

Press Release

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Small Farm Conference

Center for Latino Farmers, a division of the Rural Community Development Resources has been serving beginning farmers and ranchers in Washington State for the last 15 years. The Center will be sponsoring a Small Farms Conference set for **Friday July 21, 2017 in Yakima WA**. The all-day networking event is to bring together producers, professionals and businesses in agriculture from throughout the region and State of WA to hear from experts and other farmers about the issues facing small producers.

Date: July 21, 2017

Time: 7:30am to 4:30pm

Place: Yakima Convention Center

The theme of the conference is “**Food Safety for Farmers and Consumer**” targeting new beginning farmers and ranchers and farm workers transitioning to farm owners. The conference will focus on educating the audience on Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) GAP, Organic, Marketing, federal and state regulations, agriculture economy, farm risk reduction management, specialty crops, and licensing for compliance practices. Panels will include representatives from WSDA, USDA, State, Federal agencies and Ag industry associations.