



DRAFT AGENDA

-----SUBJECT TO CHANGE-----

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | CHILKAT CENTER

4:30 Lobby	Check-in at Chilkat Center
5:00 Lobby	Welcome, Summit Kick-off
5:15 Lobby	<i>Dinner and Presentation: History of Agriculture in Haines</i> Sheldon Museum, Haines
6:30 Lobby	<i>Introductions and Farmer "Show and Tell"</i> Farmers have 5-10 minutes to describe their operation and share photos: What are you growing? How do you grow? Who do you sell to? Why do you grow? What is special about your farm? Aspiring farmers and agencies share their intentions/interests and involvement in the agricultural field.
8:15	Wrap up , Closing Remarks A shuttle will be provided to hotels and homestays.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | CHILKAT CENTER

8:00 Lobby	Welcome, Breakfast
8:30 Auditorium	<p>Soils 101: Ecological Soil Management Doug Collins, Extension Faculty and Soil Scientist, Washington State University Small Farms Program</p> <p>This workshop will cover soil formation and the relationship between fertility, soil health and tillth. Dr. Collins will discuss the physical properties of soil, soil nutrient pools, the importance of nitrogen and how to interpret a soil test. Specific sustainable farming practices such as cover cropping and adding compost, manure, and organic fertilizers can increase soil productivity and incorporation of these techniques in soil building will also be covered.</p>
10:30	BREAK
10:45 - 11:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Room TBD	Unconfirmed Session
Room TBD	<p>Building Community Supported Agriculture Megan Talley, Spring Creek Farm Manager, Alaska Pacific University</p> <p>Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) has become a model for successful farms accross the country. In this session we will provide the basics of running a CSA program and explore non traditional markets for small scale farmers. We will discuss the key compontents to building and retaining a strong customer base for your farm. As a group we will look at the assets available to farmers in Southeast communities and make connections that support each others work to build a strong local food community.</p>
12:00 Lobby	<p>Lunch and Presentations: Strategies to Support SE Food Systems and Resources for Farmers Lia Heifetz, Grow Southeast and Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition; Paul Hackenmeuller, Haa Aani Community Economic Development</p> <p>While enjoying lunch, learn about the Path to Prosperity business planning competition, the Southeast Alaska Online Farmers Market, and scholarships for Southeast Alaskan farmers to attend a national farming Conference in 2018.</p>
1:00 Auditorium	<p>Farming in Southeast: Operations and Innovations 30-minute presentations by Southeast Alaska based farmers</p> <p>Raising Pigs with Food Waste Bobbi Daniels, Sawmill Farm, Sitka</p> <p>The Future of Seed Saving in Alaska Foundroot Farm, Haines</p>
2:00	BREAK
2:15 Auditorium	<p>High Tunnel Panel Moderator: Samia Savell, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service</p> <p>Farragut Farm, Root Seller Farm, and the Sunshine Girls Farm share experiences and recommendations from the field.</p>
3:15	BREAK

<p>3:30 Auditorium</p>	<p><i>Farming in Southeast: Operations and Innovations</i> <i>30-minute presentations by Southeast Alaska based farmers</i></p> <p><i>Building and Using Cold Storage on a Small Vegetable Farm</i> Sally Boisvert, Four Winds Farm, Haines A discussion of post-harvest produce handling and storage, including the use of a farm-made electric walk-in cooler and root cellar. The talk will detail the construction of both cold storage units. The topic of produce handling will be presented from an on-farm food safety perspective. Four Winds Farm is a Certified Naturally Grown vegetable farm selling fresh produce weekly at the Haines Farmers Market and to a local restaurant.</p> <p><i>Biomass Heated Aquaponics</i> Colter Barnes, Prinicipal, Southeast Island School District, Prince of Wales Island</p> <p><i>Per Foot Crop Values from Farmers Market Sales in Juneau</i> Joe Orsi, Orsi Organic Produce, Juneau Seasonal crop production metrics are needed in Southeast Alaska to determine the feasibility and profit margin for future farming enterprises in this region. This talk will share an individual grower's estimate of crop-specific values per growing area sold at Juneau Farmers Markets in 2016. The intent of this talk is to present actual farm sales revenue of different crops to establish how much land might be necessary to run a profitable farm in Southeast Alaska.</p>
<p>5:00</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>5:30</p>	<p>Dinner</p>
<p>7:00 Auditorium</p>	<p>Movie with the community of Haines The Symphony of Soil</p>

