



Avian Flu Prevention workshop



6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Thursday, February 5: [Avian Flu Prevention](#),

Longhouse at Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, **FREE** - please register at AvianFlu.BrownPaperTickets.com

Avian Flu is a serious threat in our area; join us for this free workshop to learn how you can protect your poultry. This serious disease affects all domestic poultry including chickens, ducks, and turkeys. Learn the steps necessary to keep your flock safe, along with early warning signs of the disease. Avian Flu has already cropped up in three locations around Washington! Special presentations by Dr. Amber Itle & Dr. Paul Kohrs; specialists with the Washington Dept. of Agriculture Animal Health Division will discuss how to protect your flock from wild birds, proper bio security protocols, signs and symptoms to look for, and tips for monitoring and reporting any unusual behavior



Be an Early Bird and save some money!

women in agriculture Conference



February 21, 2015

Making Sense of Marketing

...because everyone has a story that needs to be told to promote agriculture!

Join us this year for a wonderful day of learning and networking with other women in the farming industry in Everett at the WSU Extension building!

Registration fee is \$30, but **there is a \$25 early-bird special that ends February 13**; both registrations include a light breakfast, lunch, handouts and tools you can use. Click on the Brown Paper Tickets button on our website and find a location near you.

The CSH Foundation is providing partial scholarships for aspiring farmers, college ag students and 4-H and FFA members. Visit the "Scholarship" link on the web page: www.womeninag.wsu.edu or contact Margaret at viebrock@wsu.edu for an application.

The 4th Annual **Women in Agriculture Conference** offers women in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska a unique opportunity to gather in 28 locations for a 1-day event featuring knowledgeable speakers, inspiring stories, practical advice for improving farm management skills and networking with other women producers.

Have you ever been asked, "Tell me about your farm?" It's more important than ever to be able to talk about it positively and with passion, no matter what you grow or how you sell it. Join us for an engaging, interactive day and learn who your audience is, what they want to know about your farm and what tools are best for you. Be inspired by our speakers:

Emily Asmus from *Welcome Table Farms* in Walla Walla, WA

A successful and consistent marketing plan is essential to being profitable. Emily will showcase how *Welcome Table Farms* keeps their "brand" fresh to build interest and loyalty. Learn what tools and techniques are critical to their marketing plan.

Erica Mills from Claxon Marketing in Seattle, WA

Every woman can-and should-have a consistently compelling way to describe her farm business. Erica knows this isn't easy and will help farms of all shapes and sizes tackle this tough challenge. Using proven tools that have been pressure tested by thousands of users, you'll learn a simple, 3-step marketing method and create a Marketing Action Plan that gets you results.

Mark your calendar and join other women (men are also welcome!) to learn, network and be ready to take action!

This conference is designed for women who have been farming for years, as well as for new and aspiring farmers.

To learn more, view specific event locations, or to register, visit www.womeninag.wsu.edu.

Empowering women in agriculture to achieve goals and manage risk.

Visit the website to find a site near you, register or for more information: www.WomenInAg.wsu.edu or contact me at WSU Extension. We hope to see you at one of our locations listed below!

Have you ever considered solar power for your farm?



FREE Workshop
Thursday, February 26, 2015
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Snohomish County
3000 Rockefeller Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

RSVP: Carlotta.donisi@wa.usda.gov
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Join us for a free workshop sponsored by USDA Rural Development on Renewable Energy and Efficiency Grant Proposals as well as financial incentives for farms, ranches, and rural small businesses!

The workshop is FREE and includes information about the funding and technical assistance available to farms, ranches, and small businesses through USDA's Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP). Eligibility requirements and sample project proposals will be discussed.

The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program can provide guaranteed

loans and grants to eligible applicants for eligible projects and costs. Eligible projects for renewable energy systems include such things as solar, wind, biomass, or geothermal systems. Energy Efficiency projects, for example, can be for such things as upgrading lighting, electrical motors, insulation, or heating and cooling.

This workshops will provide information for prospective applicants on the USDA Rural Development Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency program, including:

- Eligible Applicants
- Eligible Projects
- Guest speakers to include solar and electrical installers & PUD / Puget Power Representatives
- Application templates and forms
- Funding Availability

For additional information, please contact:

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