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Central Oregon Forage Seminar- Thursday, January 29th, 2015, 4-H Clover Club Building, 502 SE Lynn Blvd., Prineville, OR., 8:16 am - 4:00 pm

Outstanding Speakers, Free Coffee, Pastries, Lunch, and a "FABULOUS" Door Prize Drawing (must have membership to the Central Oregon Hay Growers' Association to be eligible).

Topics include: *Rodent Control, Soybean Hay, ODA Update, N Sufficiency Determinations in Timothy Hay, AMS Hay Market News Report, Weed Control in Pasture and Hay, Alfalfa and Grass Diseases, COARC Update, and Forage Research Update, and 3 to 4 pesticide recertification credits are anticipated.*

Although not necessary, please **RSVP** by Noon, January 28th to the OSU Crook County Extension office at (541) 447-6228, it will help us prepare for food and handouts.

The Central Oregon Forage Day is sponsored by the Central Oregon Hay Growers' Association in cooperation with Oregon State University Extension Service and supported by local area Agribusinesses (would you like to help sponsor the event? (\$100 sponsorships), call (541) 447-6228).

35th Annual Central Oregon Farm Fair & Trade Show - Wednesday & Thursday, February 4 & 5, 2015, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Madras, OR

This is an opportunity to hear about issues affecting farmers, ranchers and the agriculture industry in central Oregon. Hear the 2015 water forecast, reports on local research efforts and receive two free hours of pesticide applicator recertification credit. Come visit your neighbors while checking out new farm equipment, products and services from more than 30 vendors; on Wednesday night, the Central Oregon Wheat Growers League will be hosting their annual meeting and dinner fundraiser; more information will follow once details have been set. For more information contact Katie Ralls at (541) 475-7107 or katie.ralls@oregonstate.edu.

High Desert Green Industry Conference - Thursday, February 12, 2015, Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond, OR

Presented by Oregon State University Extension Service, Oregon Department of Forestry and Oregon Landscape Contractors Association, this annual event offers education and professional development for landscape professionals. Recertification and continuing education credits will also be offered. For more information contact Amy Jo Detweiler at (541) 548-6088.

Agriculture Business Workshop Series - Saturday(s), February 14, 2015 (through April 25, 2015), COCC Technology Education Center, Redmond, OR

"Reducing Your Risk & Determining Production Costs"...turn your agricultural business into a more profitable enterprise!

If you need help organizing your paperwork, or just evaluating whether or not you are running your farming business efficiently, this workshop may be just what you need! Join COCC, OSU Extension Service, and COIC on a Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Only \$10/farm per session – <https://agbiz.eventbrite.com> (Link to all Workshops).

Central Oregon Agriculture is a bi-monthly newsletter produced by the Central Oregon Extension offices and the Central Oregon Agricultural Research Center (COARC). The intent of this newsletter is to extend agricultural research-based information, to solve problems, develop leadership and manage resources wisely. Please direct comments and changes to the mailing list of your local County office.

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The above individuals are devoted to extending agricultural information to producers. Many of the individuals, in addition to agriculture, have assignments in research, 4H/youth, administration and community resource education. Often it is appropriate to mention brand names of some commercial products; however, they are used only for the purpose of information. Extension does not guarantee or warrant the standard of the product, or does it imply approval of the product to the exclusion of others.

2014-2015 Oregon Hay and Forage Association Directories are Available

Published by the Oregon Hay and Forage Association, the hay and forage directories are sent out to most dairies and feed stores in Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and northern California, as well as to OHFA producers and industry members. For information on receiving a directory or joining the Oregon Hay and Forage Association call (541) 447-6228 or www.oregonhaygrowers.com (Link).

Take Your Farm or Ranch Business to the Next Level

This winter/spring COIC is offering *free* farm and ranch individual consulting or small group support with experts in the field, on these topics:

- Diversifying your products, markets or entering value-added production.
- Determining production costs and crop plans.
- Developing a brand/logo and utilizing this with a regional brand.
- Business planning or financial analysis.

