



Environmental Market Workshops for Farmers, Ranchers, and Conservation Professionals

Our private farms and ranches provide environmental services of immense value to the rest of society. Through new environmental markets, serious, financially capable buyers are now paying farmers and ranchers full value to adopt conservation management practices that are well-known and widely-accepted in the agriculture industry. These deals can allow the landowner to receive supplemental income for providing environmental services while also continuing normal farming operations.

American Farmland Trust has arranged 6 regional workshops to help Washington farmers, ranchers, and conservation professionals understand how to be paid full value for reduced greenhouse gasses, improving water quality, restoring wetlands, protecting wildlife habitat, conserving water, generating renewable energy, or other environmental values. What are these markets? How do they work? How much are they worth? What do I have to do to provide these services? Are there risks? Where can I find further information? Attendees will get answers to these questions and more and will also receive a personal copy of the newly-completed "Farmers & Ranchers Guide to Environmental Markets."

No advance registration is needed. For further information, contact: Don Stuart, American Farmland Trust, (206) 860-4222, dstuart@farmland.org, and see www.farmland.org/environmentalmarkets.

Workshop dates, times, & places:

Wenatchee

Date & Time: Monday, November 8, 2010, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Cascadia Conservation District, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Walla Walla

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Walla Walla Regional Airport, Terminal Bldg, 45 Terminal Loop Rd, Walla Walla, WA 99362

Spokane

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 10, 2010, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Spokane Conservation District, 210 N. Havana, Spokane, WA 99202

Yakima

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Place: North Yakima Conservation District, 1606 Perry St. Suite C, Yakima, WA 98902

Mt. Vernon

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Tumwater

Date & Time: Thursday, November 18, 2010, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Thurston Conservation District, 2918 Ferguson St. SW, Ste. A, Tumwater, WA 98512