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Upcoming Events

Stay tuned in to the Rogue Valley Food System Network [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for more upcoming event info.

"Food Chains: The Revolution in America's Fields" Virtual Film Viewing and Discussion

February 6th, 6 to 8:00pm

After viewing the film, there will be a discussion of the film and a bill in the 2022 Oregon legislature to require overtime pay for farmworkers. [Net proceeds from \\$5 ticket price will benefit the Silverton Grange.](#)

Rogue Farm Corps & Friends of Family Farmers present: An Advocacy Workshop & Panel for Oregon Farmers

Thursday, Feb 10th, 6-7:30pm on Zoom

We support an engaged and active farmer community in helping to shape and advocate for policy that works for farmers and farmworkers and their communities!

2022 Virtual Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Conference

February 14-26th

The Oregon Small Farms Conference is a two day virtual event this year geared toward farmers, agricultural professionals, food policy advocates, students and managers of farmers markets. Educational sessions are offered on a variety of topics relevant to Oregon small farmers. Speakers include farmers, OSU Extension faculty, agribusiness, and more. [Learn more and register.](#)

OSU Small Farms ConferenceFebruary 18-19, Virtual. \$25 per person. [Learn more.](#)**First Annual Community Seed Swap at Raptor Creek Farm**

April 9th 10am-2pm, Raptor Creek Farm, 3658 Upper River Road, Grants Pass

This is a free community event. Bring your seeds, plants, cuttings, and scions to share.

**Network News**

Check out what Rogue Valley Food System Network partners are up to

Rogue Valley Food System Network's Year in Review!

We've compiled everything we worked on in 2021 into a handy two-page report along with handy links to supporting documents. [Check it out](#) to see how we've grown, what we have in store for the future, and find what resonates with you.

Introducing the Josephine County Farm Collective

In an effort to expand the local food network, Daily Blessings Farm has established the Josephine County Farm Collective: a group of local, small farms working together to deliver fresh, organically grown food, flowers and fiber products throughout the community. These farms are working collaboratively to share resources, knowledge, marketing, and distribution channels to better serve Josephine County residents. [Now accepting CSA farm share signups for 2022!](#)

Winter Procurement Gathering for Producers

Rogue Valley Farm to School gathered twenty members of our food system community to discuss the challenges and successes of the 2021 growing season and to start planning for the 2022 growing season. This year, they are featuring old and new farms in RVF2S's Harvest of the Month Program, getting direct input from nutrition directors and cafeteria staff on what they are looking to offer in school meals, and helping to support growers in the Rogue Valley when facing challenges in this environment. With drought, heat, fire, smoke, high costs of supplies and resources, labor shortages, and COVID challenges, there is even more of a need for strong relationships and reliable markets through Rogue Valley Farm to School. Weren't able to attend? See [notes here](#), learn more on the [RVF2S website](#), get in touch, and join this July for another procurement gathering for farms and schools.

The DEI Committee for the Oregon Community Food System Network (OCFSN)

is currently [accepting applications](#) for new members. If you are interested in engaging with a group of people committed to furthering equity and racial justice

committee charter that will provide more details on the committee. To apply to join the committee, fill out the [application form here](#). If you have any questions please contact ocfsn.info@gmail.com

Applications for Rogue Farm Corps Internships and Apprenticeships are open now

Rogue Farm Corps seeks to train an inclusive next generation of farmers and encourages applicants of all backgrounds and identities to apply. RFC has tuition scholarship opportunities available for applicants who identify as BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, veteran, or low-income. Learn more and [apply](#).

Friends of Family Farmers Supports the Farmworker Overtime Bill

Although many farms in our network already pay above the industry average and pay close attention to the working environment of their crews, passing the Farmworker Overtime Bill (HB 4002) will help farms retain their skilled workforce for the betterment of the future of Oregon agriculture. [Read their blog post to learn more.](#)

Rogue Valley Water Summit Survey

Southern Oregon Pachamama Alliance and others will host a Water Summit in the summer or fall of 2022. What might be needed to prepare for future climate impacts, outdated legislation, regulations and other obstacles? [Your suggestions and comments](#) at this early planning stage are greatly needed and appreciated.



