

SURVIVAL IDEAS FOR FARMING IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Special focus on grass seed production alternatives. October 23, 2009, Linn Co. Fair/Expo Center

A workshop to encourage interaction between growers, researchers, federal and state agencies, and market buyers about survival ideas for grass seed growers.

- 9:00-9:10am Welcome: Lynn Voigt, USDA Farm Service Agency; Katy Coba, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
- 9:10-9:40am Matt Herb, President, OR Seed Trade Association
- Oregon grass seed production: Perspective on the big picture, A Reality Check, and a Crystal Ball Look Down the Road.
- 9:45-10:00am Jim Julian, OSU, Faculty Research Assistant, Agricultural Economics Research and Extension
- A Look at Specialty Crops – Is it any Better Over There?
- 10:00-10:15am BREAK, Sponsored by the OR Farm Bureau and OR Dept. of Agriculture
- 10:15-11:15am Panel Discussion, led by Russ Karrow, Head, Dept. of Crop & Soil Sciences, OSU
- Rotational crops: What will grow? What will sell? What needs water? Who has the answers?
- Stan Armstrong, grower; Michelle Armstrong, Wilbur-Ellis Co. *Soybeans - like - snap-beans*
Dave Lockwood, Corvallis Feed & Seed
Tomas Endicott, Willamette Biomass
Roeland Kapsenberg, Cal/West Seeds
- 11:15am-noon Panel Discussion, led by Jim Males, Head, Dept. of Animal Sciences, OSU
- Is growing animal feed an option? What might the livestock industry be interested in buying?
- Jim Krahn, Director, Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Jim Thompson, Assoc. Professor of Animal Nutrition, Dept. of Animal Sciences, OSU
Gita Cherian, Assoc. Professor of Poultry Nutrition, Dept. of Animal Sciences, OSU
- Noon-12:30pm LUNCH
- 12:30-1:00pm Dwight French, Water Rights & Adjudications Division Administrator, OR Water Resc. Dept.
- Can I drill? How do I get a water right? Is there water available in the Willamette Valley for irrigation? Can water be spread to supplement other crops? And much more!
- 1:00-2:30pm Panel Discussion, led by Roger Beyer, Director, OR Seed Counsel
- Financing, land management, sustainability and conservation programs, wetland banking, and all the acronyms: CRP, CREP, CSP, VAPG, EQIP, WHIP, WRP, GRP, CIG, ACRE, FSA loan programs, farm storage programs, RMA risk management AGR, and more!
- Lynn Voigt, State Director, USDA Farm Service Agency
Ron Alvarado, State Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Jeff Deiss, Business & Cooperative Program Director, USDA Rural Development
Dave Paul, Director, Spokane Regional Office, USDA Risk Management Agency
Kirk Jarvie, Economic Revitalization Liaison, Oregon Department of State Lands
Allen Martin, Environmental Science Associates, Inc.
Stephanie Page, Renewable Energy Specialist, OR Dept. of Agriculture
- 2:30-3:00pm Wrap up: Final Q&A, Group Discussion and Strategies

Key Sponsors:

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