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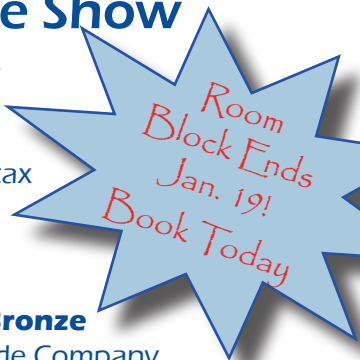
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January 7, 2011

44th Annual Warehousemen's Conference & Trade Show

February 10 - 11, 2011 – The Davenport Hotel— The Annual Warehousemen's Conference is only a month away! Make your hotel arrangements today - our Room Block ends January 19. A great event is being planned and we hope to see you in Spokane!. For Reservations call **1-800-899-1482**; Rates: Deluxe Tower Rm - \$109/night + tax | Deluxe Hotel Rm - \$129/night +tax



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Below is the tentative Agenda for our February Event. The Planning Committee is organizing a great program and time slots and final topics will be published soon!

Thursday, February 10th

- Fumigation Management Plan
Tim Gallagher, Sprague Pest Solutions
- Robotics and new packaging technology for the agriculture process industries
Mike Dunlap, Inland Empire Oilseeds, LLC
- Seed Treatment for Suppressing Disease & Insects
Bob Kolva, The McGregor Company
- Gas Detection & Monitoring
OSHA’s Respiratory Protection Program Standards
George Hunt, Pestcon Systems
- Using Diacon as a Part of an IPM Approach to Stored Grain Insect Management
Randy Scott, Central Life Sciences
- Reception in Trade Show Area**
- Dinner Banquet**

Friday, February 11th

- Basic ALP Characteristics & Fumigant Management Plan
Sherm Takatori, Idaho Dept. of Agriculture
- What’s New In Seed Treating
Doug Deschamp, Syngenta
- Stored Grain Insect Pest Mgmt.
Bob Johnston, Wilbur-Ellis
- Grain Quality & Grading
Don Potts, WSDA Grain Inspection Program

FINAL AGENDA WILL BE CONFIRMED SOON - STAY TUNED!

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The registration form and sponsorship opportunities are online! Go to www.pnwgfa.org or register using this link: http://www.pnwgfa.org/Bulletins/WHSE_Registration_Form_11.pdf

Trade Show

SEE AND BE SEEN!

On or Before January 21st: \$250 Member Price — \$350 Non-Member Price

After January 21st: \$300 Member Price — \$400 Non-Member Price

Fee Covers: 6’ x 10’ Booth; Company Name on Sign; Electricity; Chairs; Lunch on Thursday & Friday: Reception & Dinner Banquet on Thursday & Breakfast on Friday. Complete Registration form and return today! (All breaks and the Thursday Reception will take place in the Trade Show Area.)

Spouse Wine Tasting Event & Lunch

3 Hour Event on Thursday from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Wine Tasting: Walla Walla is Wine Country with over 100 wineries! Come taste a variety of wines from the Walla Walla region and follow it up with a wonderful lunch and Door Prizes! We will begin in the Governor’s Suite and then move downstairs to the Palm Court Restaurant for lunch.

44th Annual

Warehousemen's Conference

February 10-11, 2011

The Davenport Hotel — Spokane, Washington



Registration Form

Company Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

PLEASE PRINT the first and last name of each individual attending the Conference and
Check the Box for the appropriate Registration Type:

Name of Delegate, Vendor or Spouse									
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Full Pesticide Conference
Trade Show Booth
Extra Lunch on Thursday
Extra Breakfast on Friday
Extra Lunch on Friday
Spouse Event — 1 Day
Spouse Event — 2 Day
Dinner Banquet Only

(Please mark the appropriate box for your attendance needs.)

