

2002 HAY CONFERENCE
JANUARY 22 - 23 AT DOUBLETREE HOTEL IN PASCO

The 2002 WSHGA Hay Conference will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, January 22 - 23, 2002, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Pasco, WA. This exciting event is devoted entirely to hay growers and promises to be an excellent investment of your time and registration fee. You will definitely learn more about your business and the "Keys to Your Success!"

The 2002 Hay Conference will focus on addressing the issues facing hay growers in Washington and throughout the Pacific Northwest, with excellent speakers and topics.

Tuesday, January 22, 2002

8:00 a.m. Registration

Morning Session:

Seedling and Mature Plant Diseases of Alfalfa.

9:00 a.m. *Genetically Modified Organisms - Friend or Foe?*
Allan Felsot, FEQL, Richland

9:30 a.m. *Quantitative PCR Technique: New Tools for Detecting Disease*
George Vandemark, USDA, Prosser

10:00 a.m. *Damping-off Disease in Alfalfa*
George Vandemark, USDA, Prosser

10:30 a.m. *Brown Root Rot: New to the Pacific Northwest?*
Richard Larsen, USDA, Prosser

11:00 a.m. Trade Show Opens
Visit the Trade Show

12:00 noon *Luncheon - Sponsored by Eckenberg Farms*
Glen Bair, Cowboy Poet, Ephrata

Afternoon Session: Weed Control

1:30 p.m. *The Noxious and the Obnoxious*
Bob Leonard, Soap Lake

2:00 p.m. *Weed Control in Timothy and Orchardgrass*
Joe Yenish, WSU Cooperative Extension, Pullman

2:30 p.m. Break - Visit the Trade Show

3:00 p.m. *Pesticide Carryover in Soils*
Bob Parker, WSU Cooperative Extension, Prosser

3:30 p.m. *Herbicides of the Future*
Scott Parrish, UAP, Spokane

4:00 p.m. Trade Show Reception
Trade Show Prize Drawing

6:00 p.m. No-Host Dinner

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

7:00 a.m. Registration
Trade Show Open

8:00 a.m. Welcome
Keith Rupperecht, WSHGA President, Warden

Morning Session: Grass Forages

8:10 a.m. *Managing Nitrates in Forages*
Steve Fransen, WSU Cooperative Extension, Prosser

8:30 a.m. *Haying and Grazing Winter Cereals*
Steve Orloff, UC CE Siskiyou County,

Yreka, CA

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8:50 a.m. *Grass Seed: An Alternative Crop for Hay Growers?*
John Dodd, FFR Cooperative, Touchet

9:10 a.m. Break - Visit the Trade Show

Mid-morning Session: Alfalfa Production, Estate Planning and WSHGA Activities

9:40 a.m. *Five Most Important Tips for Maximizing Alfalfa Profit*
Steve Orloff, UC CE Siskiyou County, Yreka, CA

10:00 a.m. *Preserving the Family Farm*
Norm Brock, Davenport

10:30 a.m. *WSHGA: Working for You*
Keith Rupperecht, WSHGA President, Warden
WSU/WSHGA Alfalfa Variety Trials
Tim Woodward, WSU Cooperative Extension, Pasco
Tom Cline, WSU - IAREC, Prosser

11:40 a.m. *The Future of Irrigated Agriculture*
Rodney Todd, OSU Agricultural Extension, Klamath Falls, OR

12:00 p.m. *Luncheon - Sponsored by Anderson Hay & Grain, Ellensburg*
How Safe Are Your Water Rights?
Tom Myrum, Executive Director for Washington State Water Resources Association, Moses Lake

Afternoon Session: Irrigation Management and Markets

1:30 p.m. *Water Quality, Supply, and Aquatic Weed Control*
Shannon McDaniel, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco

1:50 p.m. *A Hay Commission for Washington State?*
John Kugler, WSU Cooperative Extension, Ephrata

2:20 p.m. Break - Visit the Trade Show
Trade Show Prize Drawing

3:00 p.m. *Japanese Export Market Outlook for Timothy*
Don Schilling, Wesco International, Ellensburg

3:20 p.m. *Hay Market Outlook*
Tim Woodward, WSU Cooperative Extension, Pasco

3:40 p.m. *Dairy Market Outlook*
Mike Gamroth, OSU Agricultural Extension, Corvallis

Don't miss the largest hay trade show in the Pacific Northwest, with over 40 exhibitors featuring products and services for the hay industry. And, you can win cash in the trade show game!

For more information about the 2002 Hay Conference or to register, please contact the WSHGA office at 509/547-5538 (fax 509/547-5563) or e-mail us at wpeay@mcmgt.com.



The Washington Department of Ecology presented its "Contribution to Clean Water" award to Callahan Dairy at the Grant Co. Conservation District annual meeting. Callahan Dairy in Royal City received the award for the family farm's innovative and voluntary management practices which keep the environmental impact of the dairy operation to a minimum. Callahan Dairy has been in business since 1998 with a 650-cow herd. Rich Callahan serves a member of the Washington State Hay Growers Association board of directors.

Callahan Dairy was one of five dairies honored throughout the state. "I respect and admire the extra efforts the award-winning operators give each day to help our environment and protect water quality," said Ecology Director Tom Fitzsimmons. Ecology started the dairy-award program in 1999 to recognize the farmers who take extra care to keep pollution out of streams and underground water.

