



Hort Headlines

June 4, 2010

- **Phase-Out Schedule For Guthion** – The EPA issued a decision in 2006 regarding Azinphos-methyl Guthion (AZM) to phase out the remaining uses by September 30, 2012. The phase-out schedules for 2010 has the limit of 2 pounds of active ingredient per acre, 4 pounds of product. In the year 2011-2012 the limit is 1.5 pounds of active ingredient per acre, 3 pounds of product. For more information visit pmtp.wsu.edu. You can also download a copy of the [PMTP Handbook](#). The Pest Management Transition Project (PMTTP) was first established to assist apple growers make the transition away from AZM use through education aimed at informing.
- **Hastings Questions EPA Proposal on Pesticide Use** – Congressman Hastings recently sent a letter to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson regarding the agency's intention to place new restrictions on the use of crop protection products within 500 feet of any body of water. This includes rivers, dry stream beds and irrigation ditches, and is based off of the high water mark - regardless of the water level when the pesticides are applied, or the direction of the wind. [Read the letter](#). This notification is from Congressman Hastings' Newsletter. If you would like to receive Congressman Hastings' Agriculture e-newsletter, [click here](#).
- **Free Webinar Series: Your Accountant's Perspective - Advice For Agricultural Employers** – The Washington Farm Bureau and Christopher W. Hesse, Certified Public Accountant at LeMaster and Daniels will present two business planning webinars for the business owner, HR director, or corporate administrator. **Session One:** "The HIRE Act - Strategies for Implementation" will be held on Thursday, June 10 from 11:00 a.m. – Noon. Most businesses are aware of the tax credits and FICA credit available if you hire certain workers this year. This will help you understand more about how you implement the law to make it cost effective for your business. **Session Two:** "The Healthcare Act - What Now" will be held Thursday, June 17, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. This seminar will explain the options available to business owners under the new healthcare law. In addition to imposing health care mandates and tax incentives, new and expanded information is to be sent to the IRS, greatly increasing your administrative costs. What are the requirements to avoid penalties? For more information and to register for this free webinar series, visit wsfb.com.

- **GRAS2P Audit Readiness Course For Global G.A.P.** – WSHA/GRAS2P is pleased to offer an intensive audit readiness course for Global G.A.P. that will be held in Wenatchee on July 20th and Yakima on July 21st. This course is designed for growers, specialists, warehouse field staff, and food safety officers. For more details and information [download the flyer](#). To register contact Nicole Brunner at nicole@wahort.org. Registration is also available online at www.gras2p.com.
- **GRAS2P Offers Audit Readiness Course for USDA G.A.P.** – WSHA/GRAS2P is pleased to offer an intensive audit readiness course for USDA GAP will be held in Wenatchee on July 27th and Yakima on July 28th. This course is designed for growers, specialists, warehouse field staff, and food safety officers. For more details and information [download the flyer](#). To register contact Nicole Brunner at nicole@wahort.org. Registration is also available online at www.gras2p.com.
- **NW Hort Expo** – Participating as an exhibitor at the NW Hort Expo is one of the best ways to share with visitors about up-and-coming technologies and new products. If you have not received information about the upcoming NW Hort Expo or booked space for your booth please contact Angie Fiscus at (509) 728-0010 or email nwhort@gmail.com. The NW Hort Show is held in conjunction with the 106th WSHA Annual Meeting.
- **Tee Off For Student Scholarships** – Teams are filling up fast this year for our 17th Annual WSHA Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament that will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at the Lake Chelan Municipal Golf Course. Sign up today to guarantee your spot! Link to the [WSHA web-site](#) and download a WSHA Golf Tournament Registration form today. This year's event is sure to be another big success with tree fruit industry golfers playing to benefit student scholarships in the name (and memory) of past tree fruit industry leaders. Put your company name in the spotlight by becoming a tournament sponsor by contacting lynette@wahort.org to learn more.
- **Seeking Raffle Item Donations** – The Washington State Horticultural Association's 17th Annual Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament is set for Tuesday, August 3rd in sunny Chelan, Washington. We are currently seeking raffle item donations which help raise money for our scholarship fund. All proceeds from the tournament support scholarships that are awarded to students in honor of past tree fruit industry leaders. Over the past sixteen years, the tournament has raised over \$118,319 for student scholarships. If you would like to participate by donating a raffle item please e-mail lynette@wahort.org.

Headline Links

Cherry Fruit Fly, Codling Moth Found – The first Western cherry fruit flies to be caught this year were found in a trap Friday near Miller Street. Learn more on this story from [The Wenatchee World](#).

The Fruits Of Our Labor Absurdity – Farm jobs are going unfilled to such a degree that now a huge fruit orchard in Okanogan County, desperate for someone to pick cherries and apples this summer, has turned to flying in hundreds of workers from ... Jamaica. Learn more on this story from [the Seattle Times](#).

Recent Rain Takes Toll On Mid-Columbia Crops – The cool and wet late spring has hurt hay crops, curtailed asparagus harvest, caused some anxiety for cherry growers and pleased wheat farmers across the region. Read more about this story at [the Tri-City Herald](#).

Cooler Temperatures, Rain Pound Cherry And Hay Crops – A cooler and wetter-than normal-April

and May is delaying and damaging the cherry crops in Washington and California and doing the same to the first cutting of Eastern Washington hay. Learn more on this story from [The Capital Press](#).

Uncertainty Lingers Over Revamped Guestworker Plan – Mike Gempler, director of the Washington Growers League, said a rush to apply for foreign workers is causing some backlogs in the federal program for importing guestworkers. Learn more on this story from [The Capital Press](#).

EPA's Proposed Pesticide Permits Raise Questions – The federal government has released a draft Clean Water Act permit for using pesticides near or over waterways, but the proposal still leaves many questions unanswered about on-the-ground implications for farmers. Learn more on this story from [The Capital Press](#).



GRAS2P "Tip of the Week" - Safety Meetings - June is "national safety" month. Monthly safety meetings provide a regular venue to review health and safety training. Safety meeting minutes can be posted on the bulletin board. This is part of GlobalG.A.P. (AF3.2.3, AF3.5.2) and USDA GAP (G-5).

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