



February 2009

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### *TVCC sponsoring grape and wine events*

The public is invited to attend "Grapes and Wines of the Snake River Valley" on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the Collins Gallery, Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with scheduled presenters Dr. Ron Bitner, Bitner Cellars, Moya Shatz, Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission, Dick Fisher, Northwest Farm Credit and John Davis, Snake River Table Grape Producer. Cost is \$15 per person and the event is being sponsored by Treasure Valley Community College Agriculture and Workforce Training Departments. For more information, contact the TVCC ag department at (541) 881-8822, ext. 303 or 272.

Another special event being sponsored by Treasure Valley Community College, as well as the Idaho Grape Growers Association and Wine Producers Commission, and Caldwell Economic Development will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the College of Idaho South Dining Room, Caldwell, Idaho. Cost for the event is \$39.00.

A keynote presentation will be given by Dr. Greg Jones, professor and research climatologist in the Department of Environmental Studies at Southern Oregon University, who specializes in the study of how climate variability and change impact natural ecosystems and agriculture. Prize winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report, and other reports and articles on wine economics, grapevine phenology, site assessment methods for viticulture, climatological assessments of viticultural potential, and climate change.

Attendees will also hear Dr. Kevin Pogue, Researcher, Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., speak on "Variations in Temperatures between Vineyard Sites During 2008 Growing Season". Dr. Pogue is currently conducting test sites in Yakima and Walla Walla valleys, and the Snake River and Treasure Valleys, as well as other areas in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Also on hand will be Martin Fujishin and Debi DeBord, speaking on regulations, compliance, labeling and marketing. Rounding out the day will see local vineyards showcasing their products and wine tasting and grape sampling. Call TVCC, (541) 881-8822, ext. 358, ext. 407, or ext. 272 for registration information.



# **GROWING TEFF**

## **FOR HAY**

# **in the Treasure Valley**

## **Brown Bag Lunch Meeting**

**TUESDAY,**

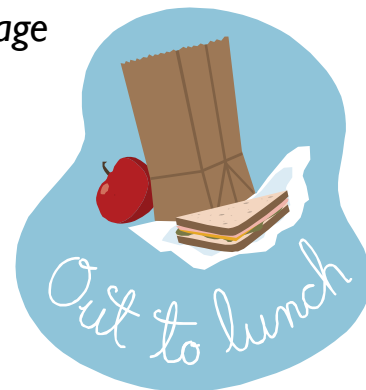
**FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

**12 NOON TO 2 P.M.**

*Bring your brown bag lunch and get the latest information  
from Steve Norberg, OSU Malheur County Extension Forage  
Agent and Producers Who Have Grown Teff*

### ***WHY SHOULD I GROW TEFF?***

- ✓ Scarce Water
- ✓ Rescue crop
- ✓ Interim crop
- ✓ Double crop





# RAISING SOYBEANS



**Thursday,  
February 26, 2009  
Malheur County  
Extension Office  
10 a.m. to 12 Noon  
(lunch provided)**

*Buyers from Willamette  
Biomass Processors,  
a soybean processor  
in the Willamette Valley,  
will be on hand to  
discuss marketing  
options for local  
growers interested  
in growing soybeans.*



## ***Growing Treasure in the Valley***

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## ***Growing Treasure in the Valley***

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### ***New Opportunities in Field and Forage Crops***

Both teff and soybeans present Treasure Valley growers with new opportunities. Teff fits well where growers who need a forage crop between alfalfa stands. Teff makes excellent horse hay and could be considered as a timothy substitute. Soybeans have been successfully grown in the Treasure Valley and appear to be as profitable as wheat or corn, if not more profitable. A buyer of soybeans is looking for acreage in our area. See inside for more information on both of these upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,

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