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USDA Holding Value-Added Grant Workshops

USDA Rural Development in Washington State will host a series of workshops around the state to provide an overview of the Value-Added Producer Grant program (VAPG).

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

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.

In addition to supporting local and regional food networks, the program provides funding

opportunities to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers, as well as independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, and agricultural producer groups. The workshops will include discussions on grant eligibility, application process, application scoring, and in-depth application assistance for those intending to apply.

Workshops will be held on the following dates and locations:

Olympia on Feb. 9
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
U.S. Forest Service Center,
1835 Black Lake Blvd., SW
Olympia, WA 98512.

This workshop is filling up fast. To register please contact Greg York at 360-704-7729 or gregory.york@wa.usda.gov.

This workshop is free.
Wenatchee on Feb. 19
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
U.S. Forest Service Center
215 Melody Lane
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Yakima on Feb. 24
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
USDA Service Center
1606 Perry St
Yakima, WA 98902.

For more information about the Value-Added Producer Grant Program, please go to the web at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants>.

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