



# Value-Added Producer Grant Program Workshops

## Burlington

Jan. 13, 2015

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Skagit Farmers Supply, Burlington Main Office  
1833 Park Lane

## Olympia

Jan. 14, 2015

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
USDA Service Center, 1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW

## Yakima

Jan. 14, 2015,

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. USDA Service Center, 1606 Perry Street

## Wenatchee

Jan. 22, 2015

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.,  
USDA Forest Service Center 215 Melody Lane

## Sequim

Jan. 15, 2015

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Gardiner Community Center  
980 Old Gardiner Rd  
Sequim, WA 98382

### For info or to RSVP:

Yakima and Wenatchee workshops, please contact Roni Baer at 509-454-5743, Ext 134, or email her at [veronica.baer@wa.usda.gov](mailto:veronica.baer@wa.usda.gov).

For workshop in Burlington, please contact Melanie Drecksel at 360-428-4322, ext 158 or email [melanie.drecksel@wa.usda.gov](mailto:melanie.drecksel@wa.usda.gov).

For workshop in Olympia & Sequim, Greg York at 360-704-7729 or email [gregory.york@wa.usda.gov](mailto:gregory.york@wa.usda.gov).

**FREE** workshops will be held at various locations around the state to provide an overview of the Value Added Producer Grant program. Value Added Producer Grants may be used for feasibility studies or business plans, working capital or marketing value added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy projects.

Eligible applicants include independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, and agricultural producer groups.

Value added products are created when a producer increases the consumer value of an agricultural commodity in the production or processing stage.

The Value Added Producer Grant Program provides opportunities to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers, as well as assists independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and will support local and regional supply networks. Discussions will include eligibility, application process, application scoring, and indepth application assistance for those intending to apply.

For more information about the Value Added Producer Grant Program, please go to the web at [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_VAPG.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG.htm)



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