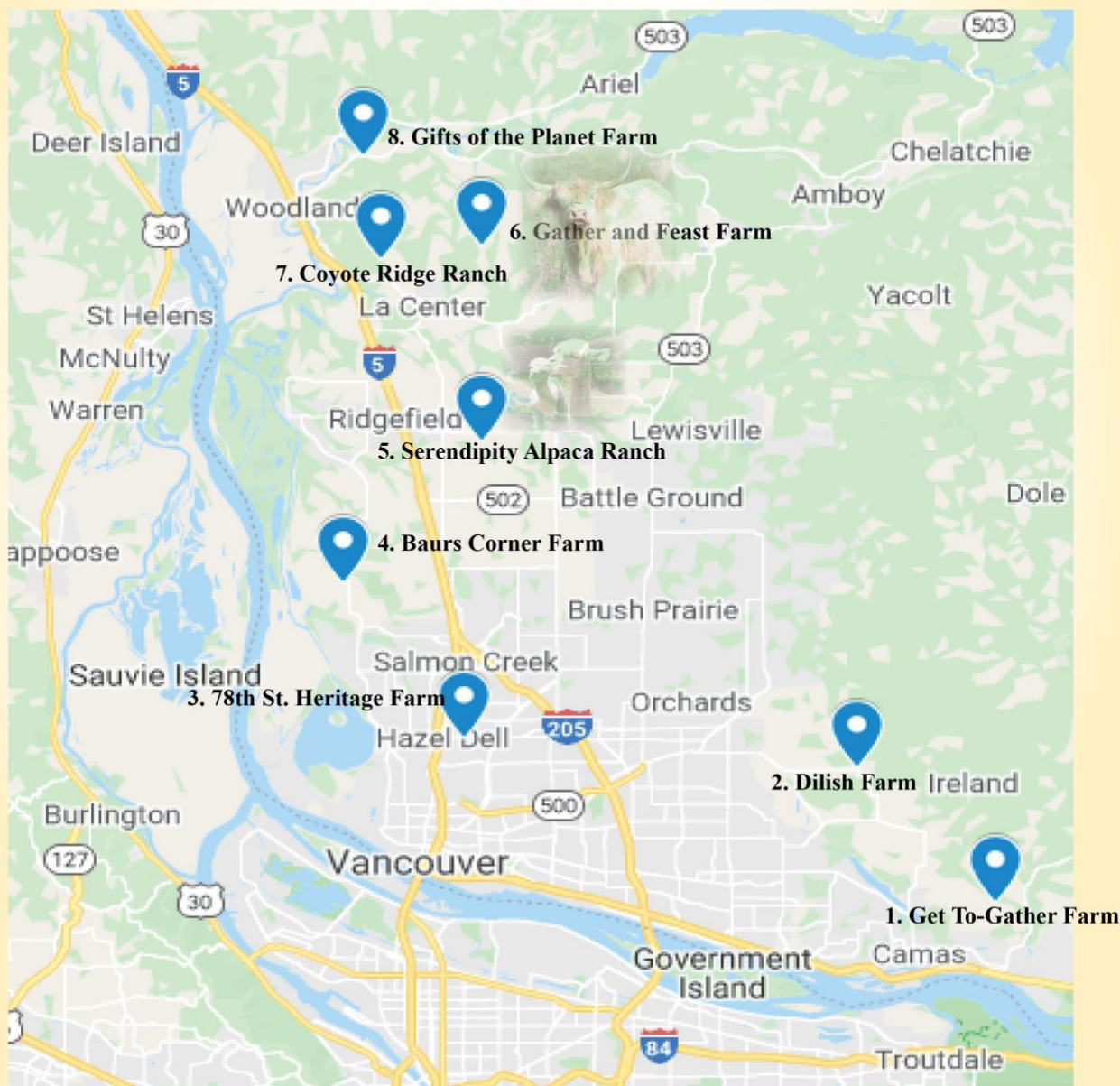


6. Gather and Feast Farm - 2706 NE 369th St., La Center, WA 98629 <http://www.gatherandfeastfarm.com/> (503) 224-0370. Gather and Feast Farm is a 20-acre farm that grows vegetables and fruit trees to organic standards. Gather and Feast Farm is also the home of laying hens, broiler hens, quail, and ducks; as well as Scottish Highland Cattle: all raised free of pesticides, herbicides, and chemicals. From farm dinners to agricultural camps for kids, this is an innovative and interactive farm. Take a self-guided farm tour with your whole family. Restrooms are available. No pets please. Directions: From I5 freeway Exit NW La Center road and go East towards the town of La Center. At the traffic circle take the 1st exit onto W 4th St. Turn Left onto NE Highland Ave. Turn left onto NE 31st Ave. Turn left onto NE 369th St. Arrive at Gather and Feast Farm in 0.6 miles on the right hand side.

7. Coyote Ridge Ranch - 2404 NW Coyote Ridge Rd., La Center, WA 98629 <http://www.facebook.com/coyoteridgewa> (360) 607-8797 Coyote Ridge has a wide variety of vegetables and fruits available for u-pick. They will have peppers, eggplant, kale, chard, corn, squash, figs, boysenberries, apples, and eggs for sale. Coyote Ridge brings produce to Salmon Creek Farmer's Market. Restrooms & picnic area available. Directions: From the South: Take exit 16 off of I-5 northbound. Head east (right) on La Center Rd. After crossing the East Fork of the Lewis River and head Northwest on Old Pacific Highway. The road curves left coming out of town. After 1 mile turn right on Bolen St., then left on NW 14th Ave. Down the hill and up, and left on 359th St. Up hill more, right on NW 21st. Up more and left onto Coyote Ridge Rd. Come up more and take a right Fork in the road to Coyote Ridge Ranch.



8. Gift of the Planet Farm - 42117 NW 34th Ave., Woodland, WA 98674 [facebook.com/Gifts-of-the-Planet-Farm](https://www.facebook.com/Gifts-of-the-Planet-Farm) (360) 356-5116 This two-acre farm with its organic certification grows apples, pears, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries and more. Come learn about growing blueberries, apples and pears. Ask about how they worked with the NRCS to get their 30x35 foot high tunnel. No restrooms available and no pets please. Directions: From N.B. I-5 take Exit 21 Woodland. Turn right at bottom of off Ramp, then another right by the Am Pm cross the Lewis River and stay left. Go 2 miles and find NW 34th Ave. (the farm driveway) on the right on a big righthand curve.



