



Hort Headlines

January 25, 2010

- **FINAL CALL: Tree Fruit Day Sign Up** – WSHA's 8th Annual Tree Fruit Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, in Olympia. You need to be pre-registered for this one-day event that includes visits with key legislators and agency officials. Tree fruit industry gift boxes will also be distributed again this year to all legislators and their legislative assistants. There are still a few spots available, visit the WSHA web-site to download a registration form. The final date for signup is extended to January 25th. **Please Note:** Our fax machine was down from December 23 – January 10, 2010. If you have not received conformation via email that your registration has been received please email lynette@wahort.org to confirm your attendance.
- **2010 Legislative Session Underway** – Legislative leaders officially opened the 2010 legislative session in Olympia on Monday, January 11, 2010. The \$2.6 billion dollar current biennium shortfall will occupy the majority of the legislature's attention. The Governor has indicated the combination of tax/fee increases and program cuts will be used to balance the budget. WSHA is monitoring a number of issues and committees on behalf of the tree fruit industry.
- **Washington State University 2010 Orchard Labor Platform Survey** – WSU School of Economic Sciences and Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center is conducting the 2010 Orchard Labor Platform Survey. The survey will be sent out by Friday, January 29th. If you receive this survey please do not discard it, note that this is a project funded by the Tree Fruit Research Commission and the objective is to provide a realistic assessment of the costs and benefits of

technology adoption. This study concentrates on platform use. Your responses will assist in understanding what types of technologies have worked and whether or not you have benefited from them. Contact Karina Gallardo at 509-663-8181 x. 261, e-mail: karina_gallardo@wsu.edu or Mykel Taylor at 509-335-8503, e-mail: m_taylor@wsu.edu for more information.

- **Pest Management Workshops** – WSU Chelan County Extension will be providing Pest Management Workshops. The IPM workshops cover various topics that highlight critical issues, discuss industry trends, and point out possible horticultural and business solutions. The training workshops are presented by Tim Smith, WSU Extension. For more information email smithtj@wsu.edu.
 - **February 4** | 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. Orville (4 credits)
 - **February 11** | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Wenatchee Valley College Lyceum (2 credits)
 - **February 25** | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Wenatchee Valley College Lyceum (2 credits)

(Note Below: attend both sessions 1 and 2 for complete pesticide license pre-testing training)

 - **March 4** | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (Part 1) Wenatchee Valley College Library Lyceum (2 credits)
 - **March 11** | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (Part 2) Wenatchee Valley College Library Lyceum (2 credits)
- **Two Day Supervisor Training In Spanish** – Orchard, dairy or farm supervisors are invited to attend a two-day seminar on supervisory skills in Spanish on January 28 & 29th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Pasco. The morning of the second day of the training a breakfast presentation to owners in English will be provided to summarize the training that workers are receiving. Registration is limited to 40 workers per location. For more information or to register visit www.wsfb.com. Cost is \$150 per person and includes lunch both days and a textbook.

Headline Links

Labor, Regs Top Concerns – Lack of sufficient labor and excessive government regulations and mandates were the top concerns of tree fruit producers, a major farm lender says. Learn more on this story from [Capital Press](#).

Fuji, Honeycrisp, Gala Top Spring Planting – Growers likely will plant more Fuji and Honeycrisp apple trees than other varieties in Washington this spring, according to a survey by Tree Top Inc. Learn more on this story from [Capital](#)

Press.

Online Exclusive: Recent Herbicide Updates – Here's a rundown of some of the new herbicide products and label updates to hit the market. Learn more on this story from www.growingproduce.com.

Right To The Core: The American Apple Industry In 2010 – Apple consumption remains strong and apples are a great fit with today's busy, health-conscious lifestyle. Learn more on this story from www.growingproduce.com.

Stone Fruit: Now's Your Chance – If you had a brown rot problem last year, you have an opportunity this winter to take proactive steps to reduce the potential for a problem in 2010. Learn more on this story from www.growingproduce.com.

Bills Curb Eminent Domain – Legislation that would limit the use of eminent domain made its debut Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Capitol to a bipartisan chorus of support. Learn more on this story from [the Capital Press](#).

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