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Extension Service

CALENDAR

June

- June 1 Deadline for Century Farm & Ranch Applications
(www.oregonfb.org)
- June 1 OSCS Seed Potato Inspection Application Deadline (within 15 days of planting for fields planted after May 25th and no applications accepted after June 30th)
- June 1 USDA Direct/counter Cyclical Program Deadline
- June 6-10 Eastern Oregon Livestock Show
- June 13 Cereal Field Day, HAREC, Hermiston, OR
- June 14 OSU-CBARC Pendleton Field Day
- June 15 OSCS Survey of uncertified potato fields application deadline.
- June 15 OSU-CBARC Moro Field Day
- June 16 OWGL Luncheon & Board Meeting
- June 22 35th Annual Union County Crops & Conservation Tour
- June 22 OSU-HAREC Potato Field Day
- June 30 Grande Ronde Valley Field Trial Tour 10am-noon
Details to be announced. Contact: Darrin Walenta

July

- July 9 Tri-County Wool Pool Ship Date
- July 15 USDA-FSA Acreage Reporting deadline (Very important!)

September

- September 14-15 Riparian Grazing Workshop

HAREC Cereal Field Day

2121 South 1st Street, Hermiston

June 13, 2011

7:00—9:30 a.m.

Come meet, listen, and greet: Dr. Patrick Hayes, Barley Breeder; Dr. Mike Flowers, Extension Cereals specialist; and Mathias Kolding, Emeritus Faculty Cereals Specialist and get the latest information on irrigated cereal crops!

Pendleton Ag Research Center Cereal Field Day Schedule for June 14, 2011

The research center is located 6 miles northeast of Pendleton, 1 mile east of Hwy 11

OSU-Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center

Time	Activity	
7:45	Registration	
8:10	Welcome and Introduction	
	Group 1 Tour	Group 2 Tour
8:15	Load Busses	
	5 minutes is allowed for transition to the next presentation	
8:20	<i>Spring planted winter canola</i> Don Wysocki, OSU Extension Soil Scientist, Jack Brown, UI Plant Breeder	<i>Winter safflower, a potential alternate dryland crop,</i> Steve Petrie, OSU Soil Scientist, and R.C. Johnson, USDA-ARS Agronomist
8:45	<i>Updates on disease situation and resistance screening,</i> Chris Mundt, OSU Plant Pathologist	<i>Winter barley,</i> Pat Hayes, OSU Barley Breeder
9:10	<i>Recent evaluation of wheat varieties regarding stripe rust,</i> Mike Flowers, OSU Cereals Specialist	<i>USDA-ARS club wheat breeding and variety trials,</i> Kim Campbell, USDA-ARS Wheat Breeder, and <i>Overview of the OSU wheat breeding program,</i> Bob Zemetra, OSU Wheat Breeder
9:35	<i>Guidelines for Diagnosing Wheat Diseases in the Field,</i> Richard Smiley, OSU Plant Pathologist	<i>Soil organic carbon dynamics in the Pendleton long-term experiments,</i> Stephen Machado, OSU Agronomist
10:00	Break (refreshments available)	
10:20	<i>Molecular diagnosis of wheat root diseases,</i> Guiping Yan, OSU Molecular Plant Pathologist	<i>Soil microbiology: life underground,</i> Kate Reardon, USDA-ARS Microbiologist
10:45	<i>Enhancing control of downy brome with pre-emergence herbicides ,</i> Dan Ball, OSU Weed Scientist	<i>Can cropping intensification improve Soil organic carbon accretion?,</i> Hero Gollany, USDA-ARS Soil Scientist
11:10	<i>Winter safflower, a potential alternate dryland crop,</i> Steve Petrie, OSU Soil Scientist, and R.C. Johnson, USDA-ARS Agronomist	<i>Spring planted winter canola</i> Don Wysocki, OSU Extension Soil Scientist, Jack Brown, UI Plant Breeder
11:35	<i>Winter barley,</i> Pat Hayes, OSU Barley Breeder	<i>Updates on disease situation and resistance screening,</i> Chris Mundt, OSU Plant Pathologist
12:00	Hosted Lunch	
1:00	Load Busses	
	5 minutes is allowed for transition to the next presentation	
1:05	<i>USDA-ARS club wheat breeding and variety trials,</i> Kim Campbell, USDA-ARS Wheat Breeder, and <i>Overview of the OSU wheat breeding program,</i> Bob Zemetra, OSU Wheat Breeder	<i>Recent evaluation of wheat varieties regarding stripe rust,</i> Mike Flowers, OSU Cereals Specialist
1:30	<i>Soil organic carbon dynamics in the Pendleton long-term experiments,</i> Stephen Machado, OSU Agronomist	<i>Guidelines for Diagnosing Wheat Diseases in the Field,</i> Richard Smiley, OSU Plant Pathologist
1:55	<i>Soil microbiology: life underground,</i> Kate Reardon, USDA-ARS Microbiologist	<i>Molecular diagnosis of wheat root diseases,</i> Guiping Yan, OSU Molecular Plant Pathologist
2:20	<i>Can cropping intensification improve Soil organic carbon accretion?,</i> Hero Gollany, USDA-ARS Soil Scientist	<i>Enhancing control of downy brome with pre-emergence herbicides ,</i> Dan Ball, OSU Weed Scientist
2:45	Ice Cream Social (courtesy of the Oregon Wheat Growers League)	