See next page for pricing levels

	(# of Delegates)		(Price of Reg.)	(Total)	
Full Pesticide Conf.:	_____	x	_____	=	_____
Trade Show Vendor:	_____	x	_____	=	_____
Extra Lunch Tickets:	_____	x	\$ 35.00	=	_____
Extra Banquet Tickets:	_____	x	\$ 65.00	=	_____
Spouse Event - 1 Day:	_____	x	\$125.00	=	_____
Spouse Event - 2 Day:	_____	x	\$225.00	=	_____
We would like to sponsor:	_____	x	\$225.00	=	_____
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Total Fees: _____

Payment Options:

Check: Make payable to Pacific Northwest Grain & Feed Association

Invoice: The Association will send you an invoice for your registration fees

Refund Policy:

Full Refund through January 21 * 50% after January 21 * No refunds given after February 1

Please mail or fax your Registration Form to: PNWGFA
200 SW Market Street, Suite 190 * Portland, OR 97201
Phone: (503) 227-0234 — Fax: (503) 227-0059 — E-mail: pnwgfa@pnwgfa.org

Registration Information



Full Pesticide Conference:

On or Before January 21st: \$225 Member Price — \$325 Non-Member Price
After January 21st: \$275 Member Price — \$375 Non-Member Price
Registration Covers: 8-9 Credits; Lunch on Thursday & Friday;
Reception & Dinner Banquet on Thursday Evening & Breakfast on Friday

Trade Show Booth:

On or Before January 21st: \$250 Member Price — \$350 Non-Member Price
After January 21st: \$300 Member Price — \$400 Non-Member Price
Fee Covers: 6' x 10' Booth; Company Name on Sign; Electricity; Chairs; Lunch on
Thursday & Friday; Reception & Dinner Banquet on Thursday & Breakfast on Friday
(All breaks and the Thursday Reception will take place in the Trade Show Area.)

1 Day Spouse Event: \$125

3 Hour Event on Thursday from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Wine Tasting: Walla Walla is Wine Country with over 100 wineries! Come taste a variety
of wines from the Walla Walla region and follow it up with a wonderful lunch and Door Prizes!
We will begin in the Governor's Suite and then move downstairs to the Palm Court Restaurant for lunch.
Registration Covers: Wine Tasting; Thursday Lunch; Thursday Reception & Dinner Banquet.

2 Day Spouse Event: \$225

Registration Covers: Thursday's activities (listed above in 1 Day Spouse Event)
PLUS Breakfast and lunch on Friday (with the Conference Delegates).

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EXTRA Banquet Tickets: \$65

Drinks at the Reception in the Trade Show
Area & a Sumptuous Banquet

EXTRA Lunch Tickets: \$35

Lunch on Thursday or Friday
(Check which day on the Reg. Form)



Hotel Information

The Davenport Hotel

Block Rates End January 19th:
The Tower Deluxe \$109/night +tax
Davenport Standard \$119/night +tax
Davenport Deluxe \$129/night +tax

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Credit Information

We will have approximately nine credits spread out over
two days of meetings.

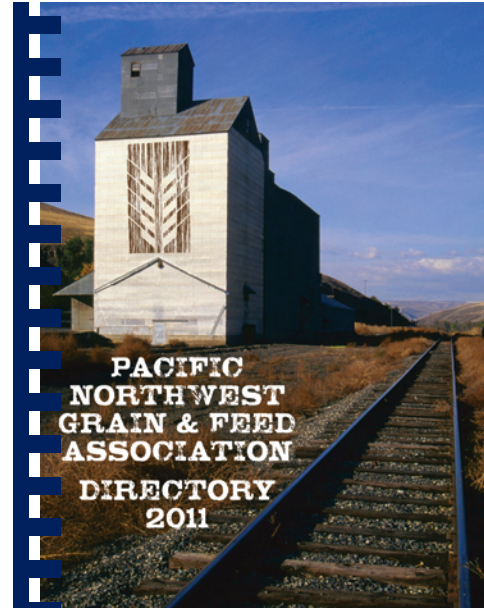
Mention you are with the
Warehousemen's Conference
Call (800) 899-1482

2011 Directory Advertising - ORDER TODAY

PNWGFA 2011 Annual Directory is now in production. The annual directory has grown into the most comprehensive and relied upon directory in the region. The publication lists over 300 member and non-member companies handling grain, feed, seed processing and allied industry suppliers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and beyond!

