

# Seventh Annual Sustainable Agriculture Conference & Organic Growers School

## **Preconference Agenda: Growers/Ranchers School: Tuesday, March 22**

- 9:00–2:00**      **Goat and Small Dairy Workshop**, presented by Lorrie Conway, Conway Family Farm, Camas, Wash., and Dr. Susan Kerr, Washington State University, Klickitat County Extension, all sessions to be held at Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge
- › **9:00–9:30**      **Stock Selection**, Lorrie Conway and Dr. Susan Kerr
  - › **9:30–10:20**    **Feeding Goats**, Lorrie Conway and Dr. Susan Kerr
  - › **10:20–11:40**   **Disease of Sheep and Goats**, Dr. Susan Kerr
  - › **11:40–12:25**   **Marketing Milk Products**, Lorrie Conway
  - › **12:25–1:00**    **Lunch on Site**
  - › **1:00–2:00**      **Reproduction and Kidding Practices and Processes**, Dr. Susan Kerr
- 3:00–6:00**      **Farmstead Goat Cheese-making Workshop**, presented by Lorrie and Shaun Conway at Hutchison Institute of Technology kitchen

## **Conference Agenda: Wednesday, March 23**

- 7:45–8:15**      **Registration**  
**8:15–8:30**      **Welcome**

### ***Growers' Highlights:***

- 8:30–9:00**      **Developing Soils in Galena with Green Manures**, Paul Apfelbeck, Galena
- 9:00–9:30**      **Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs) in Homer**, Emily Garrity, Twitter Creek Gardens, Homer
- 9:30–10:15**    **Root Cellar in Bethel for Extending Crop Availability**, Tim Meyers, Meyers Farm, Bethel
- 10:15–10:45**   **Break and Poster Session**

### ***Funding Programs:***

- 10:45–11:15**   **Cost-share Programs for Organic Farming and Environmental Incentive Programs (e.g., high tunnels and nutrient management)**, Sunny Castillo, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Fairbanks, and Lloyd Wilhelm, USDA Farm Service Agency, Delta Junction
- 11:15–12:00**   **Funding Opportunities and Land Sales through the Alaska Division of Agriculture**, Patricia O'Neil, Alaska Division of Agriculture, Palmer, and Dan Proulx, Alaska Division of Agriculture, Fairbanks
- 12:00–1:00**    **Lunch on Site**

### ***Livestock Session:***

- 1:00–1:30**      **Parasites of Sheep and Goats**, Dr. Susan Kerr, Washington State University, Klickitat County Extension
- 1:30–2:00**      **Small-scale Goat Dairy Marketing Cheese**, Lorrie Conway, Conway Family Farm, Camas, Wash.
- 2:00–2:30**      **Raw Milk Regulations in Missouri**, Gene Wiseman, Missouri Department of Agriculture
- 2:30–3:00**      **Break and Poster Session**
- 3:00–3:30**      **State of Alaska Cheese and Meat Regulations**, Dr. Robert Gerlach, Alaska Division of

- Environmental Health, Palmer
- 3:30–4:00**    **Chicken Tractors and Other Poultry Innovation**, Pam Laker
- 4:00–5:00**    **Future of Agriculture and Food Security Panel**, lead by Mike Emers, Alaska  
Community Agriculture Association, Ester
- 5:00**            **Closing Remarks, Announcements and Evaluation**

### **Conference Agenda: Thursday, March 24**

- 7:45–8:15**    **Registration**
- 8:15–8:30**    **Welcome**

#### ***Research Updates:***

- 8:30–9:00**    **Update on Fish/Hay Composting Project**, Jodie Anderson, UAF School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences, Palmer
- 9:00–9:30**    **Novelty Potato Research**, Jeff Smeenk, UAF School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences, Palmer

#### ***Nutrient Management in Organic Settings in Alaska Panel***

- 9:30–10:00**    **Organic Fertilizer Research**, Dr. Mingchu Zhang, UAF School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences, Fairbanks
- 10:00–10:45**    **Break and Poster Session**
- 10:45–11:15**    **Using Local Compost Enhanced with Organic Fertilizers**, Susan Willsrud, Calypso Farm and Ecology Center, Ester
- 11:15–11:45**    **Fertilizing Biodynamically**, Susan Kerndt, Demeter's Wild Rose Farm, Fairbanks
- 11:45–12:00**    **Question and Answer**
- 12:00–1:00**    **Lunch on Site**

#### ***Miscellaneous***

- 1:00–1:30**    **Rhubarb Industry in Alaska**, Bruce Bush, Bushes Bunches, Palmer, and Carol Kenley, Alaska Vegetable Farm, Palmer
- 1:30–2:15**    **Root Cellar Panel**, featuring Pete Mayo, Spinach Creek Farm, Fairbanks; Tim Meyers, Meyers Farm, Bethel; and Paul Apfelbeck, Galena
- 2:15–2:45**    **Break and Poster Session**
- 2:45–3:30**    **Small Fruits and Berries for Alaska**, Papa, Papa's Greenhouse, North Pole, and Danny Barney, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Fairbanks
- 3:30–4:00**    **Alaska Growers School**, Heidi Rader, UAF Cooperative Extension Service
- 4:00–4:45**    **Employment Strategies for Small Alaska Farms**, TBA
- 5:00**            **Closing Remarks, Announcements and Evaluation**

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