



HAY NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Well here we go again. We're already on our way to harvest; have you stopped to think that the early Basin harvest will begin in as little as 100 days? Then harvest keeps flowing north. It seems as though we barely caught our breath from 2004.

We have so much to be thankful for. If you're reading this you probably get to do another harvest,

we have plenty to eat and the freedom to travel when and where we like. Our hay disaster of 2004 pales in comparison to what so many across the world are going through.

There are high expectations for the 2005 hay year. In December at the Columbia Basin Hay Growers meeting a panel of exporters generally stated that the movement of alfalfa has been good and that growers could expect hay prices to

equal or exceed the 2004 prices. However, they still expect to have a quality product. Another area that may increase hay sales is the projected opening of the Canadian cattle to the U.S. which may bring more feeder cattle into the country.

Be sure to save January 18-19 for the Washington State Hay Growers convention. This promises to be a great program of learning combined with a large trade show of vendors and indoor

equipment displays. This will be our first year at the brand new Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick. There are several motels and many excellent food establishments within one mile.

You can pre-register on the WSHGA website www.wa-hay.org. Come to the convention to see and enjoy the benefits of membership in the WSHGA. This is your opportunity to talk to other growers and buyers. This is your Convention!

"GETTING DOWN TO BASICS" 2005 WASHINGTON STATE HAY GROWERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

Every so often, in any continuing farming operation it is good to review the building blocks of what makes the farm successful. If we don't, we run the risk of making poor decisions when planning inputs into next year's crops. Thus, "Getting Down to Basics" is the theme for the 2005 Washington State Hay Growers Association (WSHGA) annual conference that is scheduled for **January 18 and 19, 2005** at the Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA. The annual educational conference and trade show is co-sponsored by WSU Extension and the WSHGA.

"Getting Down To Basics" for January 18 morning session includes discussions on long-term dodder control in alfalfa, a review of the prominent fungal diseases of

alfalfa (*Verticillium*, *Aphanomyces* and *Rhizoctonia*), parasitic nematode management and a discussion of a potential Certified Weed Free Hay program for Washington State. During lunch, Matt Harris of Ag Management will explain WSHGA member benefits included in the WSHGA website (www.wa-hay.org).

The afternoon session is dedicated to discussions of insect pests of alfalfa including the spider mite, clover root curculio, thrips and aphid complexes. We will offer 4 credits for pesticide license re-certification, 2 each in the morning and afternoon sessions. CCA credits and Oregon credits will also be available.

On January 19, we will be "Getting Down to Basics" of lime

and liming materials for the Columbia Basin, and a primer on how to interpret soil tests for fertilizer and soil amendment applications. Basin alfalfa grower Rick Neilson will discuss his successful no-till alfalfa establishment following timothy and we will hear about the importance of seed quality as it relates to germination and successful stand establishment.

During the luncheon on January 19, PNNL Atmospheric Science and Global Change Division Director, Dr. William Pennell will give us a forecast of the future weather patterns affecting the Columbia Basin. His address is titled "Effects of Climate Change on Agriculture in the Columbia Basin".

The afternoon session will continue

with topics on inter-seeding cereals into declining alfalfa stands and the finer points on how to produce nitrate-safe alfalfa and grass hays. The conference will conclude with a discussion concerning the true value of hay in relation to the cost of producing it. We will also receive the annual Dairy Update and a new Canadian Hay Outlook.

The trade show will feature over 35 vendors representing seeds, fertilizers, soil and tissue testing, hay analysis, haying equipment, irrigation systems, twine, hay sheds, tarping systems and Ag lenders.

Pre-registration can be done on-line at www.wa-hay.org or by mail. Contact the WSHGA office at 509-585-5460 for more details.

**Washington State Hay Growers Association
Annual Conference & Trade Show
January 18-19, 2005 – Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA**

TUESDAY – January 18, 2005

- 8:45 a.m. Welcome, Shawn Clausen, WSHGA Vice President
- 9:00 a.m. Long-term Dodder Control in Alfalfa / Raptor vs. Pursuite - - Cost and Efficacy Comparison,
Dr. Bob Parker, WSU Prosser
- 9:30 a.m. Verticillium wilt, Aphanomyces Root Rot and Rhizoctonia Disease Management in Alfalfa,
Dr. Don Miller, ABI Alfalfa, Nampa, ID
- 10:55 a.m. Parasitic Nematode Management in Alfalfa, Dr. Don Miller, ABI Alfalfa, Nampa, ID
- 11:25 a.m. Certified Weed-Free Hay for WA/WSFA Seed Program, Tom Wessels, WSDA
- Luncheon Noon Update on Rain Disaster Assistance – Farm Service Agency
Features and Member Benefits of the WSHGA Website, Matt Harris, Ag Management
- 1:20 p.m. Spider Mite Control on Timothy Hay, Doug Walsh, WSU Prosser
- 1:50 p.m. Clover-root Curculio on Alfalfa, Tim Woodward, WSU Pasco
- 3:05 p.m. Thrips are the Pits, John Kugler, WSU Ephrata
- 3:30 p.m. Aphid Complexes on Alfalfa, Tim Woodward, WSU Pasco