WASHINGTON/OREGON (COLUMBIA BASIN)

Tonnage: 3,550 Week Ago: 5,890 Year Ago: 7,560

Compared to last week, Good and Premium Alfalfa for export trading at a standstill on very light offerings of hay with no faults. Premium Alfalfa dairy hay trading uneven, mostly steady. Trading slow, demand mostly light, with some buyer resistance to current levels on moderate offerings. Fair and Good Alfalfa, some with faults for Export slicer, cuber and feeder hay trading steady. Trading very slow, demand moderate on very light offerings of lower quality hay and light offerings of Good alfalfa. Feedstore and horse sales mostly steady on light offerings held in mostly firm hands.

Quality/Bale Size	Tons	Price	Comments
Domestic Alfalfa sales, tops off:			
Premium 2-3 tie	150	125.-130.00	128.00
Prem. mid/ton	630	115.-125.00	121.67
Good 2-3 tie	90	110.00	110.00
Good mid/ton	120	105.00	105.00
Fair 2-3 tie	180	105.00	105.00

2,380 tons of other hay reported. Premium Alfalfa, baled high moisture 100.00-105.00 FOB big bales. Good and Premium Alfalfa dairy hay package, some with minor faults 110.00 FOB ton bales to regular account. Good Alfalfa, light rain damage, ADF 30+ 105.00 FOB. Fair Alfalfa, rain damage, ADF 32+ 95.00 FOB. Fair to Good Timothy 2000 production 105.00 FOB big bales. Fair to Good Wheat straw 37.00 FOB big bales. Good Blue Grass straw 45.00 FOB big bales. Feedstore or horse accounts sales covered, mostly 2-3 tie bales: Good to Premium Orchard 140.00-150.00, one sale 160.00 FOB. Good Orchard, some with light rain 115.00 FOB. Good to Premium Orchard/Alfalfa blend 135.00-145.00 FOB. Good Orchard/Alfalfa blend, some with light rain 110.00 FOB. Good to Premium Alfalfa 115.00-130.00, few small loads 135.00 FOB. Good Alfalfa, some with light rain 105.00-110.00 FOB. Wheat straw 45.00 FOB.

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NORTHWEST ALFALFA
CUBE & EXPORT CONFERENCE

The Northwest Alfalfa Cube and Export Conference is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2002, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Pasco, WA, following the 2002 WSHGA Hay Conference. The Northwest Hay Cubers, Processors, and Exporters Association will again feature an excellent program in cooperation with WSU Cooperative Extension.

Thursday, January 24, 2002

8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:50 a.m.	Welcome
9:00 a.m.	<i>Round-up@Ready Alfalfa and GMOs</i> Dr. Peter Reisen, Forage Genetics
9:25 a.m.	<i>Canadian Hay and Cube Situation</i> Alvin Penner, NAFTA Commodities
9:45 a.m.	<i>California and Pacific Southwest Hay Situation</i> Greg Jackson, Border Valley Trading
10:35 a.m.	<i>Idaho Hay Situation</i> Todd Buringham, Inter-Mountain Commodities
10:55 a.m.	<i>Pacific Rim Economic Outlook</i> Dr. Tom Wahl, WSU-IMPACT
11:30 a.m.	<i>2002 Hay Market Outlook</i> Dr. Tim Woodward, WSU Coop. Ext.
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<i>Forage Exports to China</i> Don Schilling, Wesco International
1:30 p.m.	<i>Japanese Dairy and Beef Situation</i> Eben Adolph, Western Alfalfa
2:00 p.m.	<i>Timothy Big Bale Fumigation Protocol</i> Mark Anderson, Anderson Hay & Grain
2:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion: <i>Big Bale Slicers and Compressors</i> Moderator - Greg Cook Panelists - Mike Carter, Hunterwood Technologies Brett Simpson, Simpson Custom Baling Stan Steffen, Steffen Systems Inc.
3:15 p.m.	<i>Four Ports Update</i> Jim Toomey, Port of Pasco John Akre, Port of Portland Howard Granger, Port of Seattle Jack Woods, Port of Tacoma

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CHANDLER RESIGNS LEGISLATIVE SEAT; HOLMQUIST APPOINTED TO POSITION

State Representative Gary Chandler, R-Moses Lake, co-chair of the House Agriculture and Ecology Committee, resigned his position after 11 years of service in the 13th District. Chandler said his decision to leave the Legislature was extremely difficult, but he looks forward to his challenging new position as Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Association of Washington Business (AWB). Chandler will direct AWB's legislative and regulatory programs and will serve as its chief lobbyist.

With the departure of Chandler, the county commissioners of Kittitas, Grant, Yakima, and Benton Counties appointed Janea Holmquist, R-Ephrata, to assume the 13th District seat in the state's House of Representatives. Holmquist is a Grant County native who has worked more than three years as aide to her district seatmate, State Representative Joyce Mulliken, R-Ephrata. Holmquist, a graduate of Gonzaga University,

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says she puts a high priority on addressing the needs of agriculture and water users in her Central Washington district.

3:45 p.m. Panel Discussion: *Export of Hay and Cubes to Japan and Korea*
Moderator - William P. Ford
Panelists -
Mark Anderson, Anderson Hay & Grain
Bob Eckenberg, Eckenberg Farms
Aaron Hull, International Ag Commodities
Don Schilling, Wesco International
Eben Adolph, Western Alfalfa

4:30 p.m. Social Hour

For more information, please contact Bill Ford at 509/783-4071 or the WSU Cooperative Extension office in Pasco at 509/545-3511.