

What is Cultivating Success?

Cultivating Success is an innovative **education program** combining classroom and on-farm learning experiences with the goal of increasing the number and fostering the success of sustainable small farmers and ranchers. Courses include discussions led by experts in agriculture and business, tours of successful farm operations, and mentoring by experienced farmers who want to share their knowledge.

Who is it for?

Current and future small scale farmers and ranchers, students at agricultural universities and professionals.

What does it offer?

A series of courses that can be taken individually for University Credit & Continuing Education Units, or in a series for a Certificate of Completion, where available.

Courses provide students with the tools to:

- Identify and profit from market trends
- Improve quality of life and land while maximizing sustainable production
- Apply basic sustainable management principles to a small farm enterprise
- Reduce risk through sound business management practices and ecological production techniques

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For More Information:

www.cultivatingsuccess.org

On the program website you will find detailed course information including course dates, times and locations, instructor and farmer mentor profiles & contact information, plus additional resources, photos, links and more.

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CULTIVATING SUCCESS
sustainable small farms education

COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATION

COURSES IN SUSTAINABLE SMALL
ACREAGE FARMING & RANCHING

BUSINESS PLANNING FOR
AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES

ON FARM APPRENTICESHIPS

Program Partners:

University of Idaho
Open Space. Open Minds.

WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY
World Class. Face to Face.

RURALroots
healthy food healthy communities



Cultivating Success courses in Sustainable Small Farms Education...

Courses Available through County Extension Offices in ID & WA:

Sustainable Small Acreage Farming and Ranching

Students take a realistic look at their goals and resources, and evaluate small acreage enterprise options.

Agricultural Entrepreneurship

Business planning and market development for small farms.

On-Farm Apprenticeship/Mentorship

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

Additional Courses available on University of Idaho & Washington State University Campuses:

- **Science, Society, & Sustainable Food Systems**
- **Field Analysis of Sustainable Food Systems**
- **World Agricultural Systems**
- **Organic Gardening & Farming**
- **Organic Farming Practicum**
- **Ecological Soils Management**
- **Sustainable Small Acreage Livestock Production**

New to Farming? Would you like to learn how to...

- Apply concepts of sustainability to your small farm?
- Plan for a successful and profitable agriculture business enterprise?
- Improve your quality of life and your land while maximizing your small acreage potential?



Potential 2007 Course Locations

In Idaho:

Boise
Moscow
Pocatello
St. Maries
Twin Falls

In Washington:

Bellingham
Bremerton
Colville
Everett
Goldendale
Mt. Vernon
Omak
Port Hadlock
Port Townsend
Pullman



What participants are saying about Cultivating Success:

"Good base to jump off into a small farm operation"

"Gave me a quick and thorough exposure to a lot of business ideas"

"Gave me great ideas and info"