

## What is Cultivating Success?

**Cultivating Success** is a unique community-based **education program** from Washington State University and University of Idaho with the goal of increasing experiential learning in the areas of sustainable agriculture and food systems. The program offers a series of courses that can be taken individually for credit or in a series towards a Certificate in *Sustainable Small Acreage Farming & Ranching*.

### Who is it for?

The program is for students, farmers, and community members, interested in sustainability concepts, those who wish to start a small acreage enterprise, or those with goals of working in agricultural service and support sectors or policy development.

### What does it offer?

The program provides students with knowledge and skills for fostering the success of sustainable small farm and ranch enterprises, focusing on food and fiber production in environmentally and socio-economically sustainable ways. Farmers and other community resource people are brought into the classroom, field trips are taken to farms and other agricultural venues, and farmer-student mentoring relationships are encouraged.

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## For More Information...

### How do I find out more about the courses, program & instructors?

Washington State University, University of Idaho and Rural Roots have developed a website for the program:

[www.cultivatingsuccess.org](http://www.cultivatingsuccess.org)

### Or you may contact the following people:

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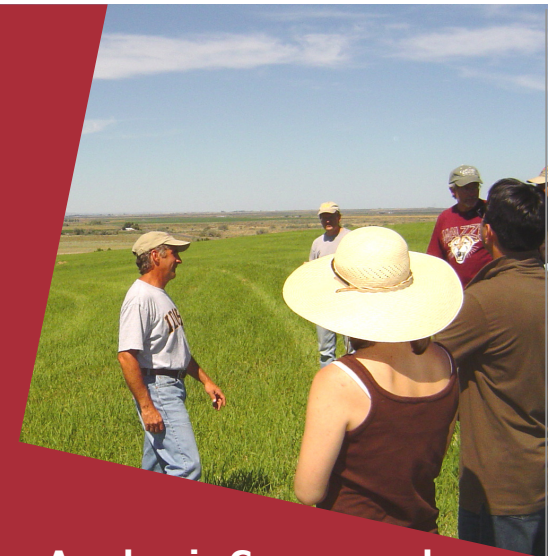
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## CULTIVATING SUCCESS

sustainable small farms education



- **Academic Coursework** in Sustainable Food & Farming Systems
- **Certificate Program** in Sustainable Small Acreage Farming and Ranching



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## **Program Coursework**

The **Cultivating Success** program offers courses that can be taken individually, or as a series for a Certificate in *Sustainable Small Acreage Farming & Ranching*, consisting of 15-18 credits\*. For the certificate option, students take two required courses and choose one course from each of three modules.

## **Required Courses for Certificate**

### **Sustainable Small Acreage Farming and Ranching**

(WSU Soils 404, UI Ag 416, 3 credits)

This course has students taking a realistic look at their goals and resources, and helps them evaluate what type of small acreage enterprise is right for them. (Also available on-line, Fall '05)

### **On-Farm Apprenticeship**

(WSU Soils 498, UI Ag 298, 3-6 credits)

This on-farm apprenticeship with a trained farmer-mentor provides hands-on experience in student's area of interest.



**At least one course each from the following three Modules are required for the certificate:**

## **Business Module**

### **Agricultural Entrepreneurship**

(WSU Soils 403, UI Ag 417, 3 credits)

Business planning and market development using NxLevel's curriculum, "Tilling the Soil of Opportunity" and featuring experienced practitioners from the community & region.

## **Sustainable Food Systems Module**

### **Science, Society and Sustainable Food Systems**

(WSU Soils 150, UI Ag 150, 3 credits)

An introductory course to sustainable food systems providing global perspectives and local examples of food system issues.

### **Field Analysis of Sustainable Food Systems**

(WSU Soils 445, UI Ag 445, 3 credits)

A week-long immersion field trip that exposes students to many aspects of the food system, using participatory and experiential learning techniques.

### **World Agricultural Systems**

(WSU Soils 360, UI PISc 360, 3 credits)

Interaction between agriculture and human societies, including historical discussions of the world's major food crops and farming methods, current agricultural systems on our planet, and the role of climate & soils. (Web-based course)



## **Sustainable Production Module**

### **Organic Gardening and Farming**

(WSU Soils 101, UI Ag 101, 3 credits)

Principles and production practices of organic gardening and farming including cropping and composting systems, techniques, tools, and resources. Incorporates guest speakers, field trips, and hands-on experience.

### **Organic Farming Practicum**

(WSU Soils 480, UI Ag 404, 6 credits)

A 12-week experiential course in organic agriculture on the WSU Organic Farm. Will cover market development and production skills needed to manage an organic market garden or farm.

### **Sustainable Small Acreage Livestock Production**

(UI AVS 404, 3 credits)

Covers alternative health practices, nutrition, feeding, housing, rotational grazing, marketing and regulations.

### **Ecological Soil Management**

(WSU Soils 301, 3 credits)

A hands-on approach to learning to build a healthy soil complex that promotes a balance of soil nutrients and organisms.