Each member firm receives one complimentary Directory, and can purchase additional copies for \$50 each. Non member price is \$150.

Contact Margerie for additional PNWGFA Directory orders at 503.227.0234 or email pnwgfa@pnwgfa.org.



2011 PNWGFA Directory
Cover: Sweetgrass, ID

Davenport Union Warehouse Co - Seeking General Manager

Davenport Union Warehouse Co., local grain co-op, is seeking a General Manager. Responsibilities include: day to day management of operations, grain marketing, finance, and personnel management. Minimum qualifications include: college degree or equivalent, and five years grain industry experience. Salary and benefit package DOE. Send cover letter and resume with three references by January 15, 2011, to Davenport Union Board of Directors, P. O. Box 149, Davenport, WA 99122.

Seeking Bulletin Content, Articles, Speaker Info



PNWGFA strives to bring current, pertinent industry articles and information to our members. To this effect, if you have information you would like to share with your fellow members, or, if you seek specific topics or industry information, please contact Margerie via email or at 503.227.0234.

Planning the 44th Annual Warehousemen's Conference, Southern Idaho Pesticide Conference and the 31st Annual Country Elevator Council, we are seeking industry specialists and accreditation-related seminars to bring to our members. Contact the office today!

Condolences

Caprice Bickford, wife of PNWGFA member Charlie McCall (Columbia Grain, Inc. - Clarkston) passed away December 2, 2010. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Charlie, and their extended families.

Other 2011 Events - Save the Dates!

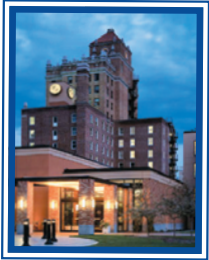
Southern Idaho Pesticide Conference

March 17-18 at The Ramada Inn - Pocatello, Idaho

Planning Committee:

John Evans, Evans Grain, Feed & Seed – Chair

Tyler Musgrave, Gavilon Grain – Sponsorship Chair



31st Annual Country Elevator Council & Golf Tournament

April 14-15 (date changed!) at Marcus Whitman Hotel
Walla Walla, Washington

Byron Behne, AgVentures Northwest LLC – Meeting Chair

Chris Peha, Northwest Grain Growers – Sponsorship Chair

Jeff Young, Industrial Systems & Fabrication – Golf Chair



94th Annual Convention, Golf

Tournaments & Membership Meeting

June 22-24 at Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Sterling Haskins, The Haskins Company – Chair

Jeff Young, Industrial Systems & Fabrication – Golf Chair



Annual Idaho Trout Fry & Golf Scramble

September 29 at Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl, Idaho

John Evans, Evans Grain, Feed & Seed – Attendance Chair

Sterling Haskins, The Haskins Company – Sponsorship Chair

Jeff Young, Industrial Systems & Fabrication – Golf Chair



Governor-elect Kitzhaber Announces Governor's Office Team

Governor's Staff Announced

Governor-elect Kitzhaber released the list of his staff yesterday. You can follow his transition website at <http://transition.johnkitzhaber.com/>. After he is sworn in, the address will change.

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Staff Announcements: http://www.pnwgfa.org/Governor_Staff_Announcement.pdf



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Change to extended lock maintenance closure

The Portland District released this press advisory Monday, January 3, 2011, noting the 5-day extension to the reopening date for The Dalles:

PORTLAND, ORE. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Portland District alerts commercial and recreational mariners that it is extending the closure of The Dalles navigation lock to March 23. The lock at Columbia River mile 192 closed Dec. 10 for the replacement of the downstream miter gate, and was originally scheduled to reopen March 18. Challenges early in the fabrication of the new gate and a modification to add additional welding led to delays in the schedule. The Corps and its contractors have worked diligently to accelerate the schedule and have gained back all but five days of the original 1-2 week delay.