To view this program and map online visit -
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Harvest Celebration Special Event Guide - Please see farm descriptions for complete list of activities and offerings.						
	10:00 am	11:00 am	12:00 pm	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	3:00 pm
1. Get To-Gather Farm	Hay Wagon Rides every 20 minutes, \$2/person and \$5/family					
4. Bours Corner Farm		Live Music 11am-2pm				



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Mask up outdoors when it's not possible to socially distance. No pets please.

Make the Farm Connection! Invest in Your Community - Buy Local

Small Acreage Program - Washington State University Clark County Extension

Clark County farms face an uncertain future – a future that depends on community support. Global competition, high production costs, land prices, cheap food policies, and a fast growing population unfamiliar with farming pose daily challenges. Today, our food often comes to us shipped hundreds or thousands of miles from where it was produced. Many consumers do not give much thought to the farmer who grows and raises this food. Less than two percent of Americans work on a farm. Much different than the 50% who did so in 1900.

The face of farming in Clark County looks much different today than it did even 20 years ago when local farming included large dairies, expansive berry fields, prune production, and diverse livestock operations. Today, many of the dairies are gone, farming acreage has shrunk, and most farms do not produce large amounts of commodities for processing or wholesaling.

Farming Adapts in Clark County

Our local farmers adapt to changing conditions in order to become sustainable. To remain economically viable, farmers diversify what they grow or raise, they sell more than raw fruit or vegetable (for example, tomatoes become salsa), and they sell their products directly to the community. In order to remain environmentally sustainable, they steward their land, after all, their livelihood depends on good stewardship. To foster sustainable communities, they connect with community members, not only providing access to local and fresh products, but also connecting as neighbors.

