Growing Soybeans is Worth Considering in 2010

I have completed some quick calculations, and growing soybeans in 2010 may be more profitable than corn or wheat. I will soon send out results from our soybean variety trials and will have a guide available on how to grow soybeans. Please consider coming to my Soybean Meeting on February 4th at the Malheur Extension Office. A contractor for soybeans from Willamette Biomass Processors will be attending the meeting. Part of the discussion will be on economics and how you can reduce risk when growing them. I hope to have a representative from Risk Management Agency speak at the meeting as well. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by February 3 at 541-881-1417.

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2010 IDAHO-OREGON ALFALFA SEED GROWERS' WINTER MEETING

Thursday,
January 14, 2010
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Caldwell Elks
1015 N. Kimball Ave.
2010 AGENDA (draft 12/08/09)

8:30...... Registration: Coffee and Donuts - Thanks To Our Sponsors!
8:50...... Welcome
          Larry Price-President of Oregon Alfalfa Seed Growers Assn.
9:00...... Chalk Brood Research from Logan Bee Lab
          Dr. Rosalind James-Supervisory Research Entomologist
9:30...... Water Update
          Jeff Anderson-Hydrologist, NRCS Snow Survey
9:45...... Vendor Voices From Sponsors
10:00...... Break
10:15...... Research Reports
          10:15 Results of Prebloom and Bloom Period Insecticide Applications in Alfalfa Seed
                    Dr. Jim Barbour-Entomologist, Univ. of Idaho, Parma R & E Ctr
          10:45 Field Burning and Arthropod IPM
                    Dr. Doug Walsh, Entomologist, Washington State University
11:15...... NAFA Update
          Beth Nelson-NAFA President
11:30...... Bee Market Report
          Wayne Mennie-JWM Leafcutters Inc.
11:45...... Vendor Voices From Sponsors
12:00...... Lunch
1:00...... Update on Micronutrient Availability in RR Alfalfa
          Dr. Don Huber, Professor Emeritus, Purdue University
1:30...... Status of Roundup Ready Alfalfa
          Sidney Able-APHIS, USDA
2:30...... Breakout into State Association Meetings

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- New business opportunities and the potential workforce development challenges we face in rebuilding our regional and national economy
- Impacts of new technologies on the extensive deployment of residential and commercial-scale solar energy and biomass systems
- New renewable curriculum and career paths available at TVCC

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

- State and local government officials
- Ranchers and farmers
- Business and homeowners
- Members of financial institutions
- Builders, developers, and code officials
- Economic development professionals
- Community members
- Students interested in new careers

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Strip Tillage and No-Till Drill Update

The No-till Drill is here, and rent will be free for this spring and fall thanks to Oregon DEQ who funded the purchase through a grant I wrote. The picture on the right is the drill. I want to encourage you to attend a Strip Tillage and No-till Drill Meeting Feb. 16th. Please RSVP by February 12th, 541-881-1417.

Sincerely,

Steve Norberg