

Press Release

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Center for Latino Farmers

“Food Safety for Famers & Consumers” Small Farm Conference

Yakima, WA- The Center for Latino Farmers, a division of the RCDR has been serving beginning farmers and ranchers in Washington State for over 15 years in providing access to USDA and WSDA programs and services. With support from the WSDA, the Center will be sponsoring a Small Farms Conference to bring together producers, professionals, stakeholders, Ag associations, and others throughout the region to hear from experts on topics of food safety facing small producers. The conference is scheduled as follows:

Welcome Reception

Date: Tuesday, August 8th
Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Place: Yakima Convention Center

Small Farm Conference

Date: Wednesday, August 9th
Time: 7:30am - 3:45 pm
Place: Yakima Convention Center

This year’s conference is titled **“Food Safety for Farmers and Consumer”** and is targeting new beginning farmers and ranchers and farm workers transitioning to farm owners. The conference will focus on educating the audience on the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA/FDA) GAP, organic practices, 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 agencies, State and Federal agencies, and Ag industry associations.

Please call the Center for more information, get an exhibit space, sponsor or to register at 509-453-3157.