Buying Clark County farm products supports both farms and our community. Spending some of your food dollars on local farm products keeps money in our local economy and provides the farmer a living. Local farming keeps us more secure from interruptions in the global food system. We receive many indirect benefits from local farms: farmland makes better habitat for wildlife than a parking lot; it slows down rain runoff and recharges groundwater better than developed land; farmland provides aesthetics; and farms keep us connected with our agricultural heritage. So, come out on Saturday, September 18th and visit some of your farming neighbors and help shape what our community looks like in the future.

Why Buy Local?

Economic Diversity & Economic Development. Local farms provide jobs and keep your food dollars in the local economy.

Food Security. Production of, and access to, fresh, safe, food.

Preservation of Landscapes. Farms provide green space, productive landscapes, groundwater recharge, flood control, & wildlife habitat.

Tourism. Local farms attract visitors.

Reduced Transportation & Energy Costs. Food traveling hundreds of miles to market can impact the environment and the economy.

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[HTTPS://EATLOCALFIRST.ORG/](https://eatlocalfirst.org/)



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Sample Flyer

Small Acreage Farm Tour: Baurs Corner Farm

Gain valuable ideas, share tips with other land stewards and see stewardship practices in action on this 29-acre farm in Ridgefield

Join us in taking a land stewardship tour of a small acreage farm. WSU Clark County Extension recognized this farmer for their stewardship practices. Participants on this tour will learn about:

- ◇ Hazelnut orchard dry farming
- ◇ Reducing runoff and composting
- ◇ Old tractors, chickens, and dahlias
- ◇ Riparian buffer strips and hedgerows



Land Stewardship and Farm Tour

Where: Ridgefield, WA

Date: Saturday, October 23, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Cost: \$10 per household

MASKS REQUIRED

Registration/location/details at:

<https://tour102321.eventbrite.com>

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March 1, 2021

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WSU Extension Hosts 15th Annual Small Acreage Expo

Saturday, April 17, 2021 - 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Online Workshop Expo

Clark County, WA – WSU Clark County Extension and the Clark County Public Works Clean Water Program invite the community to the Fifteenth Annual Small Acreage Expo on Saturday, April 17. This will be an online event this year.

This year's Small Acreage Expo offers a variety of topics including workshops topics: septic System Maintenance and Self-Inspection Certification, Livestock and Pasture Management, Rural Land Stewardship, and Regenerative Soil Practices. Note: septic system self-inspection certification is for inspecting your own gravity-fed system. For online registration: <https://SAexpo2021.bpt.me>.

According to Terry Koper, Small Acreage Program Coordinator, "The small acreage community comes together at the Expo to learn valuable tips about effectively managing their Small Acreage. It's a great opportunity to discover local resources and learn new practices to steward small acreage, which can save people money and help protect the environment."

Pre-registration costs \$10. For questions contact terry.koper@wsu.edu.

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- Make your property look better?
- Reduce chore time?
- Improve your animals' well-being?
- Enhance your soils and pasture?
- Protect your drinking water and streams?
- Reduce mud?
- Improve storage & composting of manure?

Small Acreage Program

Upcoming Events

- Harvest Celebration Tour of Farms..Sept 18
- Living on the Land Class Series.....Oct 6 - Dec 8
- Weed Management Workshop.....Oct 20
- Land Stewardship Farm Tour.....Oct 23
- Well and Septic Workshop.....Nov 3
- Cover Crop Workshop.....Nov 4
- Well and Septic Workshop.....Dec 2

MORE INFO: <http://go.wsu.edu/smallacreage>

Poop Smart Clark is coming soon! Sign up for more information and resources about septic, livestock, and pet waste.
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Small Acreage Program

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WSU Extension Small Acreage Program

October 21, 2021 · 🌐

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Learn how you can build healthy soils with cover crops!

Cover Crops Workshop

Utilizing Cover Crops to Build Healthy Soils

Join this workshop to hear Justin O'Dea - Regional Agricultural Specialist of WSU Extension discuss utilizing cover crops in your garden or on your farm. This workshop will cover:



- ◊ Types of cover crops
- ◊ Methods of cover cropping
- ◊ Improving soil health

Utilizing Cover Crops to Build Healthy Soils Workshop

Where: Online Zoom Workshop




Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Cost: \$10+fees/household



Registration required: <https://covercrop110421.eventbrite.com>



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