

SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIONS' FOOD & FARMING PROGRAM 2019 CALENDAR

EVENTS		OPPORTUNITIES
JANUARY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill out your Listing & Ads for <i>the Eat Local First Food & Farm Finder</i> and <i>Culinary Agritourism Map</i> • 1/18 Early bird registration ends for Farm-to-Table Trade Meeting • 1/18 Listings for Wholesale Directory, CSA Guide, Whatcom Food & Farm Finder and Culinary Map DUE
FEBRUARY	2/19 Farm-to-Table Trade Meeting at Bellingham Technical College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/9 Fill out Food & Farming Member Survey
MARCH	3/6 – CSA Member Lunch 3/30 - CSA Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For farmers offering CSA: be featured at CSA Fair & CSA Member Lunch
APRIL	4/6 Eat Local First Food & Farm Finder launch	
MAY	5/8 Farmer Chef Mixer 5/18 Cascade Cuts Plant Sale 5/23 Farmer Mixer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/18 Deadline for signing up for Eat Local Month and Farm Tour participation • Place an Ad in the Eat Local Month guide: 45,000 copies and affordable! • Update your Food Atlas listing
JUNE		
JULY	7/15 Chef Farm Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/6 Register for Chef Farm Tour
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	<u>September Eat Local Month</u> 9/1 Farm Fund Hootenanny 9/7-8 Whatcom County Farm Tour Weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/1 2019 Food To Bank On applications available
OCTOBER		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/19 2019 Food to Bank On applications due
NOVEMBER	11/6 Farmer Chef Mixer	
DECEMBER	12/5 Farmer Party to celebrate Food to Bank On	

EVENT & OPPORTUNITY DETAILS

CHEF FARM TOUR We load up a bunch of grocery buyers and chefs in a van for a tour of the hottest new farms and local products. An event we look forward to every year!

CSA PROMOTIONS Sustainable Connections helps promote CSA farms through producing the annual CSA list, and promoting the CSA model to the public and businesses. The CSA Fair is an opportunity to connect with consumers, and the CSA Member Lunch to connect with businesses. Participation is free.

CULINARY MAP A guide focused on drawing regional visitors from the Seattle area to lower B.C. to discover culinary and agritourism experiences and businesses in Bellingham and Whatcom County, 15,000 copies printed and distributed in high traffic areas in 8 counties.

EAT LOCAL FIRST FOOD ATLAS A new online interactive map, helping our community find local food & farms at their fingertips, AND connecting local food & farm businesses to key resources (like access to capital, farm inputs, commercial kitchens) and each other.

EAT LOCAL FIRST FOOD & FARM FINDER A well-used annually printed guide for all things local food: farms, markets, restaurants, locally made products, and more. Listing and ad opportunities for great rates, 30,000 copies printed and distributed each year – our most popular publication!

EAT LOCAL MONTH In September we celebrate Eat Local Month, featuring restaurants, markets, farms and food businesses throughout the month. Get involved by hosting a featured event we can promote, or by offering a special throughout the month.

FARMER CHEF MIXERS Facilitated networking, aimed at making more producer/wholesale relationships. Good food and valuable connections.

FARM-TO-TABLE TRADE MEETING Our annual one-day conference and connections event bringing together around 200 food and farming businesses of all kinds for a day of networking and education. Find local products, new markets, and get inspired and grow your business!

WHATCOM COUNTY FARM TOUR This annual, free, self-guided tour educates our community by creating opportunity to experience and learn more about where their food comes from. 2018 will be our 2nd year offering a 2-day tour in partnership with Whatcom Family Farmers and Dairy Farmers of WA.

WHOLESALE PRODUCT DIRECTORY The chefs and wholesale buyer's guide to local farm grown and artisan made products from Whatcom & Skagit Counties. Find a list of product by farm or business, a seasonality calendar, lists of products and contact information. Updated each winter.