

## Web Resources:

**WSU Mount Vernon NWREC website:**  
<http://mountvernon.wsu.edu/>

**Farm land application form:**  
<http://www.mountvernon.wsu.edu/WSUmv/servicecenter.html>

**Farm land lease agreement form:**  
<http://www.mountvernon.wsu.edu/WSUmv/servicecenter.html>

**Historical weather records:**  
<http://www.mountvernon.wsu.edu/WSUmv/DetailedWeatherData.html>

**Driving directions:**  
<http://www.mountvernon.wsu.edu/WSUmv/drivingdirections.html>

**Submit farm land application to:**  
[jburritt@wsu.edu](mailto:jburritt@wsu.edu)

Welcome to WSU Mount Vernon NWREC. Our R&E Center has been in existence for over 60 years. We take pride in the applied experimental field research activities that have taken place here and contributed to the success of Washington's agricultural enterprises during the last half century. Approximately 145 acres at NWREC are dedicated to applied field research trials on a wide variety of vegetable, fruit, seed and cereal crops. Our farm land provides a dynamic research setting via the rich alluvial soils, mild marine climate, and regional stakeholders who are interested in, supportive of, and even directly involved with agriculture and field research.

As scientists and as part of Washington State University, we remain committed to high quality research efforts, transparency and integrity in research methodologies, and prompt delivery of research-based information. When you work here, we ask that you share in that commitment as well. This brochure outlines the policies and procedures for using farmland at WSU NWREC. We hope that your research experience is positive, and productive.

*-Dr. Stephen Jones, Director*

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# Agricultural Field Research



## Policies & Guidelines

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## Guidelines for Using Land for Field Research at NWREC

1. Farm land application form is available at <http://www.mountvernon.wsu.edu/WSUmv/servicecenter.html>. Submit application to WSU Mount Vernon NWREC Farm Management Committee through Jeanne Burritt at [jburritt@wsu.edu](mailto:jburritt@wsu.edu) or mail to 16650 State Route 536, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273.

2. Non-WSU entities must sign a land lease agreement approved by the WSU Real Estate Office, prior to the use of WSU properties. See a sample template at <http://www.mountvernon.wsu.edu/WSUmv/servicecenter.html>.

3. Field charges will be based on a flat fee of \$500 per acre (one acre minimum) with additional NWREC Field Service Center fees as applicable. See schedule at <http://www.mountvernon.wsu.edu/WSUmv/servicecenter.html>.

4. Some field space in existing perennial fruit crops (raspberries, blueberries, cherries, apples, plums, peaches) is available for research from time to time. Contact Jeanne Burritt at [jburritt@wsu.edu](mailto:jburritt@wsu.edu) for additional information on raspberries, blueberries, and tree fruit.



5. All users need to provide plot maps and treatment/entry lists for each experiment prior to approval.

6. NWREC must be informed of any bio-hazards, toxic substances, and registered and non-registered pesticides that might be used on site. Field evaluations of commercially available transgenic varieties must be approved by the NWREC Farm Committee. We have a moratorium on testing and developing new transgenic technologies and germplasm at this facility.

7. All users are responsible for maintaining their field plots, but may utilize NWREC Farm Service Center on a fee-for-service basis provided 1 week advance notice and detailed instructions are given. NWREC is not responsible for planting, harvesting, irrigating, or data collection. Plots that are not properly maintained may be removed or cleaned-up by NWREC with charges to users, accordingly. See fee schedule at <http://www.mountvernon.wsu.edu/WSUmv/servicecenter.html>

8. Researchers who have received approval to conduct experiments at NWREC may not plant plots for other people/programs. "Piggy-backing" onto existing approval is forbidden, and may result in the denial of future land requests.

9. Research that may result in proprietary information, techniques or germplasm must be declared. Due to the complications of distributing royalty funds, such research will be reviewed by the NWREC Farm Committee, and may be denied.

10. Research trials with any crucifer crops (Brassicaceae) must comply with WSDA Crucifer Seed Quarantine (<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=16-301>) as well as the WSDA Brassica Seed Production Districts (<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=16-326>) rules.

11. Information resulting from NWREC field research is free and in the public domain, and must be reported to NWREC within 6 months of trial completion. Alternatively, results may be discussed with stakeholders at NWREC field days or workshops.

12. We request that you acknowledge WSU-Mount Vernon NWREC in written form whenever information from WSU Mount Vernon NWREC field research activities are proposed or published.

