



Snohomish County
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Snohomish County Executive proclaims 'Agriculture Week in Snohomish County'

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon has proclaimed March 20 through March 26 'Agriculture Week in Snohomish County,' to honor the area's 1,200 farmers and a \$126 million-a-year industry. Executive Reardon signed the proclamation after he released his administration's *Snohomish County Agriculture Action Plan*.

Read the full proclamation below:

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PROCLAMATION

Honoring Agriculture Week in Snohomish County

WHEREAS, agriculture has been the dominant feature of Snohomish County's fertile river valleys since the County was founded in 1861; and

WHEREAS, A viable and vigorous agricultural economy is critical to the future of Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, today, Snohomish County's 1,200 farmers are the centerpiece of a \$126.9 million local industry that sells locally and around the world; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is a vital industry in Snohomish County that must be preserved and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2004 Snohomish County hosted the first annual Focus on Farming Conference and drew over 350 farmers, ranchers and growers whose roots in Snohomish County span as long as 5 generations; and

WHEREAS, the Focus on Farming Conference was the first step in the development of the Snohomish County Agriculture Action Plan, which identifies action items and measurable outcomes within farm regulation reform, economic development, outreach and education, and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County must be committed to promoting policies that remove barriers to economic expansion into new markets, while at the same time increasing the opportunity for farmers to seek out their own economic goals within our community; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County will continue to partner with farmers in our region to ensure their long-term future success in our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, in recognition of our commitment to the farm community of Snohomish County do hereby proclaim the week of March 20 through 26, 2005

**Agriculture Week
In Snohomish County**

Signed this seventeenth day of March, 2005.

Aaron G. Reardon
Snohomish County Executive