

Washington has nearly one hundred Hmong farms in the Puget Sound region growing. Hmong farmers grow vegetables and flowers and are known for their gorgeous flower displays at Washington farmers markets. This fact sheet is designed to help Hmong farm businesses find the information and resources to be successful.

This fact sheet includes:

- programs dedicated to Hmong farmers in Washington State;
- Washington State agencies for business, farm, and advocacy support; and
- national organizations with resources for immigrant farmers.

Programs Dedicated to Hmong Farmers in Washington State

WSU Small Farms Team Program and Resources for Hmong Farmers

<http://smallfarms.wsu.edu/immigrant-farmers/hmong-resources.html>

This program provides:

- Extension courses on business and farm management, followed by one-on-one counseling;
- Marketing workshops;
- “Farm walks” that promote hands-on learning and information exchange among producers and university specialists. Strategies covered include alternative pest management, soil and water management, and conservation; and
- A Hmong-language hotline; assistance accessing federal programs; sessions on completing loan applications; and support for farmer-led organizations.

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Local Publications and Resources for Hmong Farmers from WSU

<http://smallfarms.wsu.edu/immigrant-farmers/hmong-publications.html>

Washington State Agencies for Business, Farm and Advocacy Support

Access Washington

<http://access.wa.gov/business>

Office of Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises

www.omwbe.wa.gov or call (360) 704-1187

Washington State Commission on Asian Affairs

www.capaa.wa.gov or call (360) 725-5667

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)

Please contact the Small Farm and Direct Marketing Program.

Email smallfarms@agr.wa.gov or call (360) 902-2057 or (360) 676-2059

Washington State Department of Labor and Industries - L&I

www.lni.wa.gov or call (800) 547-8367

Washington State Department of Licensing - DOL

www.dol.wa.gov or call (360) 664-1400

Washington State Department of Revenue- DOR

<http://dor.wa.gov> or call (800) 647-7706

Washington State Employment Security Department - EDS

www.esd.wa.gov

National Organizations with Resources for Immigrant Farmers

ATTRA

<http://attra.ncat.org>

(800) 411-3222

National Immigrant Farming Initiative (NIFI)

www.immigrantfarming.org

Programs and Curriculum for Hmong Farmers

<http://smallfarms.wsu.edu/immigrant-farmers/hmong-bibliography.html>

United States Small Business Administration

www.sba.gov/localresources/district/wa

Seattle District Office

(206) 553-7310

Spokane Branch Office

(509) 353-2800

Websites with Agricultural Resources Relevant to Working with Hmong Farmers

<http://smallfarms.wsu.edu/immigrant-farmers/hmong-websites.html>

Recommended Fact Sheet: Networks for Washington State Small Farms

For further assistance or to make suggestions on how to improve this fact sheet, please email smallfarms@agr.wa.gov or call (360) 902-2057 or (360) 676-2059.