

## SCHEDULE

### Day 1, February 14

*Harvest and Hearth Workshops and Panels*

*Earlybird tickets-\$50, After January 24-\$60*

#### 8:30-9:00 CHECK IN

#### 9:00-9:45 KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. DAVID JOHNSON

#### 10:00-11:00 SESSION 1

##### **Livestock: Raising Angora Rabbits for Fiber**

Angora rabbit fiber is an operation that can be done with limited space. Learn the basics of rabbit care, and the process from shearing to spinning. Carol will demonstrate the entire process, from rabbit to hat!

##### **Crop Production: Growing Small Grains**

Learn about the basics of small grain production- the equipment you need, potential markets, and techniques to help you be successful.

##### **Farmstead Management: Composting with David Johnson**

Did you know there are more microbes in a tablespoon of healthy soil than there are humans on earth? Join Dr. David Johnson, renowned molecular biologist and research scientist at the University of New Mexico, to learn about the importance of microorganisms in soil regeneration and the value of healthy soil on every farm.

##### **Enterprise Diversification: Expanding into Wine and Cider Production**

Considering expanding into the booming wine or cider industry? Hear how two farmers have gotten into the business- all the rules and regulations, how to market, and what you really need to know to make it work before you take the leap.

##### **NCAP Grower's Own: Are You Doing On-Farm Research?**

Whether the answer is yes or no, this session is for you. You will learn about funding opportunities, innovative on-farm research happening around the state, and get inspired to peruse answers to important questions!

#### 11:15-12:15 SESSION 2

##### **Livestock: Chickens: Laying Hens and Broilers**

Chickens are the backbone of any farmstead. Learn the ins and outs of pastured chicken care, and how to raise them for eggs, meat, or both!

##### **Crop Production: Nursery Production: Cuttings, Bulbs and Starts**

Enjoy a hands-on class to learn how to propagate plants, as well as the basics for planning, clean production, tools, basic plant materials review and post-propagation care

### **Farmstead Management: The Benefits of Ecosystem Restoration**

Learning to work with natural systems can have a multitude of benefits for your farm. Learn how one ranching family is working to bring the native habitat back to their farm and the benefits it brings.

### **Enterprise Diversification: Creating Community**

Farming can be a solitary job, but three local farmers have brought community into the soul of their operations. Tyson Meeks is the founder of the Soil Keepers, a no-till based organization sharing ideas and methods on how to benefit their farms. Henry Allsworth has gathered farmers in the Dry Creek Valley to cooperatively lease land and share ideas and tools. Ben Trieu has organized bike tours to farms, providing the community with education and the farmers with project-based help.

### **NCAP Grower's Own: What Can You Do About the Insect Apocalypse?**

The world of insects is in trouble. Populations of bees, beetles, butterflies, and other invertebrates are in decline worldwide. Come to this session to brush up on your bug identification skills and get familiar with Idaho specific resources for conserving or restoring habitat on your farm.

## **12:30-1:00 LUNCH**

## **1:30-2:30 SESSION 3**

### **Livestock: Small Dairies in Idaho**

Small family dairies may be on the decline nationwide, but that doesn't mean a small-scale dairy operation can't be successful and profitable. Learn how small local dairies have managed to make it work with both cow and goat operations.

### **Crop Production: Vineyard Production**

Idaho has a few small but ideal grape-growing regions throughout the state. Whether for wine or table grapes, find out how to successfully raise a vineyard for optimum production.

### **Farmstead Management: Farm and Revenue Diversification**

Don't put all your eggs in one basket! Diversifying your on-farm income through different business avenues is key to creating a sustainable company. Hear how three small Idaho farms are making it work by crop diversification, value-added goods, and always adding to their farm.

### **Enterprise Diversification: Are You Ready to Farm?**

Interested in starting a small farm in the city, suburbs or country? Wonder what you could do and if you're ready? Whether you're in the dreaming stages or have already begun, this engaging workshop will walk you through various enterprise scenarios and share how to evaluate them for your unique situation. Learn what it takes to begin and sustain a small-scale farming business and how to know if you're ready to take the leap.

### **NCAP Grower's Own: What Can Be Better Than Organic?**

What is being done to ensure the organic industry lives up to the standards of its founders? Come get a glimpse into several initiatives that claim to be raising the bar. Learn what sets them apart from mainstream organic and what it takes meet their standards.

## 2:45-3:45 SESSION 4

### **Livestock: The Basics of Sustainable Beef Cattle and Carbon Sequestration**

Looking to raise sustainable grass-fed cows? Get the basics about how to manage a herd to optimize production and conservation.

### **Crop Production: Utilizing Hoop Houses for Season Extension and Improved Production**

Hoop houses can be a great way to improve your farm's production, whether through season extension or crop management. Learn how one North Idaho farm has used them to successfully grow their business.

### **Farmstead Management: The Benefits of Native Pollinators**

Maintaining habitat for native insects can be key to managing pests and disease, as well as promoting crop health and pollination. Learn how you can provide habitat for beneficial insects to improve the health of your farm.

### **Enterprise Diversification: Am I Making Money?**

Crunching the numbers can be daunting but making sure your farm is in the black is key for long-term success. Hear how local farmers are making sure that their operations are profitable.

### **NCAP Grower's Own: Is the Legacy of Your Farm Secured?**

What will become of the land you're farming in the future? Will it stay in agricultural production? Who is going to run it? Whether you have a plan laid out or are starting your plans from scratch, in this session, experts that deal with succession and farmers will share their knowledge and experience with you.

## 3:45-5:00 INFORMAL NETWORKING AND HAPPY HOUR

### **Day 2, February 15**

*Optional Add-on Courses at Vine and Branch Ranch*

#### **9:00-10:00 Hands-on Chicken Processing Class \$35**

Learn how to process chickens from start to finish. Josiah from J-Bar Poultry will lead the class through the necessary equipment, proper techniques, and how to butcher, gut, and pluck a chicken. Each student will have their own hen to process and take home.

#### **10:15-12:15 Lamb Butchering Demonstration \$35**

Join Chef Nate Whitley for a full lamb carcass butchering demonstration. Nate will take you through the breakdown process step by step so you can see how to parcel out a small livestock animal. Nate will also discuss cooking techniques and how to select cuts for different recipes.

#### **1:00-3:00 Do You Dream of Being a Flower Farmer? \$35**

Do you love flowers? Do you wish you knew more about them? Join the Ada Soil & Water Conservation District for this class all about flowers! You will learn about flower varieties, planting, watering, harvesting, small business operation, and you will make your own beautiful bouquet to take home! Whether you're an aspiring flower farmer, hobby gardener, or simply a fan of all things floral, this class is for you!