Hermiston Farm Fair & Trade Show

Hermiston Farm Fair & Trade Show will be held December 4-6, at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Rd, Hermiston, OR. The Farm Fair is an agricultural forum co-sponsored by OSU Extension Service, the Agriculture Committee of the Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, and local agriculture-related businesses displaying their wares and services, both inside and outside the Conference Center. Call 541-567-8321.

There is a $10.00 fee for attending the Core Program. All other educational sessions are free to attendees. No pre-registration is required. Oregon, Washington and Idaho pesticide re-certification credits will be available, in addition to CCA credits. The full Farm Fair agenda with updates and pesticide credit hours is available on this website: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/harec/events/farm-fair-2018-0

Mylen Bohle

Far West Winter Seminar

The Far West Agri-business Association is holding a seminar on December 9th at the Red Lion Hotel, Pasco, WA. There are some good irrigated, dryland, and safety related sessions always on the agenda. There are also different safety trainings being held in December. For more details, registration, and hotel information, keep checking this web site: http://fwaa.org/.

Mylen Bohle

Pesticide Applicator Courses – Recertification Credits & Exam Review

COCC’s Continuing Education program offers several opportunities to gain recertification credits or prepare for the ODA pesticide exams this fall. The following course is available for recertification credits and exam review candidates:

Ornamental & Turf Insecticides/Fungicides, Saturday, December 8 (8am-5pm)

Pre-registration is required. Call 541-383-7270 or Register Online Here

Nancy Jumper, COCC

Statewide CORE Training

There will be 4 pesticide CORE training credits offered for pesticide applicators. The next Zoom presentation will be held on December 12th from 10 am to 3 pm with a break for lunch. The cost this year will be $20 per person and please RSVP. To register, go to: Beav.es/Ze7 or call 541-737-6257. Crook County, Deschutes County and COAREC Extension Offices are participating, as well as other Extension offices.

Mylen Bohle

OSU Master Gardener™ Program

Applications for the OSU Master Gardener™ Program in Central Oregon are now available. The program targets individuals interested in becoming a trained volunteer, who wants to learn and share research-based gardening information. Program starts with eight classes that meet on Wednesdays from 9 am - 4 pm, January 15 – March 18, 2020 at the OSU/Deschutes County Extension Service in Redmond, and continues with hands-on training through September. Applications must be received no later than January 3rd. Cost will be $275.00 and includes tuition, text book and supplies. Partial scholarships are available.

For more information or an application, call 541-548-6088 or https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/central/how-join

Carrie Sether

Learn to Safely Preserve Foods Online with Preserve @ Home

Interested in safely preserving food for you and your family but don’t have time for traditional classes? It is time to think about gifting yourself or a loved one with an online, hybrid course, Preserve @ Home. Oregon State University Extension invites you to enroll in Preserve @ Home, a national award-winning, 6 week online food safety and preservation course. Registration deadline is Monday, January 13, 2020. The first class opens on-line on Thursday, January 16, 2020. Cost is $55.00. Register at https://extension.oregonstate.edu/deschutes/events/preserve-home-oregon

Glenda Hyde

Registration Open for American Sheep Industry Annual Convention

Now is the time to begin making plans for the 2020 ASI Annual Convention: Reverence for the Past, Innovation for the Future. The Scottsdale (Ariz.) Plaza Resort will play host to the convention on Jan. 22-25. Online registration for the convention opened this week and is available at: https://sheepusa.org/

Scott Duggan
Shearing Schools Announce 2020 Dates

Several shearing schools have announced dates for the coming season. In addition to learning to shear in a hands-on manner, the schools offer teaching on equipment, animal welfare and staying in shape for the physically demanding task. Equipment is usually supplied, but students are encouraged to bring any equipment they have, as well.

These schools offer training for a wide variety of students – from hobby farmers looking to shear their own flocks to those with aspirations of shearing professionally. For more information, contact organizers of the school directly.

Washington State Shearing School – April 6-10, 2020, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Wash. Email Sarah Smith at smithsm@wsu.edu or visit https://extension.wsu.edu/grant/livestockanimal-science/washington-state-shearing-school/

Washington State Advanced Shearing School – April 11, 2020, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Wash. Email Sarah Smith at smithsm@wsu.edu or visit https://extension.wsu.edu/grant/livestockanimal-science/washington-state-shearing-school/.

Oregon Shearing School – May 14-17, 2020, in Roseburg, Ore. Email John Fine at johnandpeggyfine@charter.net or visit http://www.sheeporegon.com

Ranch Survey

The Beef Quality Assurance program and UC Davis are asking for help from ranchers. A completely anonymous survey is available online asking ranchers for their input on what kind of educational programs are of interest to them. Information collected will be reported as summaries and not connected to your name or address in any way. Results from the survey will be compiled and analyzed at the University of California Davis, in the Animal Science Department. Data collected will be used to improve current rancher educational programs. Participants will be eligible to win a YETI cooler or other prizes. If enough producers from Oregon participate in this survey, we will receive a customized summary. Take the survey at: https://ucdavis.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9oATbMKFRuu9hAN or https://tinyurl.com/ranchsurvey

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Calendar

November
22 Denim and Diamonds Dinner, Salem, OR. https://aglink.org/events/denim-diamonds/

December
2-6 Irrigation Show & Education Conference. Las Vegas, NV. www.irrigation.org
2-6 Hermiston Farm Fair, Hermiston, OR.
4-6 WA Small Fruit Conferences. Lynden, OR. https://www.wasmallfruit.com/
8 Pesticide Applicator Course: Ornamental & Turf Insecticides/Fungicides. COCC. (see article)
9 Far West Winter Seminar. Pasco, WA. www.fwaa.org
12 Statewide CORE Pesticide Training. (see article)
25 Christmas Holiday

January
1 New Year’s Holiday
3 Applications due for OSU Master Gardener™ Program in Central Oregon. (see article)
5-8 American Forage and Grassland Council Annual Conference and Expo. Greenville, SC. www.afgc.org/
16 Preserve @ Home online food preservation course. (see article)
22-25 American Sheep Industry Annual Convention - Scottsdale, AZ. www.sheepusa.org (see article)
29 C.O. Forage Seminar. 4-H Clover Club Building, Prineville, OR

February
4-7 National Beef Cattlemen’s Association Annual Convention – San Antonio, TX. www.ncba.org

April
6-10 Washington State Shearing School. Moses Lake, WA. (see article)
11 Washington State Advanced Shearing School. Moses Lake, WA. (see article)

May
14-17 Oregon Shearing School. Roseburg, OR. (see article)