"We understand and deeply regret the impact to our navigation stakeholders caused by this schedule change, but it is not possible to safely recover the remaining days," said The Dalles miter gate replacement project manager Pat Duyck. "The Corps and our contractors are working large crews around the clock in an effort to minimize the potential for additional delays."

Portland and Walla Walla districts are replacing the downstream navigation lock gates at The Dalles, John Day and Lower Monumental dams and conducting a variety of maintenance and repair work at other locks in the Columbia-Snake navigation system. For more information, visit <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/navigation/lockoutage.asp>.

For monthly conference call information, visit: <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/navigation/lockoutage.asp>

SITE SPECIFIC UPDATES

THE DALLES - On Site

Installation of scaffolding, abatement of lead paint, and other work to prepare for the removal of the existing gates continues. Removal of the existing gates was slightly delayed due to issues welding picking eyes onto existing gate leafs. The first leaf is now scheduled for removal Jan. 6-7, the second for the following week.

Fabrication

Painting is well underway on the new north gate while final fabrication welding and preparation for painting continues on the new south gate. The new gates are now scheduled to be delivered to the dam in mid-February.

JOHN DAY:

On Site

Sections of the existing gate will be removed at two-day intervals starting today. The first two new gate sections will be lifted in early February. The existing friction sheave in the south tower will also be removed today, and the new sheave installed by January 19.

LOWER MONUMENTAL

As of December 14, 2010: All three gate sections of Lower Monumental's new downstream navigation lock gate are fabricated and off-loaded at the dam, located near Kahlotus, Wash., at Snake River mile 41.6. The lock was closed at 6 a.m. on Dec. 10, and dewatering was complete on Dec. 12. Welding and installation of work platforms on new gate sections was completed Dec. 10. Installation of stair towers and work platforms on the downstream side of the existing gate was completed Dec. 14. Overall Project Progress => On Schedule. For future work and project details, go to <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/navigation/lockoutage.asp>



AFIA Supports FDA CPG on Salmonella in Animal Feed

AFIA Supports FDA Compliance Policy Guides on Salmonella in Animal Feed

Arlington, Va., January 3, 2011 - The America Feed Industry Association (AFIA) filed comments December 31, 2010, supporting the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) updated Compliance Policy Guide Sec. 690.800 on Salmonella in Animal Feed.

The FDA created Compliance Policy Guides (CPGs) to direct field staff regulating compliance policy for animal feed or feed ingredients contaminated with Salmonella and for products which come into direct contact with humans, such as pet food.

AFIA members will be affected by these guidelines and applaud the agency for creating a scientifically-justified policy for Salmonella in feed. Realizing this is a rare occurrence, AFIA also notes that the eight serotypes listed in the CPG are very rare in feed. For the uncommon occurrences that have been documented by FDA, the most commonly occurring are not known to be animal health concerns. FDA has rightly focused the CPG on the health concerns of animals given the lack of research data relating to Salmonella in feed and any human health concerns.

"For many years, AFIA has urged FDA to separate how the agency polices Salmonella in food and feed, and we applaud this separation. Now, Salmonella found in feed will not always be deemed adulterated, which is a break with the past and a good break," said AFIA Vice President Richard Sellers.

AFIA has initiated the Salmonella in Feed Research Coalition in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (ARS). The purpose of the Coalition is to define research priorities for Salmonella in feed and begin to map out research protocols at ARS facilities. The first formal coalition meeting is tentatively scheduled for early 2011. Scientists from the Center for Veterinary Medicine's Office of Research have been encouraged to participate as observers at the coalition meetings.