Sherman Experiment Station Field Day June 15, 2011

Time	The OSU-CBARC Station is located 0.5 miles south of Moro, Oregon.
7:00	Assemble at Sherman High School
7:25	Depart from High School
7:40	Agronomic Comparisons and Economic Analysis of Conventional and Direct Seeded Cropping Systems in the Moro Long-term Experiment: First 6 Years, Stephen Machado, OSU Agronomist and Doug Young, WSU Economist
8:05	Potential of biodiesel from oilseed crops in eastern Oregon, Don Wysocki, OSU Extension Soil Scientist,
8:20	Club Wheat Breeding and Variety Trials, Kimberly Garland Campbell Research Geneticist/Wheat Breeding, USDA-ARS
8:40	Updates on Disease Situation and Resistance Screening, Chris Mundt, Dept. of Botany and Plant Pathology, OSU, Corvallis
9:05	Recent evaluation of wheat varieties regarding Stripe Rust, Mike Flowers, OSU Cereal Extension Specialist.
9:30	Update on the OSU Wheat Breeding Program, Bob Zemetra, OSU Wheat Breeder
9:45	Break
10:05	Molecular diagnosis of wheat root diseases, Guiping Yan OSU CBARC, Research Associate
10:30	Guidelines for Diagnosing Wheat Diseases in the Field, Richard Smiley, OSU, Professor of Plant Pathology
10:55	Reducing Tillage Can Increase Summer Fallow Water Storage and Seed Zone Moisture, Stewart Wuest and Steve Petrie Soil Scientist, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Pendleton OR OSU-CBARC, Superintendent
11:20	Potential for Beyond herbicide to carryover and injure non-Clearfield wheat, Daniel Ball, Professor of Weed Science, OSU Columbia Basin Ag. Res. Ctr.
12:00	Lunch

Ship Wool July 9th

The Tri-County Wool Pool will ship wool July 9th **from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.** at the Union County Fairgrounds. The prices quoted for wool are: White Face (58 grade or 25 microns or better, \$1.20/lb.; Black Face, \$.86/lb. Bellies \$.50/lb.; Tags will pay \$.40/lb; Black wool, \$.15/lb; Lamb wool \$.75/lb.

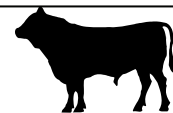
All wool must be in wool sacks. Please leave ears on both ends of sack. To hold costs down, please send help to unload your wool!

If you have questions or have not signed up for the wool pool contact your local County Extension office to see if there is still room on the truck.





35th Annual Union County Crops & Conservation Tour



June 22, 2011

Time: Coffee & donuts 7:00 a.m. Program starts 7:30 a.m. Buses return to CPS by 2:00 p.m.

Location: Crop Production Services on Booth Lane, 2.6 miles NE of Island City on HWY 82

Audience: Growers, Ranchers, Ag Service Providers, University Faculty, Local Business, General Public, and anyone else interested in Union County Agriculture!

You're invited to participate in a half-day bus tour of selected sites in Union County to view first-hand and learn about agricultural production, research, and conservation efforts in the area. Topics of interest this year include: 2010 Conservation Farm of the Year— Kirk & Mikki End; McKenzie Farm Conservation Projects and Oregon Agricultural Foundation; specialty crop production; and other topics of interest. Please note that a detailed agenda will not be released until June 22nd.

The day starts with a short program at CPS (7:30 a.m.) followed immediately with the bus tour. The traditional lunch consisting of barbecue steak, baked potato, and salad will be served to tour participants at approx. noon at a site along the tour route (site to be determined). Local 4-H Ambassadors and FFA members will be on hand throughout the day to help out. After lunch, bus passengers will be returned to Crop Production Services at approx. 2:00 p.m. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made by June 8th by contacting Darrin Walenta, OSU Extension Service-Union County, at 963-1010. For more information, please contact Darrin or Lenard Porfily, Crop Production Services, at 963-3735.

