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Columbia Basin Cereal Seminar

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is joining forces with the 36th Annual Hermiston Farm Fair and Trade Show this year at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Hwy 395. We will have an exciting lineup of topics and speakers on Friday, Dec. 4th for the morning session beginning at 8 am followed by a CORE Training Program in the afternoon. Come early for coffee and donuts and a walk through the Trade Show.

This new venue will allow growers to visit with local vendors at the Trade Show, see new equipment updates, and visit with many of your friends and neighbors from the region who will also be attending. The Hermiston Farm Fair is a 3-day event running Wednesday thru Friday. The Trade Show portion will run until noon on Friday. A full agenda for the Farm Fair is enclosed.

Cereal Seminar agenda highlights include: Wheathead Armyworm biology, ecology – what we have learned so far in Oregon, with Silvia Rondon, OSU Extension Entomologist and its history, distribution and impacts on wheat in eastern Washington, with Diana Roberts, WSU Extension from Spokane, Washington; Ug99 – Update on the spread of Ug99 stem rust and its spreading global epidemic - biology and future impacts on Pacific Northwest wheat production, by Chris Mundt, OSU Plant Pathologist from Corvallis; and also an update on Cereal Leaf Beetle – its distribution and the status of biological controls by Gary Brown, APHIS.

After a break to visit the Trade Show and sample local food products, we will finish the morning session discussing fallow methods and their impacts on weed populations by Dilpreet Singh, WSU PhD candidate, Weed seeker Technology – targeting weeds with precision by Dan Ball, OSU, and organic wheat production and effective weed control strategies by Mary Corp, OSU Extension. Pesticide credits have been applied for from OR, WA and ID for the morning session with approximately 3 credits anticipated. A CORE pesticide training class with 4 pesticide credits will be offered Friday afternoon.

All sessions are free to attendees except for the CORE Program. No pre-registration is required for the seminars. Oregon, Washington and Idaho pesticide recertification credits will be available, in addition to CCA credits. A final Farm Fair agenda with updates and pesticide credit hours will be available by mid November.

The Hermiston Farm Fair Banquet will be held on Thursday night at Desert Rive Inn. The cost is \$25. Dinner will be prime rib. A no-host social hour will begin the evening at 6 pm. Entertainment will follow dinner with Randall Reeder presenting as Will Roger—"I never met a farmer I didn't like." Randal brings to life the warmth and humor of a legendary American. Tickets are available by calling the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce at 541-567-6151.