Preventing for Operating Loan Renewals

A Nebraska Extension webinar planned for Jan. 14 at noon (Mountain Time) will feature a panel discussion offering strategies for agricultural producers to prepare for operating loan renewals. The webinar will focus on balance sheets and cash flows, including details on how to value assets and inventory, refinancing, correcting negative working capital and more. It is the first in a series of webinars designed to assist farmers and ranchers to better understand their financial positions.

Panelists will include Dallas Zimbelman, branch manager of Archer Credit Union, and Nebraska Extension agricultural economists Jessica Groskopf and Austin Duerfeldt. The webinar is presented as part of the Agricultural Economics Extension Farm and Ranch Management weekly series. Registration is free at farm.unl.edu/webinars.

Managing Eastern Oregon Forests:
Build your forest management toolbox

This series of practical educational webinars will equip you with the background and techniques needed to manage forests for a wide range of objectives. Tailored to eastern Oregon forests, we’ll progress from foundational concepts to specific considerations for our region’s forest types. Brought to you by Oregon State University Extension Service, the My Blue Mountains Woodlands Partnership, the Klamath-Lake Forest Health Partnership, and the Partnership for Forestry Education. Each session includes approximately 90 minutes of web-based presentation, with opportunities to interact with the instructors to have your questions answered.

Course dates: Selected Thursday evenings, (6:00 p.m. to approximately 7:30 p.m.) beginning January 14, 2021.

Register once to participate in any or all of the sessions. Once registered you will receive information on how to connect through your personal computer, tablet, and/or smart phone. Register at: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/deschutes/events/managing-eastern-oregon-forests

Cost: Free

Thomas Stokely
Central Oregon Agriculture is a bi-monthly newsletter produced by the Central Oregon Extension offices and the Central Oregon Agricultural and Extension Research Center (COAREC). The intent of this newsletter is to extend agricultural research-based information, to solve problems, develop leadership and manage resources wisely. Please direct comments and changes to the mailing list of your local County office.

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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.

Hay Hauling Certificate Repealed
Just in case you missed this notice: As of January 1, 2019 - you no longer need a hay hauling certificate! State statute 164.815—detailing the need for a transportation certificate when moving more than 20 bales of hay on a public highway—was repealed in the 2019 legislative session (Senate Bill 509), as suggested by Oregon Farm Bureau. Now you can take hay down the road, no document required.

Jennifer Cruikshank, Extension Dairy Agent, Willamette Valley

2021 Lambing School
This lambing school will be held Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Mont Alto Ranch, 2800 French Creek Rd, Glide, Oregon.

For information and registration contact John Fine at 541-676-0369 or email johnandpeggyfine@charter.net. Scott Duggan

Cover Crop Workshop Series
Are you a producer/researcher/Ag professional curious to find out what is going on with cover crops in the Intermountain Region? The Western Cover Crops Council, in partnership with University of Idaho and Oregon State University, is hosting regional workshops to unite the network of cover crop outreach/research efforts throughout the West.

Join this 4-part virtual workshop series to hear results from the Western Region cover crop survey, learn about region-specific cover crop projects, and network with colleagues to tackle emerging issues. They are being recorded.

Zoom meetings: Dec 10, Dec 17, Jan 7, Jan 14 – all @12-1:30pm Mountain Time
Registration: https://uidaho.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0jGKnpp04dnQ045
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/westerncovercrops

Cannabis Collaborative Conferences
Explore the expansion of the industry beyond cannabis, highlighting the vast potential of Hemp and CBD products. There will be educational seminars, hands-on displays and demonstrations, Consultations with Industry pros and exhibitors, deals for biomass and processing, cutting technology, and investor and farmer co-ops. If you want to look over some of their past conference’s sessions, go to https://ccc-con.com/

Mylen Bohle

Central Oregon Hay Growers Association
The central Oregon Hay Growers Association (COHGGA) will be sending out Membership renewals in January for the upcoming year. Presently there are two Crook county board openings out of the 8 board member positions. If you would like to join call 541-447-6228 to get a membership application, or call Greg Mohnen, President of COHGGA at 541-419-5339. Mylen Bohle

COWGGA
Like many other Ag organizations, the Central Oregon Wine and Grape Growers’ Association (COWGGA) had a challenging year. If you want to get involved or be a member of COWGGA, contact Kerry Damon at 541-280-6243. Mylen Bohle
Soil Health Webinars
Soil Health: Measuring and Managing webinars will be presented January 11-14, 2021 with morning sessions. How do herbicides, fertilizers, and soil amendment applications affect soil microbial communities? How does soil acidification happen and how do we manage it? What changes can I make to improve soil nutrient cycling and water storage? Check it out at this website: Soil Health: Measuring and Managing | Wheat & Small Grains | Washington State University (wsu.edu)

Celebrating Agriculture
Oregon agricultural production is the second-largest economic driver in the state, with a direct economic impact of 10% of the state’s total sales and 7% of its value-added activity. Nearly 12% of all jobs in Oregon are connected to farming and ranching, and about 97% of those farms and ranches are family owned and operated. Many have been in the same family for at least 100 years. (Source: Oregon Farm Bureau). (There are a lot of great Ag information links at this web site.)

