

DATE: April 21, 2009
TO: BIOAg Tour Invitee
FROM: Stephen Van Vleet, WSU Extension Educator
SUBJECT: BIOAg Tour ~ June 15, 2009

Stephen Van Vleet

You are specially invited to join the 2009 BIOAg Tour that will take place on June 15, 2009. The tour will transport guests to various agricultural operations in the Palouse area that use sustainable practices. WSU Whitman County Extension is coordinating this tour that is sponsored by WSU Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources (CSANR), Washington Sustainable Food & Farming Network (WSFFN) and Whitman County Cattlemen's Association.

This is a great opportunity for you to view and learn firsthand about sustainable agricultural management systems. You will visit farm operations that use managed grazing systems and agricultural practices that promote the long-term health of their farm's natural resources and habitats. This year, the tour will feature naturally-grown beef raised in a low-stress, open pasture environment, water management resource concerns and alternative sustainable use of lands coming out of CRP. According to an earlier attendee of the tour, Senator Ken Jacobsen, "For a city boy, the BIOAg Tour was one of the most valuable legislative tours of all time."

Tour guests will be treated to a brunch and a local barbecue. Space is limited, so please contact me as soon as your schedule permits to let me know whether we can look forward to seeing you on the tour. You are welcome to invite another person within your organization to attend with you or in your place. Your reply is important in enabling us to plan a successful event. I can be reached at (509) 397-6290, cell phone (509) 595-5163, or by email at svanvleet@wsu.edu.

We hope to see you on June 15!