

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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The New Farm Journal features WSU and Organic Agriculture

A recent article in the New Farm journal recognized Washington State University as a major leader in organic agriculture. With the introduction of an Organic Agricultural Systems major, "(WSU) is leading the pack as land-grant universities begin "greening up," says author Dan Sullivan. "Whether being driven by consumer demand, enlightened administrators, or an auspicious aligning of the stars, land grant universities across the country are beginning to embrace organic agriculture. Leading the charge is Washington State University and its cadre of earth-friendly professors. " <http://www.newfarm.org/features/2006/0506/wsusullivan.shtml> The Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources (CSANR) and the new organic major are cited as two examples that make WSU a leader in this growing, nationwide movement. The article features profiles on CSANR's director Chris Feise, CSANR's statewide coordinator David Granatstein and several other WSU professors prominent in both sustainable and organic agriculture.



Andy Bary (left) with farmers and participants at The 2005 Small Farms Field Day.

WSU Puyallup is one of five research centers with certified organic land. Craig Cogger - Soil Scientist, Andy Bary - Senior Scientific Assistant, Marcy Ostrom - WSU Small Farms Program Director, and Dave Muehleisen - Research Coordinator/Entomologist, are also part of the CSANR team. Their research includes evaluation of local organic amendments as sources of nutrients, cover cropping strategies, and on-farm research to address the problems of local organic farmers. The long term goal of their program is to improve the competitiveness and sustainability of organic vegetable farms.

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