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Wild Fire Information

The small farms working group has developed resources pertinent to local foods and wildfires. Please visit this link:

<https://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/small-farms-local-food-and-wildfires>

- You can contact your local [county Extension office](#) or County's Emergency Response team to confirm the most up to date donation and volunteer options and needs. Oregon Emergency Management link:
<https://www.oregon.gov/OEM/Pages/default.aspx>
- If you have land available for farmers and ranchers who have been evacuated you can let your local Small Farms Extension contact know (so that we can announce on our farmer listservs), or if you have experience with livestock you can connect with Facebook pages like [Cowboy 911](#), [Cowgirl 911](#), [Linn County Livestock](#) and [Holiday Farm \(McKenzie\) Fire Animal Rescue \(Lane Co\)](#) that are coordinating animal evacuation and assistance.
- A fundraising campaign has been started for small and micro-scale farmers, especially those who have not qualified for federal CARES act funding:
<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/small-farms-affected-by-oregon-wildfires>
- Organizations collecting funds for immigrants and farm workers:
 - CASA for Oregon. <https://casaoforegon.org/get-involved/>
 - Unete Immigrant Fire Relief Fund
<http://uneteoregon.org/>

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Tri-State Growers Convention

The Tri-State Grains Conference has been rescheduled for *November 30 to December 3, 2021*. Oregon Wheat Growers' League will hold their annual meeting on *December 1, 2020*. For more details go to: <http://www.owgl.org/>.

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OSU Extension Publications Catalog

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu>

The above individuals are devoted to extending agricultural information to producers. Many of the individuals, in addition to agriculture, have assignments in research, 4-H Youth, administration and community resource education. Often it is appropriate to mention brand names of some commercial products; however, they are used only for the purpose of information. Extension does not guarantee or warrant the standard of the product, or does it imply approval of the product to the exclusion of others.

Free KN95 Masks for Agricultural Workers

Masks are provided through a partnership with ODA, the Governor's office, OSU Extension, and other regional partners. They will be available while supplies last.

Protect yourself from smoke.

- Air quality levels are hazardous
- If possible stay indoors
- If possible reduce outdoor physical activity during work
- If you need to work outdoors, wear a mask that filters at least 95% of airborne particles (N95/KN95 masks)

Pick up locations:

Crook County Extension Office

498 SE Lynn Blvd, Prineville

Hours for pick up: M-F, 8 am-12 pm, 1 pm -5 pm

You can also call to arrange a pick up time. (541) 548-6228

Deschutes County Extension Office

3800 SW Airport Way Building #4, Redmond

Hours for pick-up: M-F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

You can also call to arrange a pick up time. (541) 548-6088

Jefferson County – Central Oregon Ag Research and Extension Center

Please call the Jefferson County Extension Office for a list of locations. (541) 475-7107

Warm Springs

Please call the Warm Springs Extension Office for pick up information. (541) 553-3238

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Resources: Caring for Animals When Disaster Strikes

Caring for Livestock Before Disaster

<https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/livestk/01814.pdf>

Caring for Livestock During Disaster

<https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/livestk/01815.pdf>

Caring for Livestock After Disaster

<https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/livestk/01816.pdf>

Wildfire Preparedness for Horse Owners

<https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/livestk/01817.pdf>

Assessing and Caring for Cattle after Wildfires

<http://veterinaryextension.colostate.edu/menu1/disaster/assessing-and-caring-for-cattle-after-wildfires.pdf>

Wildfires, Smoke and Livestock

<http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/files/220420.pdf>

Protect Your Pets from Wildfire Smoke

https://www3.epa.gov/airnow/smoke_fires/protect-your-pets-from-wildfire-smoke.pdf

Scott Duggan

Documenting Livestock Losses for Reimbursements

ODA and FSA are advising that farmers and ranchers to take pictures to document animal losses for federal reimbursements purposes through FSA. The federal agencies require this proof for the losses.

The program that producers would be paid under should be: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/livestock_indemnity_program_lip-fact_sheet.pdf

The fact sheet has a section for documentation needed for reimbursement.

Scott Duggan

USDA Assist Farmers, Ranchers, and Communities Affected by Western Wildfires

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16, 2020 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the availability of assistance for residents and agricultural producers affected by recent wildfires.

