

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Congressional staff tour sees variety of WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center programs

On August 8th, Puyallup hosted the first stop of the WSU Congressional Staff Fact Finding Tour. Initial briefing sessions were held in the D. F. Allmendinger Center where Jon Johnson, Associate Scientist, talked about his work with hybrid poplars and the growing interest in Bioenergy and Sue Butkus, Extension Nutrition Specialist, discussed the effective Nutrition and Diabetes programs based at WSU Puyallup. Across the street in the white barns, Kevin Wright, Program Manager, showed materials and discussed the highly successful Operation Military Kids 4-H Youth Development program. Additional presentations were given by Chris Feise, Chad Kruger, Gary Chastagner, John Stark, Joe Harrison, and Craig Cogger.



(**Top left:** Chris Feise, CSANR Director, talked to the group about the Small Farms Program in addition to earlier comments on BIOAg and Climate Friendly Farming™ **Top center:** Congressional staff listened as Gary Chastagner, Scientist, gave a tour of the Sudden Oak Death biocontainment unit; **Top right:** Craig Cogger, Soil Scientist, explained organic research efforts; **Bottom left:** John Stark, Entomologist, talked to staff about the salmon toxicology lab; **Bottom right:** Joe Harrison, Nutrient Management Specialist, explained the process to convert liquid dairy manure to struvite, a useable granular fertilizer.)

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