

Small Farm Resources

This factsheet is one of a series developed for livestock owners with small farms. Each factsheet focuses on an area of management that will benefit the health of your animals, as well as the health of your property's natural resources.



BMP Factsheet

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This Resource List provides some of the main local organizations to assist landowners with conservation choices.

Whatcom Conservation District (WCD)

6975 Hannegan Road
Lynden, WA 98264
Phone: (360) 526-2381
Email: wcd@whatcomcd.org
Website: www.whatcomcd.org

WCD offers technical assistance, farm planning, workshops, tours, a native plant sale and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP is a stream restoration program that financially compensates landowners for planting trees along salmon bearing rivers and streams. Restoration is installed by local professional contractors. Contact the WCD for more information about farm planning or to find out if your land is eligible.

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

6975 Hannegan Road
Lynden, WA 98264
Phone: (360) 354-2035x3
Email: alexander.hall@wa.usda.gov
Website: www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov

NRCS staff provides technical assistance and federal cost-share programs. NRCS can also provide information related to soil, wetlands, water and crops.



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Reducing Mud	Pasture Management
Filter Strips	Wetlands

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA)

6975 Hannegan Road
Lynden, WA 98264
Phone: (360) 354-5658 x160
Website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/>

FSA farm programs help agricultural producers manage market risks, recover from disasters, and conserve and protect America's natural resources. The programs currently carried out in Washington State are Conservation, Disaster Assistance, Price Support and Farm Loans.

WA State Department of Agriculture

6951 Hannegan Road, Suite 12
Lynden, WA 98264
Phone: (360) 715-5200
Email: misensee@agr.wa.gov
Website: agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Livestock-Nutrient/

Nutrient Management inspectors conduct routine inspections of each cow dairy and look at facilities, land applications, and crop records for risks of nutrients impacting either ground or surface water quality.

WA State Department of Ecology

1440 10th Street Suite 102
Bellingham, WA 98225
Phone: (360) 715-5200
Website: www.ecy.wa.gov

Staff at the local office can assist with water rights information, water quality guidelines and other water quality/quantity information.



WSU Whatcom County Extension

1000 N Forest Street Suite 201

Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 676-6736

Email: Whatcom@wsu.edu

Website: www.whatcomwsu.edu

Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
WSU offers master gardener and composting classes, food preserving, pest, weed and crop information.

Whatcom County Public Works (WCPW) Noxious Weed Control Board

322 N. Commercial St, Suite 110

Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 715-7470

Email: LBaldwin@co.whatcom.wa.us

Website: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/weeds/index.jsp

Staff can answer questions and provide technical assistance regarding noxious weed identification and control.

Whatcom County Planning and Development Services (PDS)

5280 Northwest Drive

Bellingham, WA 98226

Phone: (360) 676-6907

Email: pds@co.whatcom.wa.us

Website: www.whatcomcounty.us/pds/naturalresources/criticalareas/regulations/functions/farmplans/index.jsp

Check website for information on the Whatcom County Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). Livestock owners check out the Conservation Program on Agriculture Lands (Section 16.16.290 and Appendix A) and the Habitat Conservation Areas (Article 7) of the CAO.

Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA)

3057 East Bakerview Rd

Bellingham, WA 98226

Phone: (360) 175-0283

Email: info@n-sea.org

Website: www.n-sea.org

NSEA works with Whatcom County landowners to improve salmon habitat. If you are interested in a restoration project on your own land or a interested in volunteering for work parties can NSEA.

Portage and Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection Districts

WCPW– Natural Resource Division

322 N. Commercial St, Suite 110

Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 715-7450

Email: WaterResources@co.whatcom.wa.us

Website: whatcomshellfish.wsu.edu/Drayton

Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee (MRC)

322 N. Commercial St, Suite 110

Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 676-6876

Email: arose@co.whatcom.wa.us

Website: www.mrc.whatcomcounty.org

Whatcom County Health Department

509 Girard Street

Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 676-6724

Email: EnvironmentalHealth@co.whatcom.wa.us

Website: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/health

Staff can answer questions and provide technical assistance related to commercial composting methods and county regulations. The Health Dept. On-site Sewage System (OSS) Program has regulatory oversight for all on-site septic systems in Whatcom County.