

In support of agri-tourism growth - Union Gap Tourism

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Good morning Olivia,

I'm Eric Patrick, the tourism director for Union Gap, WA.

I've just started diving into the potential growth of agri-tourism for communities and have been listening to several podcasts on this topic. I have also just started looking at some of the Yakima Valley Agri-Tourism conversation and have seen the concerns as voiced by Paul at Wilridge Winery.

I'd love to see the agri-tourism industry grow in the valley - I feel we have so many untapped resources and could truly rival many of the top agri-tourism destination with our hops, apples, pears, cherries, mint, stone fruits, peppers and so much more.

I just wanted to pass along my two cents and I'll continue to read up so I truly understand the direction we are taking and will see how I can help Union Gap fit in.

Cheers,

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