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### Walla Walla Community College Biodiesel Program



Through the vehicle of biodiesel production, students get a chance to practice safe and effective operations, including working with tools and performing maintenance, as they process at the lab and 100-gallon/batch scales (with the help of a BioPro 380 EX), work with applied chemistry and math, troubleshoot and address normal and abnormal operating conditions, manage wastes (we deliver the glycerol to our wastewater treatment plant managed by CH2MHill – for their anaerobic digester), and compare the advantages and disadvantages of water wash vs. dry wash systems. [Read More.](#)

### Precision Agriculture Seminar

Precision Agriculture presents the most advanced outcomes developing from research in the fields of agriculture, also known as ‘Satellite Farming’. It all started with GPS units, and a farmer’s ability to locate their precise position in a field allowing for mapping of the spatial variability, and crop variability starting in the soils. [Read More.](#)

### Industry Spotlight

The Washington Cattlemen’s Association (WCA) is a statewide non-profit focused on providing support for ranchers through a variety of means. Since their inception in 1925, this association has assisted Washington’s cattlemen and cattlemen in promoting beef as a healthy source of protein, protecting water and property rights, and serving as a central contact point for the cattle industry. [Read More.](#)



### Marketing Strategy Update



The Agriculture Center of Excellence marketing strategies are remaining effective, while evolving as necessary. As discussed in our previous newsletter, we’d increased our focus on social media marketing – reaching out to a new demographic, with increased focus. Since implementing this new strategy, we have seen our website hits and Facebook reach increase exponentially, which has given room to include additional approaches. [Read More.](#)

### ACE Reflections

As we look forward to 2015 here at the Agriculture Center of Excellence, it is helpful to look back at the last few months, evaluate our impact, and focus on ways of improving. New marketing strategies, input from our growing advisory board, and insight from educators has given us additional direction and increased focus in reaching our current goals. [Read More.](#)

