Early registration now open for Nov. 21 Focus on Farming conference

Looking for a new tractor and some advice on farm direct marketing? Ever wondered about aquaponics? Then you’ll want to register early for Snohomish County’s 10th-annual Focus on Farming conference this November.

Discounted early registration is now available online, and includes a gourmet, locally produced lunch. The one-day conference runs from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at Comcast Arena in downtown Everett. Registration information, directions and workshop sessions are available online at www.focusonfarming.org.

The annual conference features workshop opportunities, farm-fresh local food, a 17,000-square-foot tradeshow and respected speakers. This year’s keynote speaker is Will Allen, former basketball star and founder of Growing Power, a Milwaukee, Wis., based urban farming project.

“Farms and farming have been an important part of Snohomish County, and we want to make sure it remains relevant into the future,” said Snohomish County Executive John Lovick. “The Focus on Farming conference is a great way to bring together some of the brightest minds in agriculture to help educate our community and find new, innovative ways to keep farms successful.”

The Focus on Farming conference is one of many outreach efforts Snohomish County makes to promote and support the local agricultural industry. The county provides technical support and resources to local farmers and agricultural businesses, and participates in the Snohomish County Growers Alliance, a nonprofit group dedicated to advancing economic growth among local farmers.

For more information about the Focus on Farming conference and agriculture in Snohomish County, contact Linda Neunzig at 425-388-7170 or linda.neunzig@snoco.org. Registration and program information is available online at www.focusonfarming.org.

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