As of today, wildfires have burned nearly 6.9 million acres across 11 states. More than 31,000 personnel from the local, state and federal levels are working to contain 61 large fires. The USDA Forest Service has more than 7,800 personnel committed to firefighting efforts along with airtankers, helicopters, and other air and ground firefighting resources.

Food waivers and flexibilities

On August 27, 2020, USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approved California's waiver request to allow for the purchase of hot foods with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) [benefits in select counties](#). As many California residents are not able to store food or access cooking facilities, households in those counties can purchase hot foods with SNAP benefits through September 23, 2020.

On September 3, 2020, FNS also approved California's request to issue automatic mass replacements of SNAP benefits to impacted households. This waiver allows households in certain counties and zip codes to receive replacement of 50% of their August SNAP benefits as a result of wildfires and power outages that began on August 17, 2020. For more information on either of these actions, contact the [California Department of Social Services](#).

Helping producers weather financial impacts of disasters

When major disasters strike, USDA has an [emergency loan program](#) that provides eligible farmers low-interest loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. This program is triggered when a natural disaster is designated by the Secretary of Agriculture or a natural disaster or emergency is declared by the President under the Stafford Act. USDA also offers additional programs tailored to the needs of specific agricultural sectors to help producers weather the financial impacts of major disasters and rebuild their operations.

Livestock owners and contract growers who experience above normal livestock deaths due to specific weather events, as well as to disease or animal attacks, may qualify for assistance under USDA's [Livestock Indemnity Program](#).

Livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to a qualifying drought condition or fire on federally-managed land during the normal grazing period for a county may qualify for help through USDA's [Livestock Forage Disaster Program](#). Producers of non-insurable crops who suffer crop losses, lower yields or are prevented from planting agricultural commodities may be eligible for assistance under USDA's [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program](#).

Helping operations recover after disasters

USDA can also provide financial resources through its [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) to help with immediate needs and long-term support to help recover from natural disasters and conserve water resources. Assistance may also be available for emergency animal mortality disposal from natural disasters and other causes.

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Farmers and ranchers needing to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters can apply for assistance through USDA's [Emergency Conservation Program](#). USDA also has assistance available for eligible private forest landowners who need to restore forestland damaged by natural disasters through the [Emergency Forest Restoration Program](#). USDA's [Emergency Watershed Protection Program](#) can also help relieve imminent threats to life and property caused by fires and other natural disasters that impair a watershed. Orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for assistance through USDA's [Tree Assistance Program](#) to help replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

Producers with coverage through the Risk Management Agency (RMA) administered federal crop insurance program should contact their crop insurance agent for issues in filing claims. Those who purchased crop insurance will be paid for covered losses. Producers should report crop damage within 72 hours of discovering damage and follow up in writing within 15 days. The Approved Insurance Providers (AIP), loss adjusters and agents are experienced and well trained in handling these types of events. As part of its commitment to delivering excellent customer service, RMA is working closely with AIPs that sell and service crop insurance policies to ensure enough loss adjusters will be available to process claims in the affected areas as quickly as possible. Visit the [RMA website](#) for more details.

Helping with the long-term recovery of rural communities

USDA Rural Development has more than 50 programs available to rural and tribal communities for the rebuild, repair or modernization of rural infrastructure including drinking and waste water systems, solid waste management, electric infrastructure, and essential community facilities such as public safety stations, health care centers and hospitals, and educational facilities. Visit the [USDA Rural Development website](#) for more information on specific programs.

Visit USDA's [disaster resources website](#) to learn more about USDA disaster preparedness and response. For more information on USDA disaster assistance programs, contact your [local USDA Service Center](#).

Mylen Bohle

COVID-19 PPE Available to Agricultural Producers and Farmworkers

The Extension offices in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties have KN95 masks and hand sanitizer still available at no cost for any agricultural producers and farmworkers that need these supplies. In addition to the PPE supplies, the Extension offices also have [high-speed hand-washing posters](#), in English and Spanish, designed by OSU Extension Family and Community Health faculty that illustrates how groups of people can properly wash their hands in five minutes or less.