Although several groups have commented that all Salmonella should be prohibited in feed, a number of scientists have professed to AFIA such a position is neither scientifically defensible, nor realistic. There are currently no scientific data to justify a complete ban given the lack of data on infectious dose, types of serotypes appearing in feed, and the changing landscape of Salmonella on the farm. AFIA believes that the proposed CPG is realistic, scientifically-based and takes into account the known research on the issue.

AFIA strongly supports this CPG and urges FDA to issue and implement a final guidance as quickly as possible. AFIA also looks forward to FDA's participation in the research coalition and to providing the agency with continuing reports on the coalition's findings.

About AFIA

AFIA, based in Arlington, Va., is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal feed industry and its suppliers. Founded in 1909, AFIA also is the recognized leader on international industry developments. Members include more than 500 domestic and international companies and state, regional and national associations. Member-companies are livestock feed and pet food manufacturers, integrators, pharmaceutical companies, ingredient suppliers, equipment manufacturers and companies which supply other products, services and supplies to feed manufacturers.

The feed industry makes a major contribution to food safety, nutrition and the environment, and it plays a critical role in the production of healthy, wholesome meat, milk, fish and eggs and pets. More than 70 percent of the feed in the United States is manufactured by AFIA members.

AFIA's Annual Purchasing and Ingredient Suppliers Conference

What happens in Vegas usually stays in Vegas; but the networking and information learned at PISC will last a lifetime! Mark your calendars to attend AFIA's Annual Purchasing and Ingredient Suppliers Conference at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev. from March 2-4, 2011. Over 450 feed, ingredient and pet food professionals attend this annual event. Often recommended as the best meeting for buyers and sellers of ingredients, PISC offers industry experts the chance to exchange knowledge and learn about issues affecting the industry.

Event attendees can expect:

- The pre-conference nutrition symposium "Feeding and Fueling the World: Impact of Advancements in Crop Genetics on Animal Nutrition and the Need for Real Time Nutrient Analysis"
- Domestic and International State of the Industry Outlooks
- Congress 2011 update
- IFEEEDER Silent Auction
- Golf Tournament at Sienna Golf Club

In addition to PISC, several of AFIA's committees will be meeting at the beginning of the week. To register for committee meetings only, [click here](#).

To register [online](#) you will need your username and password. For your convenience, that information is listed below.

ID: pnwgfa@pnwgfa.org

Password: pnwgfa@pnwgfa.org

The AFIA hotel room block is available at Caesars Palace, with a preferred room rate of \$169 (plus tax). Deadline for early bird registration is Jan. 26, 2011. Make your reservation early as there are limited rooms available at this rate. Contact Caesars Palace directly at 1-866-227-5944 and mention the American Feed Industry Association to receive the group rate. Online reservations can also be made directly through this special web link: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_gi_new&groupID=3221903

Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC)

AgTC: Register for 6 Ag Shipper Workshops

Registration is now open for the 6 Ag Shipper Workshops this winter in conjunction with the USDA.

As we usually do for these Ag Shipper Workshops, registration is open for ag exporters, importers and freight forwarders. No carriers or press, in order to facilitate frank and constructive discussion of current challenges in ocean, trucking, rail, and port movement of agriculture products.

Conducted in roundtable format, these have proven to be an excellent opportunity to learn what others in your region are facing and how you and they can manage your transportation requirements.

Issues to be addressed include: ocean shipping competition; surcharges; gaining rate stability and protection from surcharges; container availability where you need it; AgTC's container match back program; truck weight limits; "green trucks" and union efforts to organize port dray trucking; APHIS and other government roles in export approvals; rail policies and practices for handling ag products; the Federal Maritime Commission role in assisting ag shippers in dealing with cancelled and rolled bookings; rail; trucking and ocean competition legislation; dealing with Mexican tariffs due to cross-border trucking disputes; and more.