What to expect:

- Individual (30-90 minutes) or group support (1-3 hours) for each topic area.
- Tools to determine how to overcome your risks, or specific plans developed.
- Your commitment to participating in 2-3 consultations.
- Dates/times/location will be determined based on interest.

Also... "SPECIAL EVENT"

We have the opportunity to bring the nationally recognized trainer and leader, [Atina Diffley](#), to Central Oregon. She is incredibly resourceful and has personal experience being a small farmer and learning how to scale up to larger direct markets and wholesale. Her topic is: "Expanding produce production, meeting large scale demand and scaling up the food chain". This event will be held Wed. Feb 4th, 8am-noon (minimum of 20 people needed).

Cost is \$15/person and focuses on:

- The business of farming vs. the lifestyle of a small farmer.
- Evaluating your resources.
- Market analysis and research.
- Decision making, crop planning, labor, mechanization, harvest and post harvest.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in any of these??...respond NOW!

1. Do you want to attend the Atina workshop?
2. Do you want 1-on-1 consulting?

If you said **yes to # 2**, what topics are you interested in?

For more information contact Katrina Van Dis at (541) 504-3307 or kvandis@coic.org.

Northwest Hay Expo

Wednesday & Thursday, January 14 & 15, 2015,
Kennewick, WA

For more information go to info@wa-hay.org or call (509) 585-5460.

2015 PNW Oilseed and Direct Seed Cropping Systems Conference - Tuesday thru Thursday, January 20-22, 2015, Kennewick, WA

"Cropping Concepts: Feeding Farmer Innovations". Conference will focus on production innovations and strategies, soil health, weed and disease management, marketing and economics.

For more information go to [Conference](#) (Link) or contact Kay Meyer (509) 995-6335.

DUN CARNEY Ag Summit - Wednesday, January 21, 2015, Wilsonville, OR

The day will feature talks and discussions about farm labor, food safety, estate planning and conflict resolution. For more information go to [Information](#) (Link), or (503) 242-9616.

SAIF Corporation Agri-Business Banquet - Friday, January 23, 2015, Salem, OR

Banquet is an annual celebration of the continued contribution of agriculture to a strong local economy in the mid-Willamette Valley, with 500-600 guests joining together for an evening event.

Featured speaker Charles Petty, Ph.D., CSP, CPAE, is a humorist who has spoken to over 3200 different audiences in 50 states and 14 countries, primarily on work/life balance. Dr. Petty has the rare ability to package profound, life-changing truths in humor. He has a soft southern accent and uses clean, original humor. Charles was reared on a farm in Arkansas and was educated in Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas for 22 consecutive years, which means he is either well educated or a little slow! He has been a counsellor, visiting professor, executive in large corporations and on the North Carolina Governor's senior staff.

For more information go to [Conference](#) (Link) or to [Purchase tickets now online](#), or call (503) 581-1466 x 313; Marla McColly (503) 581-1466 x 310.

11th Annual Cattleman's Workshop - Saturday, January 24, 2015, La Grande, OR

For more information contact Kim McKague or Tim Delcurto at (541) 562-5129 or [Agenda](#) (Link).

Mid-Oregon Construction Safety Summit & Pesticide Accreditation- Monday & Tuesday, January 26 & 27, 2015, Bend, OR

By attending this workshop and you will receive four hours of CEU accreditation for licensed pesticide applicators approved by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

This training will also provide one of the four requirements that can exempt small agricultural employers from a scheduled Oregon OSHA enforcement inspection. For more information go to: [Ag Safety](#) (Link) or call toll-free 1- (888) 292-5247, option 1.

Northwest Agricultural Show - Tuesday thru Thursday, January 27-29, 2015, Portland, OR

The show features seminars, meetings and more than 200 exhibitors from the Northwest and around the world. For more information contact Allan Niemi at aniem@oan.org or [Show](#) (Link) or (503) 769-8940.

