



Northwest Washington Farm-to-Cafeteria Connections

Serving Locally Grown Foods in Cafeterias

The **Farm-to-Cafeteria Connections Forum** is an opportunity to learn about projects to connect local farmers and area institutions, and meet local farmers, food service managers, and community organizations interested in making this happen in our community. The forum will provide information on how farm-to-cafeteria projects are constructed, and showcase successful projects in Washington and around the country. Network with people interested in farm-to-cafeteria and learn the steps necessary to create local programs. Delicious local foods will be available, as well as resources for farm-to-cafeteria programs. We hope you can join us in building a sustainable local food system!



When: Thursday, February 19, 2:00–5:30 p.m.

Where: Brigid Collins Family Center
1231 North Garden St., Bellingham, WA

Admission: *Free!*

Who: Farmers, Food Service Directors and Staff from Schools and Other Food-Serving Institutions, Administrators, Restaurant Owners, Students, Community Members



What are the benefits of Farm-to-Cafeteria Programs?

- Improve nutrition of Washington children and adults
- Increase marketing opportunities for local farms
- Strengthen local economies
- Increase community awareness of local farming and food systems
- Reduce petroleum use and food transportation costs
- Protect local agricultural lands

Agenda

2:00–2:30 Welcome and Introductions

- ❖ Kelli Sanger, WSDA Small Farm & Direct Marketing Program

2:30–4:00 A Northwest Perspective Panel

- ❖ Monica Dixon, Ph.D. Washington State Department of Health
 - Access to Healthy foods for Washington State
- ❖ Paul Flock, Food Service Director, Olympia School District
 - Best practices for purchasing direct from local farms for OSD
- ❖ Susan Moser, Salad Greens Producer (Potential)
 - Marketing fresh produce to school districts

4:00–4:15 Break

Enjoy local food and learn about area resources

4:15–4:45 Presentations of Local Farm-to-Cafeteria Efforts

- ❖ Mary Dumas, Healthy Foods in the School, Nooksack Valley School District
- ❖ Dan Warner, Western Washington University

4:45–5:15 From the Ground Up

- ❖ Bonnie Rice, Washington Sustainable Food and Farming Network
 - Discuss options for furthering farm-to-cafeteria projects in Northwest Washington

5:15–5:30 Meeting Wrap Up and Adjourn

Registration: Call Kelli Sanger at WSDA at 360-902-2057 or see the form on the other side of this flyer.

Registration Form

Main contact/guest:

Name: _____

Group/Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

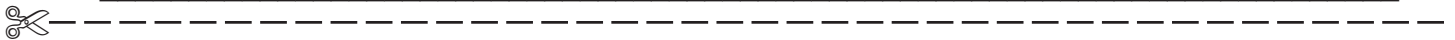
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please complete this form and send it to:

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Or register by phone or e-mail at 360-902-2057 or ksanger@agr.wa.gov.

Other guests in my group (please list names of all who plan to attend):



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