Locations in Central Oregon to pick up PPE:

Crook County Extension Office

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Recursos de Incendios Forestales en Oregon

Información General

- [Centro de recursos](#) del gobierno del Estado de Oregon, incluye:
 - [Mapas de los incendios y puntos críticos](#)
 - [Estados de la Carretera y cierres](#)
- Autoridad de salud de Oregon (Oregon Health Authority) [Hojas informativas de los incendios forestales](#) en varios idiomas

Noticias y actualizaciones

- Departamento de la Calidad Ambiental (Department of Environmental Quality) [Blog con información del humo en Oregon](#) (English/Spanish)
- [Twitter de la Oficina de Manejo de Emergencias](#) (Office of Emergency Management)
- [Twitter de la Cruz Roja de Oregon](#) (Oregon Red Cross)
- Departamento Forestal de Oregon (Oregon Department of Forestry)
 - [ODF Twitter](#)
 - [ODF blog](#)
 - [ODF alertas instantáneas](#)
- [Twitter del jefe de bomberos del Estado de Oregon](#) (Oregon State Fire Marshall)
- [Twitter con Información del humo en Oregon](#) (Oregon Smoke Info)
- Regional [alertas instantáneas](#)
 - [Condado de Clackamas](#)
 - [Condado de Multnomah](#)
 - [Condado de Washington](#)
 - [Alertas en el área de Salem](#)
 - [Condado de Clark](#)

Evacuación

- Mapas regionales de los incendios
 - [Condado de Clackamas](#)
 - [Condado de Linn](#)
- Información del Statesman Journal acerca de los [niveles de evacuación y refugios de emergencia actuales](#)
- Recursos e información del [Proyecto Wildfire del condado de Deschutes](#), incluyendo la [descripción general y conceptos básicos de evacuación](#)

Impactos en la salud

- [Índice de la calidad del aire](#): Encuentre información sobre la calidad del aire en su área.
- De la Autoridad de salud de Oregon (Oregon Health Authority)
 - Información [sobre como el humo de los incendios forestales afecta su salud](#)
 - [Video Manténgase saludable mientras el aire esta lleno de humo](#)
- Centros para el Control de Enfermedades (Centers for Disease Control) [Manténgase seguro durante un incendio forestal](#)

Vivienda

- Servicios comunitarios y de Vivienda de Oregon (Oregon Housing and Community Services Housing and Community Services) [Programa de alivio de daños a viviendas por incendios forestales](#)
 - Solicite asistencia [aquí](#).

Mascotas

- [VCA Hospitales animales ofrecen alojamiento gratuito para mascotas desplazadas por los incendios forestales de Oregon](#)

Scott Duggan

Hay, Feed, and Dollars are Needed

2020 was already a challenging year in Oregon to say the least. Now the Mega Fires on the west side of Oregon are exacerbating the challenge even more. I just heard on the news in southern Oregon that something like 2700-2800 home were destroyed in just one area and there are only 400 possible replacement houses or apartments in that same area. What a debacle for Oregon and it is not over yet by a long stretch...

As many of you already know, there will be great need for hay and feed for animals and poultry over the weeks and probably months ahead on the west side of Oregon.

There are 3 drop site locations on the west side where hay and feed can be delivered. We want you to call your local County Extension office and let them know what you have to offer. Each county Extension office has a Point of Contact. The hay and feed shipments to valley will need to be scheduled. The west side will then work with your county contact to arrange details for delivery.

These are the three Drop Off Locations on the west side:

North Willamette Research and Extension Center (NWREC) Aurora
Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center (SOREC) Central Point
Roseburg location still being arranged

The idea is to stockpile hay and feed at these locations so the different fairgrounds or other individuals in need can come and get hay, feed and other supplies. Some tarps have been purchased to cover the hay and feed. We have heard of loads going over and certain fairground did not need the hay, yet, last week. And there has to be equipment and labor available to unload the hay.

Please donate good quality hay (or feed) without injurious contents, noxious weed seed free, non-moldy, good quality hay.

Also if you choose to make a cash donation (and there are many sites out there besides ours to do so) OSU has set up and can accept donations through the OSU Foundation. You will need to reference the funds should go to the **Director's Fund for Excellence in Extension** and be earmarked for **purchase of hay for horses or any other intended purpose you want.**

You choose what area(s) your gift will enhance. And you choose how to make your gift. Consider any of these convenient giving options.