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | CHILKAT CENTER

7:00 Lobby	Welcome, Breakfast
8:30	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Room TBD	<p>Optimizing Nitrogen Management on Organic Biologically Intensive Farms Doug Collins, Extension Faculty and Soil Scientist, Washington State University Small Farms Program</p> <p>Organic farmers face a difficult problem in managing nitrogen: the magnitude and timing of nitrogen mineralization from organic matter cannot be easily predicted. Well-managed plant-soil systems are tightly coupled; they are balanced in terms of nitrogen availability and nitrogen uptake. This presentation will cover ongoing research working to place dollar values on the importance of optimizing soil nitrogen fertility. Growers will be able to more accurately estimate nitrogen mineralization from soil organic matter and adjust fertilizer applications up or down accordingly.</p>
Room TBD	<p>Business Planning and Small Farm Finances Paul Hackenmeuller, Haa Aani Economic Development; Megan Talley, Spring Creek Farm, Alaska Pacific University</p>
9:30	BREAK
9:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Room TBD	<p>Using Local Amendments to Improve Soil David Ianson, Soil Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Kenai Field Office</p> <p>What do all those numbers mean in a Soils Report? What do I do with those numbers? In this presentation David Ianson, Ph.D, will explain what the numbers mean for crop production in Southeast Alaska and the best way to address any problems in the unique conditions of the region.</p>
Room TBD	<p>Techniques for Growing Crops in Southeast Alaska - Fruit Trees and Grafting Rob Bishop, Game Creek Orchards, Hoonah; Joe Orsi, Orsi Organic Produce, Juneau</p> <p>Is it possible to grow a commercial quality apple or a raise a one pound tomato in Southeast Alaska? This informal workshop will help folks better overcome common apple fruiting problems for our area (i.e., sun scald, certain diseases and pests, the correct way to plant, importance of pruning, etc.) and also give some insight on how to increase crop production. Joe and Rob will share some of their experiences growing crops in high tunnels and also demonstrate how to graft apples and tomatoes. Come learn, and also feel free to share your "success" stories.</p>
Room TBD	Unconfirmed Session
10:45	BREAK
11:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Room TBD	<p>Discussion: Policy and Initiatives for Commercial Agriculture Facilitator: Liz Snyder, Alaska Food Policy Council, University of Alaska</p>
Room TBD	<p>Discussion: Growing Future Farmers with Internships and Education Facilitator: Megan Talley, Spring Creek Farm, Alaska Pacific University</p>

12:30 Lobby	<i>Lunch and Presentation</i>
1:30 - 2:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS / ROUNDTABLES / ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATIONS
Room TBD	<p><i>New Directions for Cover Crop Management in Reduced Tillage Organic Agriculture</i> Doug Collins, Extension Faculty and Soil Scientist, Washington State University Small Farms Program</p> <p>Systems that reduce frequency and intensity of soil disturbance during organic vegetable production can improve soil quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This presentation will briefly cover recent research in reduced tillage organic agriculture and highlight two new directions for cover crop management.</p>
Room TBD	<i>Online Marketplace for Local Foods</i>
Room TBD	<p>ROUNDTABLES / ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATIONS Agencies and experts available. Sign-ups will be available in advance for one-on-one meetings.</p>
2:00	<p>ROUNDTABLES / ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATIONS Agencies and experts available. Sign-ups will be available in advance for one-on-one meetings.</p>
3:00	<i>Wrap up, Closing Remarks</i>
3:15	<i>Shuttle leaves for ferry</i>