February 2007

USDA Risk Management Agency Workshop: Whole Farm/Ranch Revenue Protection (AGR Lite) and Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance Programs.
Two sessions available:
* Union Co. Ag Service Center Conference Room 9-11 a.m.
* Baker Co. Extension Office 1-3 p.m.

Annual Union Co. Grass Seed and Wheat Growers League Meeting

Spokane Ag Expo and Farm Forum

Weed Short Course. Ontario, OR.

Union Co.—Private Pesticide Applicator and Pre-License Training—Ag Service Center, Island City

Baker Co.—Private Pesticide Applicator and Pre-License Training—Baker Co. Extension Office

Wallowa Co.—Private Pesticide Applicator and Pre-License Training—Clover Leaf Hall, Enterprise

March 2007

Irrigation Water Management Workshop. Union County Ag Service Center. Contact: Mike Burton-Union NRCS District Conservationist (963-4178 ext. 108). Register by calling the Union Co. OSU Extension office.

Western Farm Service Open House, La Grande, 10 a.m.-2p.m.

Integrated Pest Management Workshop. Union County Ag Service Center. Contact: Darrin Walenta. Register by calling the Union Co. OSU Extension office.

Check our Union Co. website "Field Crops" and "Hot Topics" links for more information as it becomes available!
Workshops, Seminars, and Training Events

2007 NE Oregon Pesticide Applicator and Pre-License Training Series:

Need to take an exam for a Private Pesticide Applicator license?

Need to take a Laws and Safety exam for either a Public or Commercial license?

Need general pesticide applicator re-certification credit?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, call your local Extension Office today and register no later than February 16, 2007 for one of the following free training sessions:

Feb.19* Union Co. - Agriculture Service Center Conference Room, Island City.
Contact: Darrin L. Walenta
10507 North McAlister Road, La Grande, OR    Phone: 963-1010

Contacts: Cory Parsons and Janice Cowan
2610 Grove Street, Baker City, OR 97814    Phone: 523-6418

Feb.21* Wallowa Co. - Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise.
Contact: John Williams
668 NW 1st Street, Enterprise, OR. 97828    Phone: 426-3143

Feb. 23 “Optional” Exam Session (for any license type and/or Laws and Safety exam)
Agriculture Service Center Conference Room, Island City. Details on next page.
Exams start promptly at 10 a.m. Doors will open at 9:30 so be early!

*More Information—Training Sessions
• Sessions start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. at each location.

• Lunch will be on-site to allow time to work on calibration/math problems. Lunch will not be provided so bring yours along!

• Approx. 4 general re-certification credits are expected. Core credit not available.

• Not a complete review of all information and materials needed for either a Private Pesticide Applicator or Laws and Safety Exam.

• We recommend self-study of the “Oregon Pesticide Safety Education Manual—EM 8850” prior to and following the training session. Copies are available at the Extension Office for $22.50 and make an excellent reference for your farm office!

• ODA will not give credit to licensed applicators who attend more than one of the 2007 training sessions. (Continued on Page 3)
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**Agenda for 2007 NE Oregon Pesticide Applicator and Pre-License Training Series:**

9:50-10:00    Welcome and Announcements - Host County Agent
10:00-10:45   Pesticide Safety and Personal Protective Equipment – Darrin L. Walenta
10:45-11:15   Keeping State/Federal Pesticide Application Records and Reporting Requirements – Cory Parsons
11:15-12:00   Math for Pesticide Applicators - Gary Kiemnec (Union, Baker Co.) and John Williams (Wallowa Co.)
12:00-12:30   **Lunch – onsite, will work on math exercise during the lunch break!**
12:30-1:00    Math for Pesticide Applicators (review Math Exercise)
1:00 – 2:00    Spray Drift Management – Tim Stock
2:00-2:15     Break
2:15 - 3:15   Pesticide Label Comprehension – Janice Cowan
3:15          Sign up for Oregon pesticide applicator re-certification credit and for the February 23 exam session given by Union-Baker ESD. Adjourn.

**More Information—Optional Examination Session on Feb 23**

- **Registration required by Feb 22!** Call the Union County Extension Office and provide the following information: Name, phone number, license type, and category (needed if for a Public or a Commercial license).
- **Exams start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. so be early!**
- Information on license types and categories at [http://oregon.gov/ODA/PEST](http://oregon.gov/ODA/PEST)
- Morning Exam Session 10:00 a.m. to noon (plenty of time for one exam). Lunch Break 12:00 to 1:00 (no exams during lunch). Afternoon Session 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Session open to anyone who would like to take any type of exam, not mandatory!
- Exams cost $15 each (payable to UBESD). Each exam takes 1 to 2 hours to complete.
- Union-Baker ESD provides examination services throughout the year, therefore, you can call them at 963-4106 to schedule an appointment convenient for you.
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Risk Management Workshops to be held in Baker and Union Co.

