



# HAY NEWS

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Members:

The WSHGA is working on the following issues:

The Washington State Hay Growers Association has contacted the Department of Agriculture conveying the seriousness of the situation as mother-nature has once again inflicted extensive damage to the hay crop this year. Keep in mind the county Farm Service Agency officials are key in starting the process and they are the contact point for you as growers.

The Association has opened a dialogue with WSU regarding the position left vacant by Tim Woodward at the Franklin County Extension office. We depend on research and information to help keep our competitive edge. Tim Woodward was invaluable at helping meet these needs and that is why we are strongly urging the University to immediately begin the search for a replacement for Tim Woodward.

As always, we welcome input from our members. The next board of directors meeting will be held on September 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Best Western Inn in Moses Lake.

Sincerely, Darin Michel, President

## **TIM WOODWARD LEAVES WSU – BECOMES DEAN OF AG AT COLUMBIA BASIN COLLEGE**

Tim Woodward began a new position at Columbia Basin College in July as the new Dean of Agriculture. Tim will be working on alfalfa and bio-fuel crops. This would include crops like canola, safflower, sunflower, soybean for bio-diesel and maybe switchgrass for ethanol.

Tim hopes to stay in close contact with the hay growers and will remain on the board of directors as an advisor. For alfalfa, he plans to focus on problems that are specific for Washington and the Pacific Northwest. These would include root knot nematode, stem nematode, clover root cucurlio and damage by blue aphid in the fall. They will also be incorporating agricultural education into the program.

We all wish Tim the best at this new position at CBC.

**WSHGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW – JANUARY 17-18, 2007**  
**THREE RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER, KENNEWICK WA**

## **NEW WHITE CAMPION (WHITE COCKLE) PUBLICATION AVAILABLE**

Grant-Adams Area Extension Educator John Kugler and WSU Weed Scientist Dr. Bob Parker have authored a publication about white campion, a noxious weed on the increase in Grant County. The purpose of the publication is to increase the awareness of farmers, gardeners, livestock producers and the public about the weed. It is titled White Champion (White Cockle) *Silene latifolia*, PNW 0585 and is available on-line at <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/pnw0585/pnw0585.pdf>.

White Champion is especially difficult to manage in alfalfa because commonly used herbicides have little effect on the weed. The movement of seed on haying equipment from one field to another is the primary way the weed is spread, although it can also be transported within hay. White campion is also troublesome in timothy hay production, although some herbicides can keep the spread of the weed to a minimum.

### **NOTE TO: GRANT COUNTY FAIR** **HAY KING PARTICIPANTS**

Grant County Fair Hay King entrants are to bring the hay to the Hay King Tent on Saturday, August 12. This is a departure from the past when it was brought in on Monday. This gives us more time to get the tests back from the lab and for the judges to spend more time evaluating the hay samples.

### **HAY BUSINESS CONFERENCE AND EXPO** **IN SPOKANE, WA** **OCTOBER 24-25, 2006**

The Expo portion will feature 50 or so of the nation's top hay and forage product manufacturers and marketers.

Previous Hay Business Conference & Expos have been held in Kansas City, KS, Loveland, CO and Sioux Falls, SD. Hay growers can watch for more information about the Conference in issues of Hay & Forage Grower Magazine, [www.HayAndForage.com](http://www.HayAndForage.com)

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