

HIGHLIGHT

Award-winning programs all connected to WSU Puyallup



(Above left: An educational graphic from the Climate Friendly Farming™ Project illustrates project goals—Chris Feise, CSANR Director is in the right circle; middle: the colorful Food \$ense logo; a historic photo from the 4-H archives of a canning exhibit from the 1916 fair.)

This year's All-Extension conference in Spokane recognized three programs for excellence and achievement. All three of the big award winners have Puyallup ties. The Food \$ense Program, <http://nutrition.wsu.edu/foodsense/index.html>, a Big Cat Award winner, under Sue Butkus' lead, has team members (160+) in 25 counties. Over 100,000 individuals participated in the program last year. Christa Albice, Kathy Poole, Robin McCarthy, Steven Garrett, Kathleen Manenica, and Elaine Mayes are all part of the Puyallup-based program leadership team. Jeri Ayala, Anna Stutler, Carla Ferguson, Jean Canonica, Diane Bartle, Mickey Bean, Andy Jackson, Ron Perrine, Vernene Scheurer, Donna Gardner, Marcia Senter, and Andrea Butler all provide administrative support for the program.

The Climate Friendly Farming Project, also a Big Cat Award winner, is a leading-edge national program nationally and a demonstration that multidisciplinary projects can succeed. The project is part of the Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources - <http://csanr.wsu.edu/>. Chris Feise is the Director with Cindy Armstrong playing an important administrative role for the team. Some of Joe Harrison's research is associated with the project and Deb Davidson (tech), Richard Bembenek (tech), Rebecca White (PhD student), Interns Jennifer Janes, Christina Reed, Kaycee Anderson, Keith Bowers (collaborator), and Bob Stevens at Prosser work with Joe on his "Capturing Phosphorus from Liquid Dairy Manure in the Form of Struvite" project.

Finally, the Western Washington Fair received the WSU Extension Partner Award for partnering with WSU Extension 4-H for over 100 years. The Fair, the sixth largest in the nation, is the host and long-time contributor to the Washington State 4-H Fair. As the host of the 4-H State Fair, the Western Washington Fair has ensured that five generations of 4-H members have had the opportunity to display their very best achievements to over 1.3 million fair-goers annually. The Washington State 4-H Fair is truly the showcase for the personal achievements of individual youth and also for the breadth and depth of the opportunities available to young people through 4-H.

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