

What is the WSU Livestock Advisor Program?

Modeled after the popular Master Gardener program, the WSU Extension Livestock Advisor program provides classroom and field experience in a "Livestock 101" training course. With sessions taught by WSU Extension staff, veterinarians, and other experts, participants gain practical livestock management and troubleshooting skills, as well as learning about water quality and animal nutrient management practices. In exchange for the training, graduates return 50 hours of volunteer time over the next two years.

Small Acreage to Large Beginner to Advanced Traditional to Organic

Are you wanting to learn more about raising livestock? This exciting 10 week class helps folks choose livestock suitable for their needs. Networking with experienced folks helps save you costly mistakes. **Class size is limited** to ensure a quality experience so apply now to hold your spot. **Cost reduced for this 10 week program to \$125!** with a second person from the same farm or family invited at no additional cost, though they would also be responsible for returning 50 hours of volunteer time. Apply Now!

Questions about Livestock?

Call the WSU Livestock
Advisors line,
toll-free 24 hours a day at

WSU Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. If you desire special accommodation while participating in an Extension program, please notify our office 10 days in advance.

How is the program funded?

WSU Livestock Advisors Program is funded through support of Snohomish, Skagit, and Island Counties Extension.

How is the program administered?

The regional program is directed by a part-time coordinator housed by WSU Skagit County Extension. The Livestock Masters Foundation is an integral partner in providing financial support for cutting-edge outreach and education.

How do I learn more?

Contact Livestock Advisors Program
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BJ & Karen Martin had the idea that they could live closer to the earth, grow more of their own food, and start a small farm that would launch them on a path to self-sufficiency. But, where to start?

The WSU Livestock Advisor program helped us make wise choices about which livestock would work for our environment. The course provided a network of contacts, and the instructors and our classmates were extremely supportive. We're now producing the vast majority of our food and happy to give back to the community through WSU's volunteer opportunities. We're enthusiastic supporters of WSU's Livestock Advisor Program.

WSU LIVESTOCK ADVISORS

TRAINING STARTS
SEPT. 15, 2014

**PRICE REDUCED
TO \$125**

REGISTER NOW!

FARM, RANCH, AND RURAL LIVING EDUCATION



**Empowering
livestock owners
to greater sustainability!**

New Classes Begin Fall 2014 At Skagit County Extension

Raise Your Livestock Conventional or Organic

Price reduced for this fall's class to \$125!

Ensuring that your family's meat and dairy products come from animals raised with integrity either means knowing the livestock farmers well or raising the animals yourself. For those choosing the latter path, Extension Livestock Advisor Training is exactly what you need.

Learn cutting edge farming techniques...

- Poultry—Pastured or Pen-Eggs & Meat
- Beef— Grass/Grain Fed, Short Season
- Swine—Pastured or Pen Raised
- Goats-Dairy, Meat, Fiber, Brush
- Pasture & Weed Management
- Fencing—Gates, Materials, Design
- Hay— Silage & Pasture
- Fiber—Sheep, Llama, Alpaca
- Mud & Manure Management

The Course will be held Sept. 15, 2014 at the Skagit County Extension Office.

To register go to our website:
<http://skagit.wsu.edu>
to download an application.



Country Living Expo & Cattlemen's Winterschool

Key note speaker

Dr. Temple Grandin



“The Way I See It”

Save the Date!

January 30 & 31, 2015

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for more information on the next Expo.

Thoughts from ... John Nelson,

President, Livestock Master Foundation

Many people in our communities are rediscovering the rewards of being more self-sufficient, raising their own beef, pork, poultry, lamb, and garden vegetables while ensuring the bio-security of their family's food. The need of and opportunities for WSU Livestock Advisors has never been greater. While staffing our Livestock Advisor educational booth at area fairs and events, I shared livestock information, with hundreds of folks wanting to raise their own livestock. As Livestock Advisors, we empower folks in their farming ventures to greater production with reduced inputs.

Attending a WSU 3-day Intensive Tour with other Advisors was outstanding. We learned cutting edge information about raising beef and dairy cattle, sheep, swine and meat processing. The Beefing Up the Future seminar that WSU presented focused on taking advantage of a changing industry. WSU Poultry Extension in Puyallup featured a Poultry Disease seminar in which I walked away with many new ideas and additional plans. In January we had our Country Living Expo & Cattlemen's Winter School which had over 167 classes.

Soon the new Livestock Advisor Classes will begin in Skagit County. Each year the content of the Advisor classes compliments the interest of the trainees. If you are interested in raising livestock using best management practices for their housing, feeding, breeding, production and care than this program is for you. Know where your family's food comes from.