

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES HIGHLIGHTS

MORE THAN \$400,000 OF COST-SHARE FUNDS WERE PROVIDED TO LANDOWNERS IN JUNE TO INSTALL BMPS.

BEFORE: Local dairy with new gutters but no underground outlet. Water would run across the concrete with potential for contamination of roof water by manure.



AFTER: Underground outlet installed. Clean water running off the roof can be kept clean, instead of mixing with contaminated water.



This gutter, downspout, & outlet line divert 25,000 gal of clean rainwater from a horse confinement area in Sedro-Woolley.



A buffer fence protects Guemes Valley's wetland and aquifer recharge area from cattle access.

This summer, SCD farm planners have been busy working with landowners throughout Skagit County to install best management practices (BMPS). In June we completed 32 BMPs with 21 landowners utilizing more than \$400,000 of cost share. Projects ranged from manure storage, buffer fencing, gutters and downspouts and drip irrigation, to manure transfer pumps, winter livestock confinement areas, and waste transfer infrastructure. We have many more projects planned for this year and next.

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