2017 Water Outlook Meeting

As we wrap up the 2016 growing season, it does not take long to start turning an eye toward 2017. To that end, the Extension Office (710 SW 5th Ave, Ontario) will be hosting Kathie Dello of the OSU Oregon Climate Change Research Institute on October 14 at 9am. Kathie has followed the climate and weather-related happenings in the Pacific Northwest for many years and has been a great resource. Even though we have had adequate water supplies (for the most part) in 2016, it does not really feel like we have totally broken out of this dry spell. The past several years has got us to paying more attention to our water prospects earlier in the year. This will be a good opportunity for folks to come in and hear how things are shaping up for the 2017 water year. No RSVP necessary. Just come in and have seat!

GTGB ID on 10-10-16

That is really cryptic so let me explain that a little better. For those of you wanting to learn more about the proper identification of glyphosate tolerant creeping bentgrass, an open-to-the-public workshop has been scheduled for October 10th at 1pm. This workshop will be at the Extension Office (710 SW 5th Ave, Ontario). Folks from Scotts Co. will be on hand with pictures, slides and plants to view so you will know what to look for. This is a good chance to learn more about how to keep an eye out for this plant on your farm.

InterstateLivestock.com Filling a Gap for Livestock Transportation

InterstateLivestock.com is a one-stop resource for finding requirements to move animals across state lines. The site is in its first phase featuring cattle movement regulations for all 50 states, and designed to provide quick results. The site is developed as a partnership of the United States Animal Health Association and the National Institute for Animal Agriculture, through which the information gap was identified, and this solution was developed through a collaborative effort of states, USDA, members of both organizations and Trace First, the service provider. The site was officially launched late last fall, and continues to grow. The groups are now developing the second phase of the site, which will include additional species: equine, swine, sheep and goats. These additional species will make it a truly robust resource to meet regulatory requirements for a broad range of individuals involved in transporting livestock.

Best of all, it's free! Anyone involved in cattle movements can easily prepare to meet the necessary requirements. No more reading through regulations or waiting until normal business hours to call the state - the information is available 24/7 at your fingertips - www.InterstateLivestock.com.

Hat tip to the WSU Irrigated Crop Team for passing this along so I could pass it on to you!
**Today’s Celebration of How Much I don’t Know!**

False Celery Leaftier. What a great place to start an essay! Over the past couple of weeks, we have been getting queries about what the little brown (or tan) moths (or butterflies) are fluttering in landscaping, hay fields and other foliage. What a great time to have an entomologist (Dr. Stuart Reitz) here in the office! Stuart was able to educate me and others about the False Celery Leaftier and how they are typically not a significant issue but can feed as larvae in sugar beet, mint and bean fields. I told him that the name sounded totally made up to me but he explained that the leaves are sort of stictched together with webbing while this critter is feeding. They even pull the leaves around a little and tie them up! We have seen some damage from the larvae in fields this fall. However, the adults flying are more of a novelty rather than a threat.

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**Alfalfa Intensive Training Seminar**

The Alfalfa Intensive Training Seminar will be held on November 15-17, 2016 at the Red Lion Boise “Downtowner”, 1800 W. Fairview Av., Boise, ID 83702. (Hotel rooms are $89/night) The seminar is taught by Extension Forage Specialists and USDA Dairy Research Center personnel from Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Idaho. There will be 11.5 certified crop advisor credits offered.


This is an outstanding, 16-hour training, if you want to increase your knowledge of alfalfa.

“All National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance’s (NAFA) mission is to ensure the ability of all segments of the alfalfa and forage industry to compete effectively and profitably, domestically and abroad. The objective of NAFA is to be a forum for consensus building among the various stakeholders and to be an effective advocate on behalf of the alfalfa and forage industry.” Contact the NAFA at 1-509-585-6798 or go to their website at [www.alfalfa.org](http://www.alfalfa.org). The registration is $550 for members, or $750 for non-members (room reservations needed by October 31, at 208-344-7691 – Group Booking Code is ALFA1114).

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**Recertification Course and Checking your Credits**

I think most everybody knows that the Oregon Department of Agriculture has stopped mailing out pesticide credit reports. Just because we know this, it does not mean we can remember to check the website on our own! Check out this link: [http://oda.state.or.us/dbs/pest_stat/search.lasso](http://oda.state.or.us/dbs/pest_stat/search.lasso), then just enter your license number and your status will pop right up. We are happy to help you if you have your license number. Swing by and we will look it up with you. An interesting note for those who have multiple applicator licenses; if you are attending a course, you do not need to write each license number down on the sign-in sheet. Your license numbers will cross over and you will get credit. It will save you a little time and trouble at the end of the course. Maybe the line will even move a little faster!

Need to get your core credits taken care of for your pesticide applicator’s license? A good opportunity to do that is on December 9, 2016 at the Malheur County Extension Office. We will start at 8am and pre-registration is required. Give us a call and talk to Bobbi @ 541-881-1417. The room can fill up sometimes so do not delay and make sure you get a spot. Four core credit hours will be available and the cost is $10.
Coming Attractions
October 10, 2016 Glyphosate Tolerant Creeping Bentgrass ID workshop-Extension Office @ 1pm
October 14, 2016 2017 Water Outlook Seminar-Extension Office at 9am
December 9, 2016 Pesticide Recertification Course, Extension Office, 4 core credits available
December 15, 2016 Treasure Valley Irrigation Conference (details to come)
February 16, 2017 Annual Soil Health Symposium, Four Rivers Cultural Center
February 21-22, 2017 Annual Pesticide Short Course, Four Rivers Cultural Center
Check out the calendar of events at our website.
www.extension.oregonstate.edu/malheur/

Random Ramble
Visiting with farmers and ranchers about this summer has been pretty interesting. It is amazing how much difference there can be between areas of the region. One rancher mentions that his springs for irrigation and livestock have run strong all season long and that they seemed to charge very nicely during the winter. Another rancher mentions that he has a spring that has finally dried up this summer after holding strong in 2014 and 2015. Everyone I have talked to concurs that while the grass on the range seemed plentiful, it did not seem to have the nutritional punch that it has in years past. If anybody else has thoughts they want to share on the 2016 growing season, please feel free to share!

USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Pacific Northwest producers to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2017 crop year before the sales closing dates. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the sales closing dates to do so. Crop insurance provides protection against crop production losses due to natural perils such as drought, hail, and excessive moisture.

The sales closing date for fall-planted barley with winter coverage in select counties in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington is September 30. The sales closing date for fall-planted dry peas and lentils with winter coverage in select counties in Idaho and Washington is September 30. The sales closing date for forage (alfalfa) seed and for mint with winter coverage in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington is September 30. The sales closing date for wheat in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington is September 30. Pretty much September 30th is the date to remember!

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2017 crop year. Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA Agent Locator. Producers can use the RMA Cost Estimator to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at www.rma.usda.gov.
Parma Cereals Nursery Results 2016

As many of you might know, Oregon State and the University of Idaho cooperate on a variety nursery trial for wheat each year in Parma at the Research and Extension Center.

The preliminary results from 2016 are already posted and can be found right here: [http://cropandsoil.oregonstate.edu/content/2016-oregon-winter-elite-yield-trials-oweyt](http://cropandsoil.oregonstate.edu/content/2016-oregon-winter-elite-yield-trials-oweyt)

There is a lot good reading as sites from all around the state are summarized. I found it pretty interesting and maybe you will too! Feel free to holler if you would like to discuss the results.

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