The SAIF Corporation Agri-Business Banquet is held usually in Salem in January as a celebration of the agricultural community and its impact on the mid-Willamette Valley. There is nothing on their web site for this year.... Questions? Go to www.saifagribusiness.com.

Oregon Board of Agriculture
The Office of Governor Kate Brown is accepting applications to fill partial terms for two producer positions on the State Board of Agriculture. Marty Myers and Grant Kitamura previously filled the posts. Myers passed away in December and Kitamura recently moved to Idaho.

Term lengths on open positions as follows:
Producer position 2, partial term ends 10/31/2022, eligible to serve at least one additional 4-year term
Producer position 11, partial term ends 09/17/2023, eligible to serve at least one additional 4-year term

Applications must be submitted by close of business on January 20, 2021. Applicants must be actively engaged in the production of agricultural commodities. No action is needed for agricultural producers who have applied within the last two years; applications on file will be considered.

The Governor is responsible for appointing all Board of Agriculture members. The Oregon State Board of Agriculture is a 10-member board that advises the Oregon Department of Agriculture on policy issues, develops recommendations on key agricultural issues, and provides advocacy of the state’s agriculture industry in general. The board is established by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 561.372.

Board membership requirements include: Seven board members who are actively engaged in the production of agricultural commodities; Two board members who are not actively engaged in the production of agricultural commodities; Director of Agriculture (ex-officio, non-voting); Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University (ex-officio, non-voting); Chairperson of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ex-officio).

Members appointed to the board must be Oregon residents. Not more than five members appointed to the board may belong to the same political party.

Meetings and compensation:
The 10-member board meets every quarter at locations throughout the state as determined by the chairperson. Compensation and travel expenses for time spent in official duties’ performance are permitted based on Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 292.495.

To apply:
You must complete an interest form and include supplemental information such as a resume, statement of interest, and a short bio. For complete steps and details, visit the State of Oregon Executive Appointments website.

Idaho Hay and Forage Conference &Trade Show
A “Virtual” Idaho Hay and Forage Conference will be held February 18, 2021. It will be a morning session only; agenda and other details were unavailable at press time. Check the web site from time to time at http://www.idahohay.com/ and if you would like more information about their annual conference, contact the administrative office at 208-888-0988.

Myleen Bohle
The Land Steward online course: starts February 11, 2021.

Are you an owner of a woodland, small farm, or other rural land? Learn how to manage your property’s natural resources more effectively with this online offering from OSU’s Land Steward Program. It is well-suited for busy adults who enjoy online learning and want to figure out what their land needs. Included are three live virtual classes with resource experts and nine self-paced, online lessons. Topics include wildfire risk reduction, forest management, encouraging and controlling wildlife, stream/riparian ecology, pasture management, healthy soils, water systems, rural economics and land management planning. For more information visit https://extension.oregonstate.edu/land-steward/land-steward-training-online.

Course dates: Feb 11 – April 30, 2021
Online Classes (zoom): 6 – 8 pm Feb. 11, March and April (TBD), 2020
Online Registration: HERE
Cost: $150 (early bird price: $120 through Jan. 31, 2020) Thomas Stokely

Landowner Input Needed for the Prineville Local Implementation Team (LIT)
The LIT is a voluntary, locally driven collaborative group between private landowners, state, local, and federal agencies with the overall goal of identifying opportunities for cooperative land enhancements and acquiring funding to improve long-term conditions for sage-grouse while meeting the needs of landowners and land managers.

To be successful, the Prineville LIT NEEDS landowner involvement and input to ensure we develop a strategy that landowners want to utilize. We developed a survey to start capturing your input. Please note, private information provided here will not be shared.

Follow this link to complete they survey, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuSSwoRCOfJNkbI9962kXLbs7tzEfzm89IIbXg-EmksT2PFQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you for your time and input! If you have questions, would like a printed version of this survey, or more information about the Prineville LIT, please contact Julie Unfried at (541) 668-1066 or junfried@pheasantsforever.org

Genomes of Animals and Plants Virtual Conference Sponsored by Dovetail Genomics
Dovetail Genomics is excited to announce the inaugural Genomes of Animals & Plants Virtual Conference (GAP2021) to be held January 12-14, 2021. The conference is focused on bringing together leading researchers in the field of plant and animal genome biology from around the globe for three days of scientific presentations and discussion.

