

Central Oregon Agriculture e-News

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Questions or comments, contact 541-447-6228

September 13, 2019

Two Different Hemp Meetings

The *Central Oregon Hemp Association* (COHA) is holding a meeting from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, September 18th at the Aspen Lakes Golf Course, Sisters, OR. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2488832167804513/>

The *Central Oregon Hemp Growers Association* (COHGA) is meeting on September 26, at 7:00 pm at 21489 Young Av., Bend, OR. For more details, RSVP to Nichola Mente at nichola.mente@gmail.com or 650-224-4902.

Clare Sullivan & Mylen Bohle

State Board of Agriculture Meeting

The State Board of Agriculture will meet on Wednesday, September 25 through Friday, September 27, 2019 at the Inn at Cross Keys Station, 66 NW Cedar Street, Madras, OR 97741.

The meeting agenda will include a review and discussion of the draft resolution on Climate Change Policy Considerations, a joint meeting with the DEQ Environmental Quality Commission, ODA program and legislative session updates, and other Board business. On the joint meeting agenda will be a panel discussion on water quality and quantity issues in the Deschutes Basin, a presentation on Pesticide Stewardship Partnership activities and tours.

A copy of the full agenda is available on the [State Board of Agriculture](#) webpage. To request ADA accommodations – 48 hours advance notice is requested.

Karla Valness, ODA, 503-986-4554, kvalness@oda.state.or.us

CROP Farm to Table Banquet

Crooked River Open Pastures (CROP) is hosting a Farm to Table Banquet in Prineville on Sunday, September 22nd, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Prineville City Hall Courtyard. Come enjoy a delicious five course dinner under the twinkling lights, set to the backdrop of the beautiful Crook County Courthouse while listening to the melodies of a live band. A mini-cocktail will be served with each course including fresh and locally sourced lamb, beef, goat, pork, along with fruits and vegetables. We will celebrate the bounty of the season while honoring our local farmers with a beautiful meal served family style at sunset. This event is for those 21 and older. ONLY 85 tickets available. Tickets are \$75. You can purchase your tickets on Eventbrite using this link: [Farm to Table Banquet](#).

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OSU Extension Benny Bash and 5k Color Run

Celebrate the many ways OSU Extension Service is an active partner in our community. Join us for the Benny Bash 5k Color Run starting at 10am. Register at the park: \$10 per person or \$25 per family of four (\$5 for each additional child). There will be free, hands-on activities for the whole family! Tie dye station, face painting, rockets, robots, and the OSU Bug Zoo!

Free baked potato lunch starting at 11:30 am (while supplies last)
Don't miss your chance to enter the Carrot Cake Bake-Off!

Date: Saturday, September 21st

Time: 9am – 2pm

Where: Sahalee Park, Madras

For information or to register visit www.extension.oregonstate.edu/jefferson or call the office 541-475-7107.

Tracy Wilson

Berry Research Trial Field Tour

For those interested in strawberry and raspberry production here in central Oregon, please join us September 19th, 5:30-7pm. for a field tour of OSU Extension's Berry Research Trial in Alfalfa, 26315 Walker Rd, Bend. The research is funded through Western SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education), and is being conducted in collaboration with several farms in central Oregon. The trial was planted in May and we are evaluating the performance of different raspberry and strawberry cultivars grown under protection (high tunnels) and in the open field.

