

Press Release

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Center for Latino Farmers

Certificates Provided to 10 Latino Farmers

Yakima, WA- RCDR Center for Latino Farmers, a division of the Rural Community Development Resources, sponsored a Spanish/English 20-hour Financial Management Series for new & beginning farmers/ranchers. The participants learned about the importance of understanding credit, financial statements-profit & loss, balance sheets, equity assessments, setting up a filing system, manual versus computerized accounting, etc.

The series was held on August 4 thru 7, 2014 in the evenings in Yakima to accommodate the producers and their harvest schedule. Ten (10) participated in the class from different counties, Grant, Yakima and Benton. All received a Certificate of Completion for the USDA FSA Certified Training which is required for new and beginning farmers & ranchers.

A pre-quiz was initiated at the beginning of the series to gauge their knowledge before the training and a post quiz at the end, with overall scores being 72% versus 98% respectively.

The workshop was made available through a grant from the USDA Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program (BFRDP). The Center supports all efforts in better preparing Latino farmers & ranchers in the importance of managing their farm financial system. For more information, please call 509-453-3157.



Left to right Maria DJ Rodriguez, Staff, Maria Ramirez, Custodio Olivera, Hector Franco, (Instructor) Avelino Santos, Jose Mendoza, Luis & Maria Silva, Staff, Maria Giedra Front Row, left to right, Ruben Diaz, Abel Hermoso Sedano, Valentin Lopez