

At the request of a number of growers I have scheduled an out-of-season Orchard Manager's Meeting for Friday morning October 23. The topic of discussion will be cherry crop insurance. Dave Paul PMP Director, USDA Risk Management Agency, Spokane Regional Office will speak on "Is Crop Insurance a Good Idea for Me"? The meeting is designed to help you decide whether you should purchase crop insurance for 2010. Among other items the following topics will be addressed:

- What portion of the total premium is subsidized by the government?
- What was the payout percentage in 2009? i.e. if the total premium paid by growers and government combined was \$100 how much of that was paid out in premiums?
- What kinds of situations resulted in a payout in 2009
- What was the breakdown of payments by states?
- How does OR compare to WA in claims and payouts?
- How does processed fruit play into the equation of claims and payouts?

The meeting will be held at the **Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue, 1400 West 8th**, The Dalles, OR. We will start at **6:40 AM** with coffee and donuts. The meeting is sponsored by Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers and Brandt's Fruit Trees.