Registration is free and open to all. For more information and registration please visit Dovetail Genomics at: www.dovetailgenomics.com

HDFFA and OSU Extension Seeking Farmers and Ranchers to Inform Agricultural Support Programming
The High Desert Food and Farm Alliance (HDFFA) and Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service are holding a series of workshops to better understand the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) currently facing Central Oregon farmers and ranchers. The workshops will take place virtually over Zoom at the end of January with separate sessions for farmers and ranchers in each county. HDFFA and OSU are currently seeking farmers and ranchers located in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties to participate and provide feedback on both internal and external factors impacting their operations.

Farmers and ranchers in the Central Oregon region that are interested in participating in the workshop should sign up here: www.hdffa.org/swot.

Scott Duggan

Central Oregon Pest Management Course
The annual OSU Central Oregon Pest Management Course will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 10-11, 2021 “Online”. Registration is $160 for all 4 sessions for 8 credits. You can sign up for all 4 sessions or 1 or 2 or 3 at $40 per session. You can only sign up online. See Live Webinar Recertification Courses link to get there: https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/psep/recertification/live-webinar-courses

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Four week webinar series on birth management for sheep and goats offered by Michigan State University Small Ruminant Extension team. Instructors include Dr. Richard Ehrhardt, Mike Metzger, M.S., and Dr. Erin Recktenwald. Each session (approx. 90 minutes) will be recorded for future viewing. Fee is $40 per farm/family and includes a 40-page manual, a laminated lamb hypothermia/starvation treatment poster and access to all recorded sessions. For info, contact Carla McLachlan at 517-432-5402 or MCLACHL2@msu.edu

Scott Duggan

American Sheep Industry (ASI) Annual Convention Jan. 28-29, 2021
ASI Annual Convention “Mountains of Opportunity” will be the first virtual convention. If you have never attended the convention, this is the perfect opportunity to listen to the latest presentations on sheep topics, new lamb companies, the American wool testing laboratory, and to attend council committee meeting where ASI policy is established. Full member registration $25. ASI Annual Convention - American Sheep Industry Association (sheepusa.org)

Scott Duggan

Remote Delivery Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Course
Oregon Department of Agriculture is pleased to offer the Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training remotely. Remote classes are a temporary option developed by the PSA to serve growers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Upcoming Courses: January 12-13, January 26-27, February 23-24 and March 9-10.

For more information contact Brittany Mills at bmills@oda.state.or.us or 971-218-1409

Mylon Bohle

National Hemp Symposium
On behalf of the National Academies of Sciences Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources (BANR) and Oregon State University’s Global Hemp Innovation Center (GHIC) we would like to invite you to the inaugural National Hemp Symposium. A virtual conference is taking place February 9-10, 2021. This event will include a diverse program with a broad focus on both what the industry has accomplished to-date and what lies ahead. Major US corporations participating in international supply chains across all sectors will join us to express their views on the science and R&D needs for the thousands of hemp-based sustainable products that could displace unsustainable fossil fuel and water-intensive source materials currently in use. For more information go to: https://nationalhempsymposium.org/

Mylon Bohle

The Cascadia Grains Conference
The Cascadia Grains Conference brings together farmers, processors and end-users, as well as investors, brokers and local government officials to support rebuilding a grain economy west of the Cascade Mountains in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia through three value-added enterprises – brewing and distilling, baking and other food uses, as well as animal feed. Re-vitalizing a culturally-relevant, environmentally-sound, regional grain movement in the Cascadia bioregion that is focused on equitable access, health and nutrition, and taste and flavor. There were no details about the next conference which is held usually in January. For more information go to http://cascadiagrains.com/, or call WSU Jefferson County Extension: 360-379-5610 ext. 202.

Mylon Bohle

2020 Cereal Variety Trial Results
All of the spring and winter cereal variety trial data for 2020 is available including the winter wheat, spring wheat, and spring barley trial data for Madras and can be accessed directly at this site: https://cropandsoil.oregonstate.edu/wheat/variety-trials/2020-oregon-elite-yield-trial-data. The Madras spring wheat trials were affected by a severe infestation of Voles in 2020. The soft white winter wheat trial was not affected by Voles. On the following site - https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/wheat-research/, there are sections on Breeding, Variety Descriptions, and Variety Trials. You will find the 2013 to 2020 data.

Mylon Bohle

OSU FST Farm 2 Fork Fridays Webinar Series
Please join us for our 2021 Farm 2 Fork Fridays webinars, a monthly series that brings you stories about how our food systems work and the efforts behind the scenes to make them more sustainable. This series begins January 15. For more information visit: FST Farm 2 Fork Webinar Series | College of Agricultural Sciences | Oregon State University

Mylon Bohle
### Calendar

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

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