



Farm to School Vendor Networking Sessions

WSDA is pleased to offer this opportunity for farms and distributors who offer Washington-grown food, to:

- meet school food purchasers,
- learn about schools' purchasing rules and needs, and
- explore relationships for sales, distribution and education.

The 1-hour event will provide a basic overview of local food purchasing and plenty of time to share your product offerings with school buyers!

This event is offered by the Washington State Department of Agriculture as part of its "How to Buy and Serve Washington-Grown Food in Schools" workshops for School Nutrition Directors, with support from a USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant.

We are offering this FREE networking session in 3 locations: Tri-Cities, Spokane and Ellensburg. Follow the registration link for the location where you would like to attend:

- 1. Tri-Cities - Register At:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tri-cities-farm-to-school-vendor-networking-session-tickets-10438906049?ref=enivtefor001&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_term=attend&ref=enivtefor001

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Time: 3:20 – 4:30pm

Location: ESD 123, Lewis and Clark Room, 3918 West Court St, Pasco, WA 99301

Who is invited: Farmers and Distributors who offer Washington-Grown foods and would like to sell to schools.

- 2. Spokane - Register At:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spokane-farm-to-school-vendor-networking-session-tickets->

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Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Time: 3:05 – 4:15pm

Location: Northeast Washington ESD 101, 4202 South Regal St, Spokane, 99223

Who is invited: Farmers and Distributors who offer Washington-Grown foods and would like to sell to schools.

3. Ellensburg - Register At: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ellensburg-farm-to-school-vendor-networking-session-tickets-10278911501?ref=enivtefor001&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_term=attend&ref=enivtefor001

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2014

Time: 3:35 – 4:45pm

Location: Hal Holmes Center, Kittitas Room, 501 North Anderson St, Ellensburg, 98926

Who is invited: Farmers and Distributors who offer Washington-Grown foods and would like to sell to schools.

At this workshop you will:

1. Learn the basic steps that schools must take to purchase Washington-grown food for their snack and meal programs.
2. Have an opportunity to talk about what type of locally-grown foods and services your farm or distribution company can offer to schools.
3. Meet school food buyers from the region to discuss purchases of locally-grown food.

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