Central Oregon Pest Management Workshop - Friday, January 30, 2015, Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond, OR

Learn about new "invaders" to Central Oregon, Pesticide Laws and Regulations, Rodents, Invasive Grasses, eight (8) pest recertification credits for Oregon, Washington and Idaho are anticipated...and much more; [Agenda](#) (Link). For more information contact Kathy DeBellis (541) 737-6257 or deblik@science.oregonstate.edu.

Organicology 2015 Conference -Thursday thru Saturday, February 5-7, 2015, Portland, OR

[Organicology 2015](#) (Link), Portland, OR., Contact: Oregon Tilth with Registration Inquiries: organic@tilth.org or 1- (877) 378-0690 or Tonya Haworth at Organically Grown Company with Exhibitor Inquiries: tqhaworth@organicallygrown.com.

Washington Swine Information Day Friday, February 6, 2015

The educational seminar is designed for progressive pork producers and stakeholders. Swine producers of all sizes; 4-H/FFA youth producers; agency representatives; agriculture educators; and fair/show representatives are invited to participate. A complete agenda and registration brochure is available at www.animalag.wsu.edu (Link), or contact Sarah M. Smith smithsm@wsu.edu or (509) 754-2011, x 4313.

Oregon Pork Producers Annual Meeting and Workshops - Sat., February 7, 2015, Corvallis, OR

For Youth and Adults! For more information contact Matt Kennedy at (541) 737-1906 or matthew.kennedy@oregonstate.edu or [Workshop](#) (pdf).

Crook County Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Paulina Landowner

Workshop - Thursday, February 19, 2015, Paulina Elementary School, Paulina, OR

Presentations begin at 4:30 pm and dinner served at 6:00 pm. RSVP Priscilla Johnson (541) 447-3548.

Oregon Wheat Growers' Statewide Wheat Marketing Education Polycom-Thursday, February 19, 2015

Central Oregon producers can view the Polycom at the COARC in Madras, (541) 475-7107 or the Crook County Extension Service in Prineville, (541) 447-6228. Participants should confirm by phone prior day to make sure Polycom is taking place. For more information contact Sally Christensen (541) 276-7330 or www.owgl.org (Link).

Idaho Hay and Forage Conference - Thursday & Friday, February 26-27, 2015, Burley, ID

For more information go [Conference](#) (Link) or contact the administrative office at (208) 888-0988 or email cindy@amgidaho.com.

Western Regional Grazing Conference: Grazing For Change (Link) - Friday thru Sunday, February 27 - March 1, 2015, Chico, CA

For more information (530) 640-0872.

Oregon Small Farms Conference (Link) - Sat., February 28, 2015, OSU Campus, Corvallis, OR

This daylong event is geared toward farmers, agriculture professionals, food policy advocates, students and managers of farmers markets. Twenty-four sessions will be offered on a variety of topics relevant to the Oregon small farmers and this year there will be a session track in Spanish. Don't delay as the \$45 per person registration fee will increase on February 2nd. For more information contact Chrissy at (541) 766-3556.

Crook County Stockgrowers Association Quarterly Meeting and Annual Banquet - Saturday, March 14, 2015, Carey Foster Hall, Prineville, OR

Contact Tyler McCormack (541) 576-2826 or Allen Teskey (541) 477-3848 or ateskey@bluemtnranch.com.

Living on a Few Acres Conference (LOAFA) Saturday, March 14, 2015, Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond, OR

Join us this year and learn more about the following topics: *native plant management, horses, poultry and livestock, vegetables, hay & pasture, irrigation management, water rights, wine-making, composting & cover crops, food preservation, tractor safety & skills, small farm/acreage assessment* and much, much, more!

Registration will open the last week of January. For more information contact Toni Stephan (541) 548-6088 or toni.stephan@oregonstate.edu or [LOAFA](#) (Link).

2015 Winter & Spring Wheat Trial Results

The Oregon Winter and Spring Wheat trial results can be found on the OSU Cereal Breeding web site. For complete data information on the state-wide locations and trial results, which includes yield, plant heights, lodging, heading dates, protein and test weight, go to: <http://cropandsoil.oregonstate.edu/wheat/> (Link) and click on *Oregon Elite Yield Data* or contact Mylen Bohle (541) 447-6228 for a hard copy.