January 24, 2011 (Monday)

Boise Ag Shipper Workshop ([register here](#))

Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Boise, Idaho

Agenda for Boise Meeting: http://www.pnwgfa.org/AgTC_agenda.pdf

Click here for Additional Registration Information: http://www.pnwgfa.org/AgTC_info.pdf

NEWS RELEASE

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Farmers and Ranchers are Reminded of Adjusted Gross Revenue and Multi-Peril Crop Insurance Program Dates

SPOKANE, Wash. December 6, 2010—The Risk Management Agency reminds producers of winter and spring sales closing dates for the Multiple Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) programs, the Adjusted Gross Revenue Pilot (AGR) available in select Northwest counties, and the Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite (AGR-Lite) programs available throughout the Pacific Northwest. AGR and AGR-Lite cover most farm-raised crops, animals, and animal products.

Upcoming regional sales closing dates:

- January 31, 2011 Final date to obtain or change AGR insurance in select counties in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Final date to submit required documents to continue or change 2011 AGR-Lite insurance for EXISTING POLICY HOLDERS in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.
- February 1, 2011 Final date to obtain or change crop insurance coverage for 2011 Spring Planted Onions in Idaho, Oregon and Washington and Cabbage in Oregon and Washington.
- March 15, 2011 Final date to obtain 2011 AGR-Lite insurance for NEW APPLICATION/ENROLLMENT POLICIES in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Final date to obtain or change ALL OTHER Spring Seeded MPCI (excluding wheat in counties with Fall and Spring planted types).

RMA also reminds producers of the important link between Federal crop insurance and Farm Service Agency (FSA) Disaster Assistance programs for the 2011 crop year. To maintain eligibility for FSA's disaster programs, producers must obtain a policy or plan of insurance of at least catastrophic (CAT) level coverage if available. For those crops that are non-insurable, coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program must also be timely obtained. Producers are encouraged to visit with their local FSA office to ensure they are in compliance with the new linkage requirements. If there is no coverage in a county for a specific crop under the traditional MPCI program, producers may ask a crop insurance agent whether they would be eligible for coverage under a written agreement.

Producers are encouraged to contact a local MPCI agent to learn additional program details well ahead of the final sales closing dates. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the U.S. or at the website address: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

PoultryInternational

Drying weather-damaged grain for poultry

Drying wheat is not simply a process to prevent deterioration. The approach may also impact digestibility. Very wet wheat, harvested after poor weather, is often unsuitable for human food uses. Such harvest conditions often result in germination and increased levels of amylase and protease. To read Poultry International's article in its entirety, follow this link: http://www.poultryinternational-digital.com/poultryinternational/201012_1?folio=22#pg26

Pacific Northwest Grain & Feed Association



UI wheat expert leaving to work at Oregon State

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Oregon State University has hired a wheat breeder from Idaho to head its internationally recognized wheat variety development program.

Robert Zemetra, a professor of plant breeding and genetics at the University of Idaho, will start May 23.

Zemetra will collaborate with other OSU scientists to develop wheat germplasm and release new varieties with higher yields, better disease resistance and improved end-use properties. He also will serve as the primary ambassador between OSU and wheat industry leaders, including commissions, grower organizations, seed dealers and private breeding and biotechnology companies.

“This person needs to wear many hats,” said OSU barley researcher Pat Hayes, who was on the hiring committee. “He’ll be developing wheat varieties with farmers, conducting world-class research, making discoveries and teaching.”

Hayes said Zemetra’s reputation for breeding high-quality soft white winter wheat, the most popular kind of wheat grown in Oregon, and his experience with Pacific Northwest conditions made him an excellent candidate.

Read the entire article by following this link: <http://oregonstate.edu/ua/ncs/archives/2011/jan/osu-hires-idaho-wheat-breeder>



Milk, Livestock Lead Idaho Agriculture to Projected 12 Percent Gain for 2010

Written by Bill Loftus

MOSCOW, Idaho – Rebounding milk prices helped Idaho agriculture post a 12 percent gain in projected cash receipts for 2010 that totaled over \$5.78 billion, according to an annual report by University of Idaho agricultural economists.