Online: [Make an immediate gift](#) or [pledge payment](#) by credit card through our secure website.

By Mail: Please make checks payable to "OSU Foundation," write the name of the fund you wish to support in the memo line, and send to:

OSU Foundation
4238 SW Research Way.
Corvallis, OR 97333-1068

To provide instructions about honoring someone with your gift, print the [OSU Giving Form](#) and mail it with your gift.

By Phone: Call the OSU Foundation toll-free at 1-800-354-7281 (or (or 541-737-1872) to make your gift by credit card or for assistance with any questions. Their offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please help out if you can.

Mylen Bohle

Food Safety and Wildfires

OSU College of Agricultural – Food Science and Technology department have prepared some key points for food safety and wildfires.

Key Points- General

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Respiratory protection is important during a fire event and gloves and goggles are important during clean up efforts.
- Wash your hands and clothes after handling foods/items that were impacted by fire or smoke.
- Chemicals used to fight fires cannot be washed off foods and these foods should not be consumed.
- If in doubt, throw it out! This goes for foods and any potentially hazardous materials (e.g., garden chemicals and sanitizers) that show signs of damage.

Key Points – Produce

*These recommendations are based on a report from UCCE Sonoma County entitled, "Produce Safety after Urban Wildfire: Citizen Science Initiative". These findings are based on gardens and produce not directly in the line of fire or adjacent to burnt structures that were impacted by smoke contaminants.

- First, inspect produce for visible particle deposits and plant damage. If any damage is observed, discard these items and do not consume.
- Washing produce with clean running water, remove outer leaves of leafy greens, and peel root vegetables prior to eating, cooking, preservation, or storage.
- Test soil regularly to determine if and what level contaminants are present. This will serve as an indicator for potential produce contamination.
- Produce can be soaked in a 10% white vinegar solution (by volume) to remove soil particles from produce (e.g., leafy greens).
- Much is still unknown about produce safety following a wildfire event and more investigation is needed.

* Key points were generated from the information provided in the resources below.

Resources

Food Industry Resources

[Disaster Assessment, Response and Recovery Checklist](#) (National Environmental Health Association)

[Disaster Recovery \(Community Alliance with Family Farmers; CAFF\)](#)

[Food Safety After a Fire \(Ontario\)](#)

[Food Safety After a Disaster \(UC Davis\)](#)

[Food Safety and Reopening Your Business after a wildfire \(British Columbia\)](#)

[Produce Safety after Urban Wildfire \(UCCE Sonoma County\)](#)

[Wildfire Helpful Information, Links, and Resources \(United Fresh\)](#)

Worker Health Resources

Worker Safety During Fire Cleanup (CDC). This factsheet is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

[Worker Safety and Health in Wildfire Regions](#) (California Dept. of Industrial Relations)

Consumer Safety Resources

[Produce Safety after Urban Wildfire \(UCCE Sonoma County\)](#)

[Consumer Tips for Food Safety After Fires \(Minnesota Department of Health\)](#)

[Food Safety in a Disaster or Emergency \(Foodsafety.gov\)](#)

[Food Safety in Emergencies \(UC Davis\)](#)

[Food Safety Issues After a Fire \(Colorado State\)](#)

[Keep Your Food Safe During Emergencies: Power Outages, Floods and Fires](#)

[Recovering After a Wildfire \(British Columbia\)](#)

Wildfire Smoke and COVID-19 (CDC). This webpage is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

*Shared from: <https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/wrcefs/article/food-safety-and-wildfires>.

Oregon Wildfire Information and Resources

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

For up-to-date resources, please consult wildfire.oregon.gov

The federal government has approved Oregon's Major Disaster Declaration (MDD), a move that frees up [Public Assistance funding for state, tribal and local governments](#) to rebuild and replace infrastructure. This can include roads and bridges, dams and levees, public buildings and public utilities, railways, beaches, piers, ports, harbors and other infrastructure affected by a federally declared incident. The approved disaster declaration also frees up funding for businesses and homeowners/renters (*more below on those programs*). Read [FEMA's news release](#) on the declaration. Visit [FEMA's web page](#) on the Oregon Wildfire Disaster designation.

