

FIFTH ANNUAL

Palouse Alternative Cropping Symposium

promoting healthy soils + profitable farming

Learn from Palouse farmers about cover cropping, intercropping, and integrating livestock.

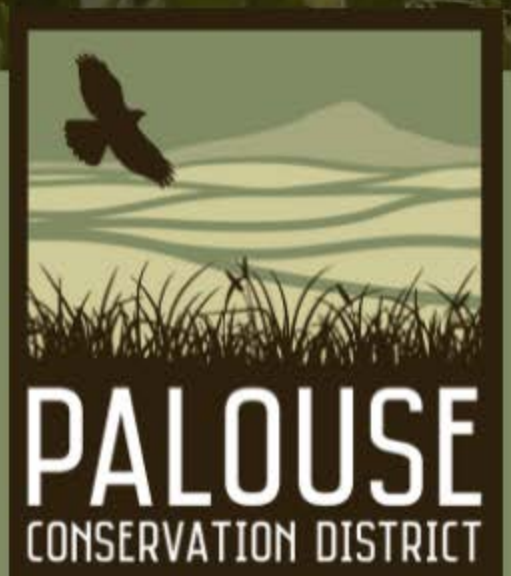
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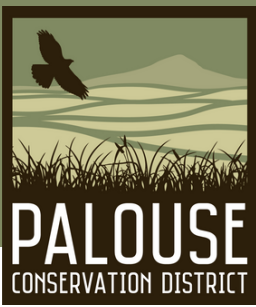
10 AM - 4PM

Palouse Empire Fairgrounds, Colfax

\$5 Registration Fee. Register by 2/18.

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Alternative Cropping Symposium

Thursday, February 22nd, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Palouse Empire Fairgrounds, Colfax, WA

Agenda

Coffee & Networking

9:30 AM

Grab a beverage and chat with your neighbor!

Welcome and Introductions

10:00 AM

Life is Better With Some Cows Around

10:05 AM

Allen Druffel, Bar Star Farm, Colton WA

Learning to Grow Organic Wheat

10:35 AM

Aaron Flansburg, Flansburg Farms, Palouse WA

Break

11:05 AM

WSARE Update

11:20 AM

Kendall Kahl and Subodh Adhikari, University of Idaho

Getting Real with Virtual Fencing

11:40 AM

Nathaniel Slinkert, Vence

Lunch

12:10 PM

Cover Crops and Extracts

1:10 PM

Josh Riddle, Farm It, Spokane WA

The Land Institute and Kernza® Perennial Grain: Transforming Agriculture, Perennially

1:40 PM

Evan Craine, The Land Institute

Break

2:10 PM

Regenerative Agriculture on the Palouse

2:25 PM

Eric Odberg, Odberg Farms, Genesee ID

Closing Remarks

2:55 PM

Social Time

3:05 PM



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Speaker Bios

Allen Druffel

Allen Druffel is a dryland crop farmer in southeast Whitman County with 18 years of experience working towards a regenerative farming system. Allen specializes in a diverse direct seed farming system that has utilized different carbon amendments to decrease synthetic inputs and improve soil health.

Aaron Flansburg

Aaron has been farming full time with his family since graduating from WSU in 2002. He lives three miles south of Palouse with his wife and three kids.

Kendall Kahl

Kendall has a master's degree in soil science and is working towards a Ph.D., though her background includes several years working on farms. Her work focuses on measuring the impact of conservation and regenerative agricultural practices on soil health properties, carbon, and nitrogen cycling in the Palouse.

Subodh Adhikari

Subodh's research interest is in developing sustainable farming systems that rely less on chemicals and tillage and promote habitats for beneficial insects, like bees, to pollinate crops and regulate pests.

Nathaniel Slinkert

Nathaniel Slinkert is territory manager for Vence within the Pacific States, as well as the Great Basin. He also manages Vence's researcher accounts, facilitating the exploration of new use cases and applications of virtual fencing on rangelands.

Josh Riddle

Josh is a fourth generation farmer, father of two kids, and married to a wonderful wife. He is currently on the path to find a way to grow nutritious cover crops, extracts and compost teas. His goal is to farm without synthetic fertilizer and as few of chemicals as possible while still staying viable.

Evan Craine

Evan Craine is a Research Associate in The Land Institute's Crop Stewardship Program. He researches perennial grain crop nutritional quality and how to best use these new crops in food and beverages. Ultimately, this work is focused on scaling perennial grain crops in collaboration with farmers, plant breeders, food scientists, and end-users. Evan earned a PhD in Crop Science from WSU as a member of Dr. Kevin Murphy's Sustainable Seed Systems Lab, where he studied quinoa and malting barley. He lives outside of Pullman with his wife, Liv, who teaches Biology at Pullman High School.

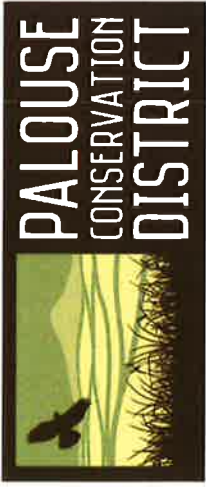
Eric Odberg

Eric Odberg is a fourth generation farmer from Genesee, ID. This year, Odberg Farms is celebrating 130 years of farming on the Palouse. He farms with his wife, Malia, and their three boys, Ethan, Evan and Nick. They grow wheat, malt barley, garbanzo beans, and canola. They also farm in a 22" precipitation zone and he is starting his 31st year of farming this year.



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