Union County Emergency Services
Contact Kylee Ingerson (541) 963-1009

Union County Crop Damage Assessment

Union County Emergency Services, Oregon State University Extension Service, and USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) are attempting to quantify and document local crop damage caused by the record cold, wet spring and the recent flood events. Damage may include prevented planting, failed acreage and low yield directly caused by recent weather events. Producers that are not currently enrolled in USDA Farm Service Agency programs are requested to fill out the following form entitled Union County Failed Acres/Prevented Planting Questionnaire available online at www.extension.oregonstate.edu/union/, enclosed in this newsletter, or at the following locations:

- Union County Commissioners Office, 1106 K Ave, La Grande
- Union County OSU Extension Service Office, 10507 N. McAlister Rd, Island City
- Union County FSA Office, 1901 Adams Ave, La Grande



Producers that are enrolled in FSA programs will utilize traditional reporting methods.

This request is for documentation related to the agricultural emergency declared by the Union County Board of Commissioners on June 1, 2011. The information is for documentation and justification purposes only and does not imply that any funding assistance will be made available to those affected by these events. Please return the forms with initial acreage affected to 1106 K Avenue, La Grande, by July 1, 2011. You may be contacted for follow up yield information as necessary. For additional questions please contact Union County Emergency Management at 541-963-1009.

Options for Farmers with Delayed Planting from Wet Conditions

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, May 24, 2011 --- Cool and extremely wet weather in the inland Northwest has caused crop damage and slowed planting this spring. Dave Paul, Director of USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) Spokane Regional Office, encourages producers faced with questions on prevented planting, replant or crop losses this spring, to contact Darheir agent for more information.

Producers who are unable to plant an insured crop by the final planting date due to an insurable cause, such as excess moisture and flooding have a number of options.

Producers may plant the insured crop during the 25 day late planting period with a reduction in the production guarantee of 1 percent a day for each day planting is delayed after the final planting date.

Producers may leave the acreage idle and receive a full prevented planting payment or the producer may be able to plant the acreage to another crop after the late planting period and receive a reduced prevented planting payment.

Producers with double cropping history can receive a full prevented planting payment within the guidelines of the policy.

Prevented planting coverage will not be provided for any acreage that does not constitute at least 20 acres or 20 percent of the insurable crop acreage in the unit. Producers need to keep in mind that group policies do not provide prevented planting coverage.

"Producers who are unable to plant due to excess moisture need to contact their insurance company to discuss prevented planting policy requirements related to their specific coverage and farming operation," said Paul. "The producer's insurance company will make the final determination of acres eligible for prevented planting payments."

Paul encourages producers to contact their crop insurance agent for assistance. Producers can also get crop insurance information on the web at: www.rma.usda.gov.

Local crop insurance agents are available to provide program details that reflect the grower's nursery inventory. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the U.S. or at the web site: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>.

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Mark Your Calendars - Riparian Grazing Workshop

A Riparian Grazing Workshop has been scheduled for September 14 and 15 in Enterprise, Oregon, at Cloverleaf Hall and various field sites. The workshop is intended for Government employees, private land owners, and others with an interest in riparian areas on riparian grazing techniques, management and monitoring. The experience aids in developing a common understanding of the issues, processes, goals and outcomes of riparian grazing management. The workshop will be conducted by the joint National/Oregon Riparian Service Teams.

A registration fee of \$35.00 per person will be charged. A reduced price will be given to ranches and families represented by more than one person.

Topics included in the workshop are: Grazing Management Processes and Strategies for Riparian Areas; Grazing Management – an ecological perspective; Monitoring processes, and target locations/species used to successfully understand riparian condition and management impacts.

The National/Oregon Riparian Service Team is working in cooperation with the Wallowa Whitman National Forest and the local partners of Oregon State University Extension, Wallowa County Soil and Water Conservation District, Eagle Cap RC&D, Wallowa County Stock growers, Wallowa Resources and others to deliver this educational program.

The Oregon Riparian Team is an interagency team of riparian resource specialists designed to provide coordinated outreach, education, and technical assistance on riparian-wetland issues throughout Oregon. The Oregon Riparian Team is a component of a National Creeks and Communities Strategy (C&C) and functions under the auspices of the National Riparian Service Team (NRST).

The NRST has been leading implementation of an interagency effort to accelerate cooperative riparian restoration and management. Under their leadership, a network comprised of teams and individuals with federal and state agency, non-government organization, university, and private affiliation, are implementing the C&C at the state and regional scale. Core and adjunct team members have expertise in Hydrology, Ecology, Fisheries, Wildlife, Range Management, Soils, Geology, Forestry, Social Science, Conflict Management, Public Affairs and Communication. Their approach is specifically designed to provide assistance with place-based problem solving, to address the technical dimensions of riparian issues while at the same time recognizing and addressing the social context within which these issues exist. The result is more effective integration of technical information into collaborative problem solving.

For more information contact John Williams, OSU Extension Agent, Wallowa County, 541-426-3143 or by email at John.Williams.1@oregonstate.edu .



**Eastern Oregon Livestock Show
June 6 - 12, 2011**

**Union Co. Fair
August 3 - 6, 2011**

**Baker Co. Fair
August 10 - 13, 2011**

**Wallowa Co. Fair
August 6 - 13, 2011**



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