The Small Business Administration has established virtual assistance to help businesses, homeowners and renters impacted by recent wildfires. The Virtual Business Recovery Center provides personalized assistance to businesses of all size and to non-profit organizations, with loans available to replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery, equipment, inventory and other assets. Call 800-659-2955 or email FOCWAssistance@sba.gov.

The SBA also provides assistance for homeowners and renters through [FEMA's Individuals and Households Program \(IHP\)](#). The program provides financial and direct services to eligible individuals and households affected by a disaster who have uninsured or underinsured necessary expenses and serious needs. Virtual assistance is available for both business owners and homeowners/renters seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST. Call 800-659-2955 or email FOCWAssistance@sba.gov.

USDA assists farmers, ranchers and communities affected by western wildfires: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the availability of assistance for residents and agricultural producers affected by recent wildfires. [Read more.](#)

Fees waived for replacing some vital records lost to wildfires: Many Oregon families may have lost all vital documents due to the deadly wildfires burning across the state. The Center for Health Statistics has issued temporary rules to waive fees for people who have experienced loss of property or life associated with the wildfires. This temporary rule provides up to three certified copies of Oregon vital records free of charge if requested in connection with the Governor's [Executive Order 20-35](#). Learn how to order copies and apply for the waiver on the [State Vital Records website](#).

Replacing prescriptions and medical equipment lost to fire: Are you an Oregon Health Plan member who evacuated your home without grabbing the durable medical equipment (DME), supplies or prescriptions you need? If so, you can get these items replaced and your coordinated care organization or CCO can help. Find your CCO contact information here: <http://ow.ly/jprH50BoEAi>. If you're an OHP member with an open card, contact Member Services at 800-273-0557.

Wildfire response and recovery update for September 15: Fire crews continue to focus on protection of life and property while support for evacuees and recovery efforts are underway. Evacuation orders continue to change as fire activity and containment levels fluctuate. The entire town of Paisley is under a Level 3 evacuation notice, with all of Jackson County under some level of evacuation notice. Air quality is expected to remain hazardous along the I-5 corridor at least through Thursday when wind off the coast is expected to improve conditions. [Read more.](#)

ODOT working to assess, repair Oregon roads damaged by wildfire: Even with wildfires still burning, ODOT crews around the state have begun assessing damage on hundreds of miles of road, removing thousands of trees damaged by fire, and inspecting culverts, bridges, guardrail and pavement. The work will continue location by location as conditions allow, but it will be some time before roads reopen – partially or fully – to traffic. [A new webpage](#) will track this progress, while also providing information on road and office closures, photos, videos and more.

These fires are different: The Oregon Office of Economic Analysis looks at how the true economic cost of natural disasters – and wildfires in particular – has changed, and the way we look at those costs should change, too. This [recent blog post](#) looks at the economics of wildfires in Oregon, both through a historical perspective and projecting forward.

Air quality update: Advisory lifted for Oregon Coast, smoke to remain elsewhere next couple of days: State and local air quality agencies updated an air quality advisory Wednesday for Oregon and Southwest Washington due to smoke from fires in Oregon, Washington and California. [Read the update.](#)

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IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION

Paid-leave program to help some employees who need to quarantine: A new program starts this week to help people who work in Oregon and need to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19 exposure, but do not have access to COVID-19-related paid sick leave, the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) announced today. [Read more.](#)

Governor Brown announces free masks and gloves for small businesses: Today Governor Brown announced a new program to provide masks and gloves to small business in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor, in partnership with the Oregon Legislature's Emergency Board, allocated \$10 million from the federal CARES Act funding for the purchase of protective supplies. The state of Oregon is fulfilling orders at no charge until resources are depleted. The order form is online and is now accepting orders. Businesses and child care providers can access the form here:

<https://supplyconnector.org/states/oregon/free-ppe/>

Mylen Bohle

Chlorpyrifos Hearings Transcript and/or Video Posted on ODA's Website

Thank you for participating in the ODA Chlorpyrifos Workgroup, or having an interest in workgroup activities.

The purpose of this email is to let you know that the transcripts and/or video recordings of the three Chlorpyrifos Public Hearings have been posted on the ODA website.

