



Hort Headlines

July 9, 2010

- **2nd Annual Sunrise Research** – The WSU-TFREC will be holding the 2nd Annual Sunrise Research Orchard Field Day on July 29, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (lunch included). This is a great opportunity to interact with WSU researchers and Extension faculty including researchers from other institutions on a variety of topics such as mechanized blossom thinning and week seeker technologies and a natural fumigant replant disease trial. For additional information [download the invitation](#) or contact Jay Brunner at jfb@wsu.edu or 509-670-1473.
- **American/Western Fruit Grower's 2010 Top 100 Growers Report** – For the first time in several years the Top 25 largest apple/pear, stone fruit, grape, and nut grower's reports are combined. These lists are ranked according to 2009 acreage for the above crops, and the farms must be owned or leased by one company that is responsible for maintaining it. Visit www.growingproduce.com for a virtual tour of a few of the operations that made the list, as well as short profiles on some of the other growers, including a glimpse of their history and what drives them to succeed today.
- **A Practical Primer On Pesticides** – A comprehensive two-day pesticides course will be held September 21 – September 22 in Washington, D.C. The course was designed by the attorneys and scientists of Keller and Heckman for regulatory and legal professionals in an effort to gain insight into the regulation, production, and business of pesticides. This course focuses on federal and state pesticide regulation including registration, exemptions, data, production, import, export and enforcement. For more information or to register online at www.khlaw.com.
- **Upcoming Farm Bureau Education And Training** –
 - **The Family Farm Exemption to the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act Webinar** - The Farm Bureau will be conducting a webinar on Tuesday, July 20 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. You will learn about Family Farm Exemption to MSPA. You will also receive updates on DOL audits, helpful hints about preparing for these inspections and an opportunity to get your questions answered. For more information and registration on these training sessions visit <http://www.wsfb.com/educationtraining>

- **Have You Renewed Your WSHA Membership** – WSHA membership invoices have been mailed out to all members. If you have not yet received your invoice please email Nicole Bruner at nicole@wahort.org. Remember, it is important to renew your WSHA membership promptly. Membership is *required* in order to register and attend the WSHA 106th Annual Meeting and NW Hort Expo that will take place this December 6, 7 & 8 in Yakima, Washington. Thank you in advance for your membership investment.



- **Teams Are Filling Up Fast** – Golf for a great cause at the 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.
- **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.

Headline Links

More Jobs, Less Pay In Washington State Agriculture Last Year – Washington state had more jobs for agricultural workers last year but the pay was less, according to the latest state employment report. Learn more on this story from [bizjournals.com](#).

Water Supply Will Be Normal After All – Forget irrigation water rationing for this year. Read more at [the Yakima Herald](#).

California Screamin' Over Fruit Fumigant – Environmentalists and the State of California's own scientists say the use of methyl iodide on the state's fruit crops is unsafe for workers and a danger to public health. Read more about this story at [thebigmoney.com](#).

Researchers Declare Victory Over Apple Browning – A Canadian biotechnology company has asked the USDA for permission to commercialize genetically engineered apples that don't turn brown when sliced. Learn more on this story from [The Capital Press](#).

Grant Will Maintain Services For Ag Workers – Yakima-based Opportunities Industrial Center of Washington will receive about \$3 million through the National Farmworker Jobs Program for training and employment services for migrant and seasonal workers. Learn more on this story from [Yakima Herald](#).



Week" - Operating Policies - Operating Policies for Orchards (OPOs) serve as the basis for your orchard's policies to demonstrate compliance with numerous aspects of the audit. Each policy addresses an area of risk with respect to food safety. OPO templates are available in the GRAS2P Guidance Manual. Policies are part of USDA GAP and GlobalG.A.P. required documentation.

- **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.

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