Multi-Peril Crop Insurance Program

The Risk Management Agency reminds producers of winter and spring sales closing dates for the Multiple Peril Crop Insurance programs and the Adjusted Gross Revenue Pilot, and the Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite programs available across the PNW which cover most farm-raised crops, animals and animal products. AGR and AGR-Lite are based on a producer's five-year historical tax form information and an annual farm report to provide a level of guaranteed revenue for the insurance period. USDA will pay a portion of the premium.

Producers should contact a local crop insurance agent to learn additional program details. If there is no coverage in your county for a specific crop under the traditional MPC I program, please ask your agent whether you would be eligible for coverage under a written agreement (*this information is from last year*).

A list of crop (and livestock) insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or at the web site: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>. A direct link to the Spokane Office web site and information is: http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/wa_rso/index.html#crop or contact Jo Lynne Seuffer, Risk Mgmt. Specialist, USDA at 1-800-205-9953.

Calendar

January

- 10 Jefferson County Livestock Association Annual Meeting & Banquet, Madras, OR., Candy Gomes at: eaglevalleyranch@dishmail.net.
- 10 The [Cascadia Grains Conference](#) (Link), Olympia, WA., (360) 379-5610, Ext. 202.
- 11-14 [101st Annual 2015 Expo + Conference/Northwest Food Processors](#) (Link), Portland, OR., (503) 327-2200.
- 12 [SAIF Agricultural Safety Seminar](#) (Link), Hermiston, OR., 1-800-285-8525.
- 12-14 Northwest Food Processors Expo and Conference, Portland, OR., www.nwfpa.org (Link), (503) 327-2200.
- 13 & 14 [Grazing Management for Fine Fuels and Annual Grass Ranges](#) (pdf), Carson City, NV., Ryan Shane at (775) 934-5946.
- 14 & 15 [Northwest Hay Expo](#) (Link), Kennewick, WA., (509) 585-5460, See article page 3.
- 17 [2015 Lambing School](#) (Link), Glide, OR., (541) 673-0369. SPACE IS LIMITED!
- 20-22 [PNW Oilseed and Direct Seed Croppin Systems Conference](#) (Link), Kennewick, WA., (509) 995-6335, See article page 3.
- 21 [DUNN CARNEY Ag Summit](#) (Link), Wilsonville, OR., (503) 242-9616, See article page 3.
- 23 SAIF Corporation Agri-Business Banquet, (503) 581-1466 x 310, See article page 3.
- 24 [11th Annual Cattleman's Workshop](#) (pdf), La Grande, OR., (541) 562-5129, See article page 3.
- 26 & 27 [Mid-Oregon Construction Safety Summit & Pesticide Accreditation](#) (Link), Bend, OR. 1-888-292-5247, option 1, See article page 3.
- 27 Oregon Blueberry Conference, Portland, OR., oregonblueberry.com (Link), (503) 283-4466.
- 27-29 [2015 Washington-Oregon Potato Conference](#) (Link), Kennewick, WA., (509) 766-7123.
- 27-29 Northwest Agricultural Show, Portland, OR., See article page 3.
- 29 [Farm to School Summit](#) (Link), Salem, OR., Rick Sherman, (503) 947-5863.
- 29 Central Oregon Forage Seminar, 4-H Clover Club Building, 502 SE Lynn Blvd., Prineville, OR., (541) 447-6228 or mylen.bohle@oregonstate.edu, See article front page.
- 30 [2nd Annual School Garden Summit](#) (Link), Salem, OR., Rich Sherman, (503) 947-5863.
- 30 Central Oregon Pest Management Workshop, Redmond, OR., (541) 737-6273, See article page 3.

