**Calendar**

**Late Blight Information**

Late blight has been confirmed in at least 4 fields in the Columbia Basin. There is reasonable expectation that it will show up in Malheur County or Western Idaho fields. Apply a manzate or chlorothalonil product to areas that are particularly at risk. These fungicides will also protect against early blight.

**Trap Report:**

**Green Peach Aphid Traps:** There are a few green peach aphids showing up in the trap pans. The population seems light, but fields should be checked for aphids.

**Tuberworm Traps:** No tuberworm moths have shown up in any of the traps at this time.
Onion Sets, Transplants, and the White Rot Control Order

As you know, the onion white rot control order for Malheur County was designed to protect your fields from a disease called “white rot”. This disease attacks all types of alliums (onion family including onions, garlic, shallots, and leeks). This disease is usually spread from a contaminated production area to a clean production area through the importation of vegetative propagative materials such as cloves (garlic), transplants, or sets. Therefore, the order prohibited the importation of these types of materials from outside the control area. Most sets, transplants and cloves (garlic) sold in local garden stores are produced in Western Idaho where they also have a white rot control area similar to the one in Malheur County.

Over the years, some of our growers and shippers have wondered if our production area would be more competitive if transplants or sets could be grown here. Growers in most other production areas were successfully growing transplants, which has given them a strategic marketing advantage. You may have seen transplants and sets at the Malheur or Parma Experiment Stations, or trials in grower fields. Up until this year, all of those transplants and sets were produced locally. Unfortunately, producing local transplants and sets is cost prohibitive.

About 1-1/2 years ago the Oregon Department of Agriculture appointed a committee of local growers, shippers and others to review the white rot control order and see if it could be modified to allow sets and transplants to be safely introduced into the area from other parts of the country known to be free of white rot. The committee finally amended the white rot control order to allow live allium plants to be introduced from Maricopa County, Arizona, an area known to be free of white rot. The ODA director was also given latitude to make appropriate decisions regarding the introduction of live allium plants from other production areas known to be white rot free, if an appropriate request was made.

This year, (2010), is the first year that live allium plants have been allowed to be introduced from outside the area into Malheur County. Thus far, only onion transplants have been brought in, and all of them have come from Maricopa County, Arizona. Any onion sets you may see have all been produced locally, grown at Cow Valley in Malheur County.

The white rot control order was modified to allow growers and shippers the opportunity to expand their marketing opportunities, while protecting the area from white rot. I have heard a number of growers say that transplants are not cost effective, therefore we should not allow them to be grown in the area. My argument is this: if you can’t make them pay, don’t grow them. But, if you are in the business of supplying your customer, and can keep your customer from going to other suppliers by providing earlier onions, then you should be allowed to do so, providing you do not put your neighbors at risk.

Now you ask the question—what about the higher risk of iris yellow spot virus when you introduce transplants or sets? That risk can be greater. The problem is that there is nothing to stop a grower from producing sets or transplants locally, then growing them the next season, with the same IYSV risk.

Some people have proposed creating an IYSV control order similar to the white rot control order and eliminate over winter bulb and seed onions, sets, transplants, etc. There are a lot of issues and impacts that would have to be considered including the huge impact on the seed industry. We would certainly have to do a much stricter job of eliminating onion culls and volunteer onion plants. If you stop a neighbor from producing seed onions or over wintering onions, but have volunteer onions in your fields, what have you gained?
Agricultural Trade Show Booths
Many Different Events and Contests with Prizes

Fun for the Whole Family

Cooperating to bring you this year’s Summer Farm Festival and Field Day are the OSU Malheur Experiment Station, The Ontario Chamber of Commerce Ag Forum Committee, Malheur County Soil and Water Conservation District, Owyhee Irrigation District, OSU Malheur County Extension Service, and KSRV.

Schedule

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Registration

9:00 to 10:25
Tour A: Yellow Nutsedge Control
The tour will highlight strategies being developed to control yellow nutsedge in direct seeded onions. Participants will also have an opportunity to visit a study on new herbicides for yellow nutsedge control in potato.

9:45 - 10:25
Tour B: Soybeans and Wheat
The tour will highlight wheat varieties and production practices for soybeans.

10:30 - 11:10
Tour C: Onion Production Tour
 Discussions will include thrips control, iris yellow spot virus, variety trial, sets, transplants and irrigation management and soil moisture monitoring.

Tour D: Sugar Beet and Potato Weed Control
This tour will showcase research on using strip-tillage in sugar beet grown under furrow irrigation. There will also be an opportunity to visit a study on herbicides being tested for general weed control in potato.

11:15 - 11:55 AM
Tour E: Weed Control in Onion and Corn
The tour will include studies on herbicides being evaluated for weed control in direct seeded onions. Evaluation of “carbon seeding” for possible use of certain herbicides as pre-emergence applications will be showcased. Recently registered herbicides for weed control in corn.

Tour F: Wildflower and Native Plant Seed Production
This tour will highlight new results in planting techniques and summary results for irrigation and weed control trials.
Have an old desktop computer you need to get rid of?