- Due to technical issues, only the written transcript is available for the first hearing; the other two hearings are available in video format.
- The second and third hearings were provided with interpretation services.
- Public testimony can be found after first 10-20 minutes of video, which contains hearing instructions.
- Link: Public comment information for proposed chlorpyrifos rule, <https://oda.direct/Rulemaking>

Reminder: October 1 remains the deadline to comment on both the proposed chlorpyrifos rule, and also the proposed amended Listing of Restricted Use Pesticides rule.

For more information contact: Sephanie Page, Natural Resources Program Area Director (503) 931-5608 or Rose Kachadoorian, Pesticides Program Manager, (503) 986-4651.

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Virtual Buyers Meeting: ASEAN (SE Asia)

Weeks of November 2 & 9, 2020

WUSATA's Virtual Buyers Meeting: ASEAN will provide companies the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Southeast Asian Buyers interested in your company's products. This activity is focusing only on **snack foods/convenience foods.**

Meeting Times: Scheduled meetings will occur during the weeks of November 2 and November 9. Meetings will be scheduled for 30 minutes and will occur from 5:00-8:00 p.m. (PST). Meetings will be held one-on-one via Zoom and scheduled to accommodate both buyers and sellers. Companies may have scheduled meetings over the course of three days during the two-week time period.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 25, 2020

Registration Participation Fee: \$25 per company

Learn More and Register with WUSATA!

Virtual Buyers Meeting: Japan

WUSATA's Virtual Buyers Meeting: Japan will provide companies the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Japanese Buyers interested in your company's products. This activity is focusing specifically on **shelf stable snack foods, healthy foods and non-alcoholic drinks.**

Meeting Times: Scheduled meetings will occur on selected activity date: Monday (November 16), Tuesday (November 17) or Wednesday (November 18). Meetings will be held at 30 minutes intervals and scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (PST).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 25, 2020

Registration Participation Fee: \$25 per company

Learn More and Register with WUSATA!

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COVID-19 Information

The following links will help you be informed about COVID-19, the Coronavirus Virus.

OHA COVID-19 Information and Fact Sheets

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>

CDC Fact Sheets

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

CDC COVID-19 Information

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

American Public Health Association Fact Sheets

<http://aphagetready.org/coronavirus.htm>

If you would like to keep up on the states in the USA and countries of the world confirmed COVID-19 cases, check out this web site. <https://ncov2019.live/>

Oregon Health Authority is a good web site to keep track of what is happening in Oregon

at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/pages/index.aspx> and <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

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Far West Winter Conference

The Far West Agri-business Association will hold a Virtual Conference December 16-17, 2020. There are some good irrigated, dryland, pesticide, and safety related sessions always on the agenda. For more details and registration, keep checking this web site: <http://fwaa.org/>.

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The Western Meat School

The Western Meat School is an innovative learning experience where farmers, ranchers, butchers, and others will learn how to direct market meat. For start-ups & seasoned producers this 6 week long course will cover key topics in production, processing, and marketing to produce high-quality meat and sell to diverse market channels. Learn new ways to manage risk in your meat business and improve your profitability. Coming to a town or computer near you! Classes in Eugene, Central Point, or Prineville, OR. Or available 100% online for wherever you may live. Classes begin November 4, 2020. Register here www.westernmeatschool.com

Scott Duggan

Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District 2019 Annual Report

Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District operates within Jefferson County and has been helping landowners conserve natural resources since 1974. The District provides Jefferson County residents with technical assistance and financial support to install conservation practices to meet natural resource goals. We focus on local resource concerns.

Check out our 2019 Annual Report:

https://e24223de-d3d8-4fba-930b-00b05b00dbc9.filesusr.com/ugd/485c66_6975c5059a084036bbe0d2d124c008db.pdf?index=true

We've been very busy and doing some really cool stuff! If you would like to talk to us about potential projects, have any questions or need conservation-related technical assistance, give us a call at 541.699.3170 or email us at districtmanager@jeffswcd.org.

