

For Immediate Release

Leafy Greens Field Walk

Monday June 3rd, 4:45–7:00 pm
Cloud Mountain Farm Center
6906 Goodwin Road, Everson, WA 98247
<http://www.cloudmountainfarmcenter.org/>



Everson, WA – A number of leafy green crop types can be field-grown and grown using season extension techniques and harvested during non-peak production periods in the Pacific Northwest. Evaluation of the most productive types/varieties for this region and mechanization of operations can reduce production costs and increase profitability. Additionally, recent and proposed changes to food safety rules will likely alter current production practices.

This field walk will highlight the recently initiated leafy greens variety trial occurring at both Cloud Mountain Farm Center and at WSU Mt. Vernon Research and Extension Center. Initial screening of types/varieties began in the fall of 2012 and an additional planting was initiated this spring. We will tour the planting at Cloud Mountain Farm Center and also demonstrate a bed shaper, a high density greens seeder, and a walk behind mechanical harvester.

We will also spend the first half of the walk discussing proposed changes to food safety rules with Washington State University food safety specialists and a Health Department inspector. Researchers and farmer collaborators will discuss results from evaluations of dips to reduce pathogen presence.

Directions: <http://goo.gl/maps/k0avR>.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF THE I-5 BRIDGE COLLAPSE THERE IS AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR THOSE COMING FROM SOUTH OF MT. VERNON – PLAN FOR DELAYS. [WSDOT ALTERNATE ROUTE MAP \(http://goo.gl/4E4Qr\)](http://goo.gl/4E4Qr)

This event is free and open to all who may be interested. Any questions feel free to contact Chris Benedict (chrisbenedict@wsu.edu).

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