Join in on a class or workshop

Register to attend one of the many workshops, classes, and other learning opportunities offered in our area and online by food and farming organizations and educators!

Dry Farming Collaborative Convening

February 8, 9am-1pm

Learn about various dry farming research trial results, how to get involved with the Dry Farming Collective, and connect with other growers!

Rogue Farm Corps Changing Hands Workshop Series #4: Resources for Military Veterans

February 16-23, 6-7:30pm

[Visit the Changing Hands Workshops page to learn more and register!](#)

Siskiyou Permaculture Presents: 12-Day Permaculture Design Course

Every other weekend, February 26 - May 8, 2022

The Permaculture Design Course is a deep dive into preparing for a resilient local culture. [More information and registration.](#)

Jobs and volunteer opportunities in food and farming in our immediate and greater community.



The Oregon Community Food Systems Network (OCFSN) is hiring a Network Coordinator

Part-time (0.75 FTE) position that would support OCFSN's 57+ member organizations through coordinating communication, administrative, organizing, and fundraising goals and tasks. [Full position description here](#). Applications are requested and strongly encouraged by February 11, 2022 but will remain open until the positions are filled.

The Oregon Community Food Systems Network (OCFSN) is hiring a Farming for the Future Working Group Coordinator

Full-time (1.0 FTE) position that would provide coordination and project management support to the working group and its four subgroups. The position has initial funding for one year, with the potential to become a multi-year position. [Full position description here](#). Applications are requested and strongly encouraged by February 11, 2022 but will remain open until the positions are filled.

Oregon Food Bank is hiring a Double Up Food Bucks Coordinator

The position pay range is \$44,720 - \$49,511 annually. [It will be open through February 13th](#).

Rogue Valley Growers and Crafters Market is Hiring a Market Site Manager

Email your resume to jaimie@rvgrowersmarket.com.

Oregon State University Extension Service is seeking an Assistant Professor of Practice for the Extension Family and Community Health Program

This [full-time, 12-month, faculty position](#) is located at the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center in Central Point, Oregon.



Grants Pass Growers Market

Saturdays 9:00am to 1:00pm
JoCo Fairgrounds, Grants Pass (winter location)

Rogue Valley Growers and Crafters Indoor Winter Market

Tuesdays 9:00a-1:00p through February 22, 2022
Phoenix Plaza Civic Center, 220 N Main St, Phoenix, OR.

Convenient, flexible, economical, and available year-round, Rogue Produce is an online market that delivers the freshest, highest-quality local and organic produce directly to your door!



Conservation Reserve Program Signup is OPEN

For more than 35 years, the Farm Bill's [Conservation Reserve Program](#) (CRP) has paid farmers and landowners to take highly erodible and other environmentally sensitive lands out of crop production and enroll them instead in conserving practices. Through CRP, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) pays farmers to set aside land for grass or tree cover for a period of 10 or 15 years. This set aside period helps keep soil in place, prevent water pollution, and create beneficial wildlife and pollinator habitats. The CRP general signup is open from January 31 until March 11, 2022.

USDA Farm and Food Workers Relief Grant (FFWR)

USDA is accepting applications for the new Farm and Food Workers Relief (FFWR) grant program. The program will provide \$665 million to fund competitive grant applications to provide relief to farmworkers and meatpacking workers who incurred pandemic-related health and safety costs. Eligible state agencies, tribal entities, and non-profit organizations serving farmworkers and meatpacking workers can apply now for grants ranging from \$5 million to \$50 million. [Grant is currently open and is due March 10th, 2022.](#)



Links to make you think.

Have a link you want to share with the RVFSN community? [Send it to us](#) to be included in next month's newsletter!

READ

The Growing Revolution *The Nation, December 2021*

What will it take for an emerging patchwork of co-ops, food hubs, and farming collectives to challenge Big Ag? [Read it here.](#)

Rethinking the Farming Economy *Yes!, June 2021*

A Vermont nonprofit is connecting independent farms with buyers and distributors, reducing food surplus and working to eliminate food insecurity. [Read it here.](#)

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The Rogue Valley Food System Network fosters connections to promote equitable food access, ecologically sound agricultural practices and economic vitality.



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