



## **Sustainable Connections establishes 1st Eat Local month**

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As part of its [Food and Farming](#) mission of supporting and building a sustainable local food system in NW Washington, Sustainable Connections in Bellingham is staging an "Eat Local First" campaign and has declared [September "Eat Local" month](#) throughout the region.

Numerous events, highlighted by the [4th annual Whatcom County Farm Tour](#) on Sept. 10 and more than 20 eating experiences, make up a full schedule of celebrations. Check the [website links](#) for times and places, and be sure to participate in our monthly Survey relating to your choices when dining out.

The month will fold directly into the Oct. 1-2 [Fall Fruit Festival](#) held for the 23rd year at Cloud Mountain Farm Center in Everson.

Food and Farming is one of five programs developed year-round by Sustainable Connections. Key partners in the Eat Local Month include Community Food Co-op, Village Books, Common Threads Farm, Whatcom Farm-to-School, local restaurants, groceries, cafes, farmers and many sponsors.

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