Staci Merkt, JSWCD

Rangeland Fall Forum

Review – Reimagine – Reposition is the theme of the **VIRTUAL 2020 Rangeland Fall Forum**. The Rangeland Center will collaborate with the [McClure Center for Public Policy Research](#) and [Society for Range Management \(SRM\) Idaho Chapter](#) to foster reflection, discussion, and innovation. This event will bring together researchers, land managers, and producers to consider how to conserve and restore rangelands. [Register online at our webpage](#), and join us from the comfort of your own computer on October 1st and 2nd:

- Session 1 – **Review**, Thursday, Oct. 1, 12:30-2:00pm MST
 - o [Wendy Pratt](#) (rancher and Rangeland Center Advisory Council) and her son, *Seth Pratt*, will reflect on changes in ranching across generations.
 - o *Tim Prather* will interview [Dr. Glenn Shewmaker](#) (University of Idaho) about changes they have seen in rangeland plant communities.
- Session 2 – **Reimagine**, Thursday, Oct. 1, 5:00-6:30pm MST
 - o Dr. [Mark Brunson](#) (Utah State University) will give a keynote address on making change in a dynamic world.
 - o An interactive session will engage participants in sharing ideas and approaches.
 - o Idaho SRM will update us on their work across Idaho.
- Session 3 – **Reposition**, Friday, Oct. 2, 12:30-2:00pm MST
 - o [Dr. April Hulet](#) (University of Idaho) will be hosted by [Mike Kuyper](#) (US Bureau of Land Management Idaho SRM) to consider opportunities to restore and improve rangelands.
 - o [Dr. Jim Sprinkle](#) (University of Idaho) will be hosted by [Brooke Swanke](#) (Idaho State Department of Agriculture) to discuss opportunities for livestock producers to reposition to meet pending challenges.
 - o [Gretchen Hyde](#) (Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission) will give a capstone address to capture themes from the Fall Forum and propose ideas for repositioning ranching to meet new challenges.

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Kentucky Bluegrass Plot Tour – Sep 24, COAREC

You are invited to attend a field plot tour **at COAREC on Thursday, Sep 24th @ 9:30am to look at crop rotation effects on a new seeding of Kentucky bluegrass**. The plots provide a good demonstration of varying amounts of crop residue on the soil surface, and the resulting effect on grass seed establishment. This project compares the success of a new Kentucky bluegrass seeding (Shamrock) into four different spring management practices: **1) mustard cover crop; 2) spring wheat cover crop; 3) spring wheat harvested crop; and 4) fallow**

Although the crop is Kentucky bluegrass, the rotation and crop residue discussion is applicable to other crops. Please join us and learn more about this project!

For some background on the project and to see what it looked like in June, follow this link for a short video: <https://youtu.be/3QmzoSTyNbA>

There will also be plots to see related to carrot seed crop debris management and Xanthomonas IPM, if you would like to stay afterwards.

**** Please note this plot tour is "Air Quality dependent", and there is a possibility it will need to be re-scheduled to Sep 28-30th****

On top of air quality concerns, we also need to **remember CoVid-19 protocols**. Attendees at outdoor events must provide their contact information and maintain 6ft of distance between each other. Per OSU policy, you will also need to bring a face covering in case 6ft distance cannot be maintained. If you do not have a face covering, we will have them available at the field.

In order to facilitate contact tracing, you must pre-register for this event: please email clare.sullivan@oregonstate.edu or call 541-602-2009 with your name and phone number by Wednesday, Sep 23rd.

Please review [COVID-19 protocol](#) that must be followed during in-person events.

Clare Sullivan

USDA Reopens Comment Period for U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program Interim Final Rule

This information is copied and shared directly from the USDA. For any comments or questions, please follow the information they provide below.

September 4, 2020

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is reopening the comment period to the interim final rule that was published on Oct. 31, 2019, and established the U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program. The reopening will provide an additional 30 days for interested persons to comment on the IFR.

All stakeholders are invited to provide comments, especially those who were subject to the regulatory requirements of the IFR during the 2020 production cycle. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is interested in all additional input for all aspects of the U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program, and particularly interested in comments on the following topics:

- Measurement of Uncertainty for Sampling
- Liquid Chromatography Factor, 0.877
- Disposal and Remediation of Non-Compliant Plants
- Negligence
- Interstate Commerce
- 15-day Harvest Window
- Hemp seedlings, microgreens, and clones
- Hemp breeding and research
- Sampling Methodology – Flower vs. Whole Plant
- Sampling Methodology – Homogenous Composition, Frequency, and Volume
- Sampling Agents
- DEA Laboratory Registration

Notice of this extension is currently available for viewing in the Federal Register and will be published Sept. 8, 2020. Comments must be received by Oct. 8, 2020.

