



Newsletter for
Western Agricultural Educators

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Serving Farmers and Ranchers Through Targeted Risk Management Education

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The 2014 Farm Bill Conference being held September 3-4 in Kansas City will provide agricultural educators and Extension professionals nationwide the opportunity to learn about the new farm bill, along with materials and tools needed to educate farmers and ranchers about farm bill programs, decisions and risk management issues. With producer program sign-up commencing this fall, this train-the-trainer event will help to serve the immediate need to develop and deliver risk management education programs on the Farm Bill.



Exploratory Projects

The Western Center will again include an Exploratory Projects category in the 2015 RFA which will be released on September 15, 2014. The purpose of these smaller projects is to support planning, development, or piloting efforts which can bring forth new ideas; or to deliver smaller producer education programs which can result in full scale risk management education projects in the future.

Congratulations to our 2014 award recipients as they embark upon their new projects!



See back page for a list of 2014 Funded Projects.

Western Extension Risk Management Education Center (Western Center) Announces **New Timeline for the 2015 Extension RME Competitive Grants Program.**

RFA Announcement

Monday, September 15, 2014

Application Deadline

Monday, November 17, 2014

(Note: in previous years, this program required a pre-proposal. Pre-proposals have been omitted from the application process.)

Award Notification

Monday, February 16, 2015

Start Date for Funded Projects

April 1, 2015

Visit the Competitive Grants Program link on our home page for more information.

<http://westrme.wsu.edu/grants-program/>

The Washington State University Western Extension Risk Management Education Center (Western Center) is one of five USDA NIFA Extension Risk Management Education Centers serving agricultural producers through targeted risk management education.



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2014 Funded Projects

Organization	Project Title	Funds Requested
University of Alaska Fairbanks	Understanding and Managing the Financial, Production, and Marketing Risks of Starting or Expanding a Farm in Remote Alaska	\$47,654
University of Arizona, V Bar V Ranch	The Application of Real-World Drought Scenarios in Risk Management Education for Arizona Ranchers/Range Managers	\$35,390
Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council	Wholesale Market Development for Specialty Crop Producers in Central Oregon	\$33,453
Snow College	Financial and Production Records for Analysis and Benchmarking for South Central Beginning and Progressing Farmers and Ranchers	\$49,500
Washington State University Extension	Low-Stress Cattle Handling Training and Video Development: Improving Understanding and Implementation to Manage Risk to Humans and Cattle	\$32,272
University of California Cooperative Extension, Placer/Nevada	Training to Reduce Marketing and Financial Risk to Sierra Nevada Farmers and Ranchers	\$36,000
Utah State University	Managing Risk Education for Utah Crop and Cattle Producers	\$47,277
Washington State University Extension	Women, Farms & Food	\$45,000
California FarmLink	Farm and Grazing Lease Agreements: Managing Legal and Financial Risks for California Farmers and Ranchers	\$49,565
Utah State University	Expanding Direct Marketing Opportunities in the Intermountain West through Farm Shops	\$32,000
Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance (SWGLA)	Whole Ranch Planning and Grass-fed Applications - Arizona	\$44,750
Oregon State University	Preparing Oregon Family Farm and Ranch Owners for Management Transitions and Retirement Conversations	\$40,000
New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service	Navajo Farm to School Project	\$26,794
Washington State University Extension	Developing Electronic Spreadsheets and Mobile Applications to Managing Risk in Direct Marketing of Beef, Pork, and Lamb	\$27,500
University of Nevada Cooperative Extension	Managing Food Safety Liability for Small Scale Producers in Nevada	\$25,110
Montana State University	SE Montana Extension Cattle Production School	\$15,000
2014 Exploratory Projects		
Oregon State University	Oregon Family-Owned Dairy Farm Succession Needs Assessment	\$2,000
New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service	Navajo Farmer and Rancher Resource Assessment Exploratory Project	\$2,000
Washington State University Colville Reservation Extension	Strengthening Agricultural Capacity on the Colville Reservation	\$2,000
Fort Belknap Livestock Marketing Cooperative	Exploring How Financial and Production Record Keeping Training Could Enhance the Marketability of Source Verified Native American Beef for the Fort Belknap Livestock Marketing Cooperative Producers	\$2,000
University of Arizona	Developing Summer Season Precipitation Monitoring Strategies for Arizona Ranchers and Range Managers to Manage Drought Risk	\$2,000
University of Nevada Cooperative Extension	Sow Tuh-Mah-Suan/Tema-Se-An-Kant	\$2,000