DONATE IT!

The Malheur County Jr. Sale Committee, is in charge of setting up and putting on the sale at the Malheur County Fair in which the 4-H and FFA kids are able to sale their livestock projects.

This year the committee is looking for 3 used desktop computers to be donated for the use at the Jr. Sale. (Computers need to have at least 3 MB of RAM to be compatible with the software that will be used.)

For more information or if you are interested in donating your old computer you may contact Kelli McPeak at the OSU Malheur County Extension Office at: 541-881-1417
National Onion Association  
Summer Convention  
Hilton Portland & Executive Tower  
Portland, Oregon  
July 21-24, 2010

Wednesday, July 21, 2010  
6:00-8:30 pm:  
Registration  
Renew old acquaintances and make new  
Friends at this opening event

Thursday, July 22, 2010  
8:00 am-12:00 noon  
Registration Continued  
8:00-9:30 am  
Meeting Day Breakfast  
Committee Meetings  
(Promo. Committee @ 8:00am)  
9:45-11:30 am  
Trustee Meetings/Staff Reports  
(Members Welcome)  
*A variety of onion industry topics of  
interest and related business will be the  
focus of reports and discussion.  
Industry insights, legislative updates,  
production, marketing, consumption  
trends, and promotional updates will be  
presented.

12 noon– 1:00 pm  
Lunch Provided  
1:15-4:00 pm  
General Session/Educational Institute  
*Dr. David Kohl, a well-known and  
especially insightful speaker, has con-  
ducted more than 5,000 workshops and  
seminars for ag groups. Simply put, he  
is top-notch. He will be zeroing in on  
the topic Positioning Your Business for  
Agriculture’s Next Decade. Dr. Kohl  
will focus on technology, energy re-  
sources, domestic and global market  
place risk, and land stewardship in these  
challenging times.

6:30-7:30 pm  
Banquet Reception  
*Professional chefs will prepare onion  
appetizers “Iron Chef” style. You will  
enjoy the tasting, and we will vote on the  
best!

7:30-9:30 pm  
Banquet Dinner  
*An entertaining NOA Promotional  
Fundraiser event will feature donated  
products offered at live auction.

Women/Guest Program  
8:15-9:00 am  
Breakfast Social  
9:00 am-2:30 pm  
Two of the cities’ premier themed  
gardens and an interactive engagement  
in Portland’s Hot Glass movement are  
include  

Friday, July 23, 2010  
7:30am-3:30 pm  
Guided Tour of Central Willamette  
Valley  
*Board busses for a unique and  
enlightening tour within one of the  
most diverse agricultural valleys to  
be found anywhere in the world. The  
first stop will be at an onion research  
facility to view onion-breeding en-  
deavors (hosted coffee/donuts/ juice).  
At the next stop we will observe  
eary summer fresh onion packing  
and distribution. A blueberry pack-  
ing and processing plant walk-  
through precedes a tour of a diversi-  
fied landscape nursery. We now stop  
for a catered lunch at a farm where  
there are onion fields and variety  
trials to observe. (Look for an ente-  
taining surprise or two at the lunch  
stop.) Following lunch we move to a  
blub and seed onion production loca-  
tion prior to our return to Portland.

6:30-9:30 pm  
Willamette River Dinner Cruise  
*Come on down to the waterfront  
and board the Portland Spirit for a  
relaxing evening of cruising, food,  
and fellowship. The west side water  
front reverberates throughout the  
summer months with cultural, musi-  
cal, and gastronomic festivals. The  
mighty river itself winds through the  
center of Portland like a bright blue  
ribbon, where tugboats, sailboats,  
historic sternwheels, water skiers,  
rowers, and salmon fisherman recre-  
te. There will be plenty of food  
and libations, and lots to see from the  
river that bisects this proud city. Part  
Old West pride, part entrepreneurial  
spirit, the character of Portland pays  
homage to the hearty individuals who  
first traveled here in wagon trains  
along the Oregon Trail. Here’s a  
place to work—certainly a place to  
play!

Saturday, July 24, 2010  
8:00-10:00 am  
Closing Breakfast, Meeting & Crop  
Reports  
Optional: On your own—explore  
Portland and its surroundings! It is a  
city with all manner of entertainment  
and recreation.
REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this completed form with your 
REGISTRATION FEES payable to:

National Onion Association
822 7th Street, Suite 510  Phone: 970 353 5895
Greeley, CO  80631  FAX: 970 353 5897

Please type or print information:

NAME ________________________________

NICKNAME ________________________________

COMPANY NAME ________________________________

SPOUSE/FRIEND NAME ________________________________

ADDRESS ________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP ________________________________

TELEPHONE ________________________________

TOTAL REGISTRATION PER PERSON: $455.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $ ______________

* Fees in U.S. funds only; cash, check, or money order.

* Registration not required for children; however, selected meal &
tour tickets are required.

* Indicate on this form if you have any special dietary or physical
needs.

* Payments to National Onion Association are not deductible as
charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.
However, they may be deductible as ordinary and necessary
business expense. Consult your accountant.
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