Written comments should be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking portal at www.regulations.gov. Comments may also be sent via email to farmbill.hemp@usda.gov or sent by postal mail to USDA/AMS/Specialty Crops Program Hemp Branch, 470 L'Enfant Plaza SW, PO Box 23192, Washington DC 20026.

More information about the provisions of the interim final rule is available on AMS's [Hemp Production](#) webpage. [View the Federal Register Notice](#)

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Oregon Hemp Field Day

The Global Hemp Innovation Center will host the first annual Oregon Hemp Field Day. Students, Extension and researchers from across Oregon will present highlights of their work thus far in the 2020 season. We will provide a view of hemp being grown in the principal regions south to north, west to east. Due to the statewide fires still out of control, this virtual event originally planned for Sept. 18 has been postponed to Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. The first half hour will be devoted to the impact of recent fires and smoke to a hemp crop. Registration is required in advance for this meeting: <https://aqsci.oregonstate.edu/hemp#fd>

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The Oregon Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Do you have a stream, creek or river on your property in need of Riparian Restoration? The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program can provide funding for planting, fencing, seeding, Juniper removal, livestock water development and other practices to enhance habitat and improve water quality. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program is a partnership program between USDA's Farm Service Agency and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. This program serves Crook, Deschutes & Jefferson County private landowners. For more information, contact Victoria Fischella, CREP Planner for Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes Counties at: Victoria.Fischella@usda.gov
USDA Service Center: 625 SE Salmon Ave. Suite 6. Redmond, OR 97753

Victoria Fischella, CREP Planner

Home on the Range Webinar Series

The BC Chapter is hosting a webinar series to showcase the research of students, young professionals, and researchers in the field of Range Management in the PNW Section. Each 30 minute webinar will feature one, 15 minute presentation, followed by time for questions and discussions.

Tuesdays at 12 pm, PT

September 22
October 6
November 3

Tuesdays at 7 pm, PT

September 29
October 13
October 27

Registration and abstracts are viewable [here](#). For questions contact: BCChapterSRM@gmail.com

Tim Deboodt

Calendar

Please contact event holder to verify if event is cancelled/rescheduled

September

Now - Sept. 19
Now - Sept. 26
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Now - Oct. 3
Now - Oct. 4
Now - Oct. 14

[Madras Saturday Market](#). Contact: saturdaymarketmadras@gmail.com
[CROP Farmers Market](#). Contact: cropfarmersmarket@gmail.com
[Home on the Range webinar series](#). (see article)
Oregon Hemp Field Day (see article)
Kentucky Bluegrass Plot Tour (see article)
[Home on the Range webinar series](#). (see article)
[Northwest Crossing Farmers Market](#). Contact: farmersmarket@c3events.com
[Sisters Farmers Market](#). Contact: sistersfarmersmarket@gmail.com
[Bend Farmers Market](#). Contact: bendfarmersmarket@gmail.com

October

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Rangeland Fall Forum (see article)
[Home on the Range webinar series](#). (see article)
[Home on the Range webinar series](#). (see article)
[Home on the Range webinar series](#). (see article)
Oregon Vegetation Management Association Conference. **CANCELLED**
[Home on the Range webinar series](#). (see article)
Oregon Society of Weed Science Annual Meeting. **CANCELLED**

November

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[Home on the Range webinar series](#). (see article)
The Western Meat School (see article)
Oregon Hay and Forage Association Fall Forage Day. Cancelled? Virtual? TBD
Oregon Hay King Contest **CANCELLED**
Thanksgiving Holiday

December

30-4
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2-4
16-17

Irrigation Show & Education (Virtual) Conference. www.irrigation.org.
Oregon Wheat Growers' League Annual Meeting (see article)
Hermiston (Virtual) Farm Fair. Hermiston, OR
Far West Winter Conference (see article)

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