WEDNESDAY, January 19, 2005

- 8:45 a.m. Welcome, Chep Gauntt, WSHGA President
- 9:00 a.m. Lime and Liming Materials in the Columbia Basin, Steve Jones, BestTest Lab,
Moses Lake, WA
- 9:30 p.m. Interpretation of Soil Test Results and Fertilizer Application Decisions, Don Horneck,
OSU Hermiston
- 10:00 a.m. No-till Alfalfa Establishment after Timothy, Rick Nielson, Columbia View Farms, Basin City, WA
- 11:20 a.m. Seedbed Preparation and Soil Compaction / Seed Quality Considerations,
Graydon Robinson, Agri Quality Testing, Richland, WA
- Luncheon Effects of Climate Change on Agriculture in the Columbia Basin, William T. Pennell,
Director, Atmospheric Science & Global Change Division, PNNL
- 1:20 p.m. Inter-seeding Cereals into Declining Alfalfa Stands, Dr. Don Horneck, OSU Hermiston
- 1:50 p.m. Growing Nitrate-Safe Grass Hay / Calcium-phosphorous Rations in Feed,
Steve Fransen, WSU Prosser
- 2:20 p.m. Costs of Production – Value of Hay, Chuck Steltenphol, Bank of Whitman, Pasco, WA
- 3:25 p.m. The Dairy Outlook for 2005, LaDon Linde,
- 3:50 p.m. Canadian Hay Outlook, Alvin Penner, NAFTA Commodities, Alberta Canada

REGISTER TODAY!

Pre-Register and save 17% from the \$85.00 registration fee for WSHGA members and 15% from the \$100 registration fee for the Non WSHGA members.

Mail or fax this registration today and save!

Company/Farm Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

_____ 2005 WSHGA Grower Member Dues at \$60

_____ 2005 WSHGA Associate Member Dues at \$75

_____ Member pre-registration at \$70 (at the door: \$85)

Conference fee includes two lunches, proceedings and trade show social (Tuesday at 4:30 pm)

Non-Member Registrations

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

NAMES

_____ Non-member pre-registration at \$85 (at the door: \$100)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

VISA/MASTER CARD ACCEPTED: Visa MasterCard

Card #: _____ Exp: _____

Signature: _____

IT'S NOT TO LATE. PRE-REGISTER TODAY AND ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN THE TRADE SHOW

INDOOR TRADE SHOW

Renew your business relationships by meeting and gaining valuable information from our trade show exhibitors. With 20,000 sq/ft you will be able to view all large equipment and booths under one roof.

LICENSE CREDITS

(4) Pesticide continuing education credits for Washington are available, (2 in am & 2 in pm) for 1 day only during the Tuesday, January 18 program.

CCA credits are available and Oregon pesticide continuing education credits have been applied for.

DAILY DOOR PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY

For WSHGA grower members don't miss the chance to win \$100 from the Vendor Stamp Game. Receive a stamp to your game card by each exhibitor and return it to the registration desk for a chance to win.

Winners will be announced on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. You must be present to win.

Plus other great door prizes will be given away for all who fill out and return your convention survey.

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JANUARY 18-19, 2005 THREE RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER, KENNEWICK, WA
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Map and Directions

From Points West

East on I-82 to Clearwater Avenue, Exit 109. Turn right onto Clearwater Avenue and follow to Columbia Center Boulevard. Turn left on Columbia Center Boulevard and follow to Grandridge Boulevard. Turn right on Grandridge Boulevard and follow until you reach 7016 Grandridge Boulevard.

From Points North and East

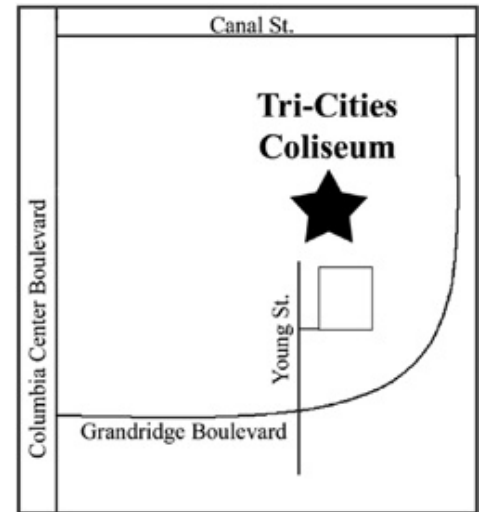
South on Highway 395 to Highway 240 (cross the Blue Bridge). Follow Highway 240 to the Columbia Center Boulevard exit. Turn left on Columbia Center Boulevard and follow to Grandridge Boulevard. Turn left on Grandridge Boulevard and follow until you reach 7016 Grandridge Boulevard.

From Points South

West on I-82 to Clearwater Avenue, Exit 109. Turn right on Clearwater Avenue and follow to Columbia Center Boulevard. Turn left on Columbia Center Boulevard and follow to Grandridge Boulevard. Turn right on Grandridge Boulevard and follow until you reach 7016 Grandridge Boulevard.

From the Airport

South on 20th Avenue. Take on-ramp for I-182 West. Take Exit 12A for Highway 395 to Highway 240 (cross the Blue Bridge). Follow Highway 240 to the Columbia Center Boulevard exit. Turn left on Columbia Center Boulevard and follow to Grandridge Boulevard. Turn left on Grandridge Boulevard and follow until you reach 7016 Grandridge Boulevard.



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