On this field tour you will *observe, taste and discuss*:

- Four varieties of raspberries and strawberries grown in high tunnel vs open field
- Three different raspberry trellis systems
- Low-cost PVC high tunnel in action

Registration: Free, but please register before Sep 18th by email clare.sullivan@oregonstate.edu

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Farm to Fork Dinner

The Wine Down Ranch is hosting a fund raising Farm to Fork Dinner, September 28, for the non-profit H.O.R.S.E.S. on the Ranch serving Crook County with equine assisted therapy and mental health services. This is part of a day-long event (starts at 10:00 am) with the McKay Creek Cowboy Gathering – featuring Oregon Cowboy Poet Tom Swearingen and many others. The dinner starts at 5:30 pm. Dinner (\$75 per person) will be home grown delicacies and a concert by Adrian "Buckaroo" Brannan. Information and tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/farm-to-fork-dinner-at-wine-down-ranch-tickets-70303879797>

Clare Sullivan

Cover Crops in Central Oregon

Curious to learn more about using cover crops on your farm? Please join Clare Sullivan, Extension Agronomist on September 30th, 1-4 pm. At Rainshadow Organics (71290 Holmes Rd, Sisters, OR). This is a Rogue Farm Corps Intern class that is open to the public. Cost will be \$10, please bring exact cash or check.

During this class you will learn:

- The benefits of planting different types of cover crops
- How to choose a cover crop that suits your needs and crop rotation
- Results from cover crop trials in central Oregon with different species and planting times.

Please contact Clare if you are planning to attend. clare.sullivan@oregonstate.edu

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Encourage Mason Bees to Your Landscape

If you are interested in learning how to create an inviting landscape for not only mason bees but other native bees and pollinators, please join us for one of these presentations:

Bend Eastside Library, September 26, 2019 (6-8 pm)

Deschutes County Extension Office, Redmond, October 15, 2019 (6-8 pm)

A link to registration will be provided on your local Extension website after September 5, 2019. The cost for registration is \$15/single or \$25/double registration (any two people on one registration). Space is limited so walk-ins will be allowed as pre-registration space permits at each site.

Toni Stephan

New Extension Publications

+ *Soil Organic Matter as a Soil Health Indicator: Sampling, Testing and Interpretation (EM 9251)*

Here is the catalog link: <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9251>

+ *What is Industrial Hemp? (EM9240)*

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9240.pdf>

+ *Soil, Seedbed Preparation and Seeding for Hemp in Oregon (EM9239)*

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9239.pdf>

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Calendar

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October

- 3 Statewide CORE Training
- 4 Oregon Fine Fuels Management Field Day. Jordan, OR. Contact: sergio.arispe@oregonstate.edu
- 15 Encourage Mason Bees to Your Landscape presentation. Redmond, OR
- 16-18 PNW Society for Range Management Meeting. Pendleton, OR. Contact: tim.deboodt@oregonstate.edu or 541-903-5903
- 17 Deschutes County SWCD Field Tour
- 17 Oregon Fine Fuels Management Field Day. Burns, OR. Contact: sergio.arispe@oregonstate.edu
- 18 Pesticide Applicator Course: Laws & Safety. COCC.
- 22 Irrigation Efficiency Workshop. 4-H Clover Building, Prineville, OR
- 23-25 Oregon Vegetation Management Association Conference
- 29-30 Oregon Society of Weed Science Annual Meeting. Hood River Best Western Inn, Hood River
- 31 Pesticide Application Course: Right of Way. COCC.

November

- 1 Hay Quality Samples are due for Oregon Hay King Contest.
- 4 Oregon Fine Fuels Management Field Day. Jordan Valley, OR. Contact: sergio.arispe@oregonstate.edu
- 6-7 Alfalfa Intensive Training Seminar. National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance. <https://www.alfalfa.org/>
- 8 Pesticide Applicator Course: Ornamental & Turf Herbicides. COCC.
- 8-10 Tilth Alliance Conference. Yakima, WA. <http://www.tilthalliance.org/>
- 13-16 Oregon/Idaho/Washington Tri-State Grains Conference. Spokane, WA. <http://www.owgl.org/>
- 15 OHFA/OFGC Fall Forage Festival. McMinnville, OR
- 16 Oregon Hay King Contest. McMinnville, OR
- 16 Denim and Diamonds Dinner. Oregon Ag Link. Salem Convention Center. <http://aglink.org>
- 19-21 California Alfalfa and Forage Symposium. The Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV.