February

- 1-6 [North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Association 30th Annual Convention](#) (Link), Nashville, Tennessee.
- 2 [Product Development For Value-Added Prepared Foods](#) (Link), Moses Lake, WA., (360) 336-3727.
- 3 & 4 [2015 Cattlemen's College](#) (Link), San Antonio, Texas, (303) 694-0305.
- 4 [SAIF Agricultural Safety Seminar](#) (Link), Hood River, OR., 1-800-285-8525.
- 4-5 [Central Oregon Farm Fair & Trade Show](#) (Link), Madras, OR., (541) 475-7107, See article front page.
- 5-7 [Organicology 2015](#) (Link), Portland, OR., 1-(877) 378-0690, See article page 3.
- 6 Washington Swine Information Day, (509) 754-2011 x 4313, See article page 3.
- 7 [Oregon Pork Producers](#) (Link), Annual Meeting and Educational Workshops, Corvallis, OR., (541) 737-1906, See article page 4.
- 9 [SAIF Agricultural Safety Seminar](#) (Link), Central Point, OR., 1-800-285-8525.
- 12 [High Desert Green Industry Conference](#) (Link), Deschutes Fair & Expo Center in Redmond, OR., (541) 548-6088, See article front page.
- 14 Agriculture Business Workshop, "Reducing Your Risk & Determining Production Costs", Redmond, OR., (541) 447-6228, See article front page.
- 19 Oregon Wheat Growers' Statewide Wheat Marketing Education Polycom, Madras and Prineville, OR., See article page 4.
- 19 Crook County Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Paulina Landowner s Workshop, Paullina, OR, See article page 4.
- 21 [4th Annual Women in Agriculture Conference](#) (Link), Waterville, WA., (509) 745-8531.
- 23 & 24 [Annual Oregon Dairy Farmers Convention](#) (Link), Salem, OR., (971) 673-2722.
- 26 & 27 Idaho Hay and Forage Conference, Burley, ID, (208) 888-0988, See article page 4.
- 27, 28 & March 1 [Western Regional Grazing Conference: Grazing For Change](#) (Link), Chico, CA, See article page 4.
- 28 [Oregon Small Farms Conference](#) (Link), Corvallis, OR., (541) 766-3556, See article page 4.
- 16 [SAIF Agricultural Safety Seminar](#) (Link), Klamath Falls, OR., 1-800-285-8525.

March

- TBA Irrigated Pasture and Grazing Management Workshop, OSU Extension and Deschutes County Soil and Water Conservation District Participating.
- 14 Crook County Stockgrowers Association Quarterly Meeting and Annual Banquet, Prineville, OR., See article page 4.
- 14 Living on a Few Acres Conference, Redmond, OR., (541) 548-6088, See article page 4.

Oregon Activates Avian Influenza Response Plan!

The State of Oregon has activated a multi-agency response plan following the confirmation of highly pathogenic H5 avian influenza in domestic birds in Douglas County. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is the lead state agency responding to the incident, working closely with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Health Authority, and the US Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS).

There is no immediate public health concern due to the avian influenza virus detected in Oregon. H5N8 virus has been found in other parts of the world and has not caused any human infection to date. Avian influenza does not affect poultry meat or egg products, which remain safe to eat. As always, both wild and domestic poultry should be properly cooked.

The finding in Oregon was quickly reported and identified due to increased awareness of avian influenza in light of the high path avian influenza findings in wild birds in Washington. This H5N8 virus is the same virus that was found in a Washington captive gyrfalcon.

ODA is advising commercial poultry growers and backyard flock owners to be vigilant with biosecurity measures and surveillance.

Backyard flock owners can report sick birds to the State Veterinarian's office at 1-800-347-7028 or can call USDA toll free at 1-866-536-7593.

Oregon's commercial poultry industry has a robust avian influenza testing program and ODA conducts weekly surveillance testing and health inspections at the state's only live bird market in Woodburn. In addition, wild bird mortality surveillance is routinely conducted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Wild bird deaths can be reported to the ODFW toll-free line at 1-866-968-2600.

For entire news release: [Avian Influenza](#) (pdf).

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