The report showed that projected net farm income grew 55 percent to \$1.44 billion and repaired much of the damage from a 49 percent drop in 2009. The gain reflected a 10 percent increase in total revenues that outpaced an overall 2 percent rise in total expenses.

“The Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture: 2010 Projections” prepared by College of Agricultural and Life Sciences economists estimated cash receipts rose more than \$600 million from 2009.

Agricultural products, both commodities and processed food, accounted for 25 percent of all Idaho exports in 2009, noted John Hammel, dean of the university’s College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at Moscow.

Hammel’s overview of Idaho agriculture was prepared for state legislators meeting as the Economic Outlook and Revenue Assessment Committee Thursday, Jan. 6, at Boise. He noted that agricultural businesses accounted for 20 percent of the state’s sales in 2009.

“Idaho agriculture is critical to the state’s economy,” Hammel said, “and provides a solid foundation. The college’s efforts in research and extension help to ensure the state’s farmers and ranchers can continue to remain profitable and vital contributors to the state and its economy.”

To read the article in its entirety: <http://www.uidaho.edu/cals/aee/content/news/viewpost?name=milk-livestock-lead-idaho-agriculture-to-projected-12-percent-gain-for-2010-43618>



Plant Disease Diagnostician Joins WSU Department of Plant Pathology

PULLMAN, Wash. – Karen Flint Ward, the newest member of Washington State University's Department of Plant Pathology, will help make the department's goal of a Pullman-based plant disease diagnostic lab staffed by a diagnostician and a data base of plant disease occurrences in Washington state a reality.

"Hiring a plant disease diagnostician with Karen's background and expertise is a big step forward in our efforts to help keep Washington's agricultural enterprise safe and secure," said Dan Bernardo, dean of the WSU College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences. "It bolsters our ability to serve our stakeholders throughout the state with current, relevant information."

Ward is the new coordinator of the WSU Plant and Pest Diagnostic eNetwork and plant disease diagnostician. She will be responsible for diagnosing plant health problems, collecting and reporting data on occurrences of plant diseases in Washington, especially those deemed to pose a threat to agricultural security in the state.

"Expanding the diagnostic capabilities to deal with new and existing disease threats and to better serve our stakeholders has been one of the strategic priorities of the department," said Hanu Pappu, chair of the department of plant pathology. "This was made possible thanks to the strategic planning and creative marshalling of external grants and other financial resources by Tim Murray, professor of plant pathology and the Washington State representative to the Western Plant Diagnostic Network."

Ward also will coordinate training sessions for "first detectors," the people most likely to encounter plant diseases in agricultural and natural settings. She will develop education materials, organize workshops and make presentations to support and advance plant disease detection capabilities in the state. She also serves as the liaison between WSU diagnostic laboratories, the eNetwork, government agencies and the Western Plant Diagnostic Network.



Study: MSU contributes more than 13,500 jobs and \$1 billion to state's economy

Montana would have 13,500 fewer jobs and more than \$1 billion less in personal income if Montana State University's four campuses and the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station did not exist, according to a recently released economic impact report.

The report also highlights the value of a college degree: Montana citizens with a bachelor's degree will earn \$569,000 to \$814,000 more over their lifetime than those holding only a high school diploma.

The report was commissioned by MSU to measure its impact on Montana's economy. It is the most complete study ever done on the university, covering its campuses in Bozeman, Billings, Havre, and Great Falls as well as the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, which conducts agricultural research in centers across the state.

The report's research and analysis was done by Patrick Barkey, director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, a research center within the University of Montana's School of Business Administration. Barkey did a similar economic analysis for the Missoula campus of UM in March, however, the UM and MSU analyses used slightly different models and their results cannot be compared.

Despite the differences, the results clearly show that the operation of the Montana university system is a complementary force for economic advancement in the state of Montana, the MSU report states.

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