

# Agricultural Events—December 2006

## December

**Dec. 16 Cider Making—Orchard Practices Seminar** (site selection, soil testing, analyzing soil, soil fertility parameters, soil amendments, varieties, orchard layout, irrigation, pruning and training, pest control, thinning, harvesting), WSU NW Washington Research and Extension Center, Mt. Vernon. Info:

<http://learningcenters.wsu.edu/skagit/cider.html>

**Dec. 16 Cider Making—Cider Sensory Evaluation Seminar** (sensory analysis, styles of cider and perry, product profiles, and cider-food pairing skills) ), WSU NW Washington Research and Extension Center, Mt. Vernon.

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**Dec. 18 Biodiesel for agricultural producers, a hands-on seminar**, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe. Info: e-mail [dkamionka@earthlink.net](mailto:dkamionka@earthlink.net)

**Dec. 18 San Juan County Agricultural Resources Committee (ARC) meeting**, 12:00 p.m., Community Room, Skagit Valley College San Juan Center, Friday Harbor.

Info: <mailto:ronzee@rockisland.com>

**Dec. 20 Deadline for STEEP grant proposals** to develop profitable and environmentally sound alternatives for crop rotations, tillage, pest control, and nutrient management practices for reduced tillage systems. Info: e-mail

[candace\\_jagel@wsu.edu](mailto:candace_jagel@wsu.edu)

**Dec. 21 USDA grant-writing workshop** for the Value-added Agriculture Producer Grant (VAPG) and Rural

Business Enterprise Grant (to fund business start-up, provided ownership is held by a non-profit organization, public entity or tribe). Both grants may be used to conduct feasibility studies and develop business and marketing plans for rural businesses and other problem-solving projects, WSU Extension Jefferson County, Port Hadlock. Info. <http://www.jefferson.wsu.edu>

## **January**

**Jan. 3-4 2007 Western Washington Horticultural Convention** (covering new info on crop production, equipment, ag practices, and politics affecting ag), SeaTac, WA. Info (type into your browser):

<http://wwha.wsu.edu/>

**Jan. 8 and 9 Organic Seed Production Workshop** (covering spinach, organic seed treatments, transmission of seed-borne disease, fundamentals of plant variety improvement), Mt. Vernon. Info:

<http://www.seedalliance.org/index.php?page=Events>

**Jan. 8 San Juan County Weed Board meeting**, 8:30 am - 10:30 am at the WSU Extension office, Friday Harbor

**Jan. 10-13, 2007 National No-Tillage Conference**, Des Moines, Iowa. Info (type into your browser):

<https://www.lesspub.com>

**Jan. 9 Oregon Sustainable Agriculture Land Trust Annual Meeting**, Portland, OR. Info: e-mail

[info@osalt.org](mailto:info@osalt.org)

**Jan. 12 Farm Liability Workshop**, Caldwell, ID. Info: <http://www.ruralroots.org/>

**Jan. 14 SARE Greenhouse Crop Production and Engineering Design Short Course.** Info:

<http://ag.arizona.edu/ceac>

**Jan. 14-16 NW Food Manufacturing and Packaging Expo** (exhibits, suppliers, food manufacturers, educational sessions, cooking demos, technology), Portland, OR. info:

<http://www.nwfpa.org>

**Jan. 20 Clackamas Community College Vegetable Gardening Symposium** (one-day class with Nick Andrew, Carol Miles, Dr. Paul Jepson, and Eleanor O'Brien on variety selections, organic practices, and pest control), Oregon City, OR. Info:

<http://depts.clackamas.edu/hort/events.asp>><http://depts.clackamas.edu/hort/events.asp>

**Jan. 24-Apr. 11, Wed. evenings WSU Livestock Advisor Training**, Everett. Register: call Joan Devries (425) 338-2400, ext. 5500 or e-mail [candace\\_jagel@wsu.edu](mailto:candace_jagel@wsu.edu). Cost \$150

**Jan 20 and 21 2007 Washington State Farmers Market Association Conference: "Harvesting Change,"** Ellensburg. Info: <http://www.wafarmersmarkets.com>

**Jan 28-30 Harvesting Clean Energy Conference** (covering windpower, biofuels, solar, and geothermal energy production in rural areas), Boise, ID.

<http://www.harvestcleanenergy.org/conference/index.html>

## **February**

**Feb. 8 and 9 OSA Winter Workshop—Producing Organic Vegetable Seed** (summary of 2005–2006 Organic Seed Field Days, presentation of new OSA Organic Spinach Seed Production Manual, introduction to organic seed production, new research on organic seed treatments, etc.), Mount Vernon. Info:

<http://www.seedalliance.org/index.php?page=Events>

**Feb. 9 Farm Liability Workshop**, Moscow, ID. Info:

<http://www.ruralroots.org/>

**Feb. 12 and 17 Annual convention of the North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Association**, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Keynote speaker: Joe Pine, co-author of *The Experience Economy: Work is Theatre and Every Business a Stage*. Info: <http://www.nafdma.com>

**Feb. 20–22 WSU Basic-Plus Cheesemaking Short Course**, Lynden WA. Info:

<http://www.wsu.edu/creamery/education/cheesemakingEd.htm>

**Feb. 24 and 25 Seattle Tilth workshop on indoor seed starting**, Seattle. Info:

<http://www.seattletilth.org/classes-and-workshops>

## **March**

**Mar. 5–8 WSU Cheesemaking Short Course**, Pullman.

Info: <http://www.wsu.edu/creamery/education/cheesemakingEd.htm>

**Mar. 16–19 Third National Farm-to-Cafeteria and Food Policy Conference**, Baltimore, MD. Info:

<http://www.foodsecurity.org>

## **April**

**Apr. 18 and 19 WSU Pasteurization Workshop,**  
Pullman. Info:

[http://www.wsu.edu/creamery/education/cheesemakingEd  
.htm](http://www.wsu.edu/creamery/education/cheesemakingEd.htm)

**Apr. 20-22 6th Annual Sustainable Living Conference**  
(covering culture, design, ecology, agriculture, and social  
justice), Evergreen State College, Olympia. Info:

<http://www.evergreen.edu/synergy>

## **May**

**May 10-12 Intermountain Livestock Judges' Training**  
with focus on swine, Laramie, WY. Info: e-mail

[dasanchez@uintacounty.com](mailto:dasanchez@uintacounty.com)

**May 28-June 9 Two-Week Intensive Permaculture  
Design Course** (also information on international  
permaculture projects), Portland, OR. Info:

<http://www.portlandpermaculture.com>

## **June**

**June 25-29 Principles and Practice of Cider  
Making** (covering orcharding and hard cider and perry  
production). Info:

<http://learningcenters.wsu.edu/skagit/cider.htr>

## **Winter—Spring 2007**

**Sunbow Farm Institute of Biowisdom Weekend Workshops (see website for dates)**, covering pruning, organic gardening, soil biology and chemistry, fruit-tree grafting, composting, cosmic influences on ag, nutrition, history of ag, seed saving, Corvallis, OR. Info.

<http://www.sunbowfarm.org>

As always, please let us know if you do not wish to receive these notices in the future. Thanks.

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