Dave Green with the USDA-Risk Management Agency (Spokane, WA office) will give 2 workshops on February 7 to cover two different agricultural insurance packages available to producers in Oregon. The first program is known as AGR-lite (Adjusted Gross Revenue) and is a streamlined whole-farm revenue protection package. The plan provides protection against low revenue due to unavoidable natural disasters and market fluctuations that affect income during the insurance year. Most farm-raised crops, animals and animal products are eligible for protection. AGR-lite can stand alone or be used in conjunction with other Federal crop insurance plans. When producers purchase both AGR-lite and other Federal crop insurance plans, the AGR-lite premium will be reduced.

The second package is known as PRF insurance (Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage) and is a new type of insurance coverage being piloted in Baker and Union counties this year. The purpose of this policy is to cover pasture, rangeland, and forage grown for and harvested by grazing by livestock or haying and must be produced on insurable acreage. Again this is a new insurance practice and should be of value to local livestock producers.

Call your local Extension office to sign-up for one of the following workshops:

- Union County RMA Workshop: February 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Agriculture Service Center Conference Room.
  - AGR-Lite and PRF Programs: Dave Green, USDA-RMA
  - Farm Service Agency Update: Jennifer Isley, USDA-FSA, Union Co.
- Baker County RMA Workshop: February 7th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Baker Co. Extension Office Conference Room.

Weed Short Course—Ontario, OR

The course will be held February 14-15, 2007 at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, OR. $50 registration fee by January 31 and $55 after. 12 Oregon recertification credits anticipated. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on Feb. 14 and course adjourns at 5 p.m. The course runs from 8 a.m. to noon on Feb. 15. Course topics include: Yellow Nutsedge Biology and Control; Herbicide Mode of Action; Glyphosate Resistant Weed Update; Gene Flow from Crops to Weeds; Invasive Weeds; Weed Quiz; Fate and Behavior of Typical and Alternative Pesticides; Online Weather and Climate Information to Reduce Pesticide Drift; Right of Way Weed Control; and Weed Control in Agronomic Crops.

Registration forms are available at:


For more information, contact, Lynn Jensen 541-881-1417
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**Integrated Pest Management Planning Workshop—March 8, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

This workshop is designed to help you develop an IPM plan for your farm and learn how integrated pest management can be more fully utilized to: 1) improve pest management efforts; 2) reduce environmental impacts and enhance farm profits; and 3) earn USDA support funds (if applicable). Target audience for this workshop includes growers, pesticide applicators, consultants, private/public land managers, conservation planners, and others. Topics include:

- Overview of IPM
- Designing an IPM Plan for Your Farm
- IPM Resources for Use in Planning and Implementation
- Pest Management Practices for the USDA-NRCS Conservation Security Program
- Integrated Cereal Leaf Beetle Management Program
- Ergot Biology, Management, and Research in Grass Seed Production

Oregon pesticide applicator recertification credits will be available. Pre-registration for the workshop is required by March 5. The $15 registration fee ($20 after March 5) covers lunch and materials and will be collected at the door (make checks payable to the “Ag Research Foundation”). Call the OSU Extension Service-Union Co. at 541-963-1010 to pre-register.

**New Wheat Marketing Seminar Series Connects Growers Statewide!**

Growers, grain handlers, ag service providers, and others interested in learning more about grain marketing should plan on participating in this educational series sponsored by Blue Mt. Community College, OSU Extension, and the Oregon Wheat Growers League. The strategy is to provide marketing education meetings twice a month during the winter and once a month during the summer. Each session is free and designed to include marketing fundamentals and application, and current grain marketing techniques.

Educational sessions will be broadcast via interactive television (ITV) across the state to 7 different sites (including OSU-Union County Extension Service, Ag Service Center Conference Room). This technology allows for interactive discussion to take place between all participants. February broadcasts include:

- Feb. 1 Dan Steiner - Contracts, Traders Report, Supply & Demand, 7 a.m.- 8 a.m.
- Feb. 28 Marketing Meeting - Raleigh Curtis, Wheat Quality, 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- Feb. 28 Wheat Quality, OSU Wheat Breeding Program, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

As details are made available for each seminar, the information will be posted on the Union Co. web site [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/union/index.php](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/union/index.php) under the “Hot Topics” link. Contact Jon Farquharson at 541-278-5845 (jfar@bluecc.edu) for more information.
Union-Baker-Wallowa Co. Rapeseed/Canola “Protected” District
Anyone who plans to grow canola in NE Oregon needs to be aware of Oregon Administrative Rules (603-052-0850; 603-052-0860; 603-052-0870; and 603-052-0880) designed to protect seed (for planting not crushing) production in protected districts. Details are available at:
http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/canola_rapeseed.shtml#Control_area_maps

NE Oregon Protected District Rules

- Growing for seed (planting) OK
- Growing forage/cover crops OK but not allowed to flower
- Plant only Certified/treated seed
- 1 in 4 rotation
- 2 mile isolation
- All field locations must be pinned at local Extension Office at least 10 days prior to planting
- Secure transportation and volunteer control required.
- Growing brassicas for oil (crushing) OK if all rules for a Protected District are followed.