

# CONFERENCE ON HORSEKEEPING & CLIMATE CHANGE: MANAGING THE UNCERTAINTY

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014 | 8:30 am to 4:00 pm PST

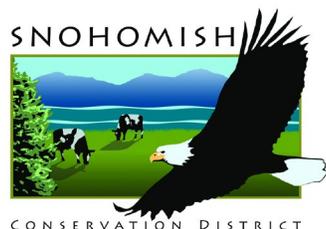
Registration Opens at 7:30 am PST

**Emerald Downs Racetrack, Auburn, WA**  
**Streamed Live for Audiences Nationwide**

**BONUS:** Get an inside tour of track facilities including the equine hospital plus a free ticket to the races redeemable any race day during the 2014 season!



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Agriculture is often cited as the sector most vulnerable to the effects climate change because of its dependency on natural resources and weather conditions. With changes in weather patterns, horsekeepers and equine professionals are already noticing changes in quality and availability of pasture, hay, feed, bedding and other agricultural products. Other climate change factors that may affect horse owners include the spread of new diseases, emergence of new weedy species in pasture lands, new pests for crops, and greater fuel costs to purchase products or haul horses.

But the news isn't all bad. There may be practices horse owners already do, like rotational grazing, that offer big picture solutions for reversing climate change. However, developing new or modified practices sometimes requires thinking outside the box, balancing innovation with tradition alongside adaptation.

Join us for this new and exciting event to protect your horse and land in the face of changing conditions. Learn ways to "future-proof" your animals and grazing crops!

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**WHAT:** A conference for horse owners, veterinarians, equine professionals, and agency staff

**FOCUS:** Climate change in the Pacific Northwest and the impacts to horses, their people, and the land

**WHEN & WHERE:** Friday, April 25, 8:30 am 4:00 pm, Emerald Downs Race Track, Auburn, WA

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:** **Gary Muscatello**, DVM, University of Sydney, Australia  
**Chad Kruger**, WSU Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources and Washington State  
**Dr. Nick Bond**, Washington State climatologist, University of Washington

**COST:** \$20 horse owners and general public / \$35 agency participants

**REGISTRATION:** 425-282-1900 or [signup@kingcd.org](mailto:signup@kingcd.org) or [www.kingcd.org](http://www.kingcd.org)

**INCLUDES:** Coffee & fruit at sign-in, sandwich bar lunch, vender display, tram tour of the horse facilities including the equine hospital PLUS a ticket to the races redeemable any 2014 race day!

The afternoon session will give attendees tools to “future proof” their land and horses. Content on land management practices will include new twists on pasture management, innovative approaches to water conservation on horse properties and more.

The Conference will be videotaped, streamed live and available afterwards.

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