



Hort Headlines

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- **Biofumigant For Apples May Prevent Codling Moth** – A mixture of gaseous compounds emitted by a beneficial fungus may provide an alternative to biologically fumigating stored apples to rid them of codling moth larvae. The new approach is contained in a recent study conducted by entomologists at the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) laboratory in Wapato. Stored apples destined for foreign markets are often fumigated with broad-spectrum chemicals to kill Codling moth. The new treatment may provide a more cost efficient and safer option for controlling codling moth than what exists. Learn more at www.ars.usda.gov.
- **Decision Appealed: Washington State Water** – Washington state's decision to divert millions of gallons of water from Lake Roosevelt in northeastern Washington is being appealed by two conservation groups. The state says the water from Lake Roosevelt has several purposes. It will irrigate farm fields that are now watered by the dwindling Odessa aquifer in the Columbia basin. Some water will also be used by communities downstream along the Columbia River. The conservation groups have filed their appeal with the Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board. An official with the Washington Ecology Department says he hasn't seen the appeal. He also added the Lake Roosevelt diversion project has undergone an extensive environmental review.
- **EPA Amends Pesticide Container And Containment Regulations** – This week the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published in the Federal register the final changes to the Pesticide Container/Containment rule. The amendments,

which are effective December 29, 2008, change label requirements, establish a definition for "released for shipment," and make other language changes. You may be affected by this action if you are a pesticide formulator, agrichemical dealer, an independent commercial applicator, or a custom blender. View the [Federal Register notice](#). Fumigant use across the country could be affected with these new rules. Read more from Washington Friends of Farms and Forests ["Fumigant Comments to the EPA"](#) regarding the new rules on fumigant application.

- **WSHA Leadership Luncheon** – Join us at the WSHA Leadership Luncheon at noon on Monday, December 1 in Yakima in conjunction with the WSHA 104th Annual Meeting. Listen to Frank Chopp, Speaker of the House discuss Olympia's Horticultural Landscape for 2009. This will be an informative discussion about labor, water, budget and other issues. Luncheon tickets can be purchased for the leadership luncheon for \$25. Contact vicki@wahort.org for more information and to sign up today.
- **Farm Bureau Employer Services Labor Conference** – The Farm Bureau will hold an Agriculture Labor Conference in Wenatchee, Monday, November 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., with a reception following, at the Wenatchee Convention Center. The Labor Conference is designed for the business owner, manager, or corporate Human Resources specialist and kicks off with a special VIP breakfast with Attorney General Rob McKenna as the guest speaker. To register for the seminar call Kim at (800) 331-3276 x126. Cost for the seminar is \$25 (pre-paid) or \$50 (at the door) for Farm Bureau Employer Service members and \$125 for non-members. Please visit www.wsfb.com for details, including agendas, on-line registration, and more.
- **Ag Safety Day Set For Yakima** – The fifth annual Agriculture Safety Day will be held February 29, at the Yakima Convention Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The program is designed for employers, supervisors, farmworkers and safety professionals. All sessions will be offered in English and Spanish. Topics to be discussed will include tractor and ladder safety, preventing injuries, cross-cultural communication, conducting an accident investigation and handling HR Issues. The conference fee is \$50 at the door and includes buffet lunch. To register online visit <http://www.wagovconf.org/files/2009AgFlyerEng.pdf> for more information contact shannon@kfevents.com.
- **WSHA 104th Annual Meeting Information is Now On-Line** – The Washington State Horticultural Association's 104th Annual Meeting program guide, registration form and lodging guide are now available on the WSHA web-site at www.wahort.org. This year's 104th Annual Meeting will take place December 1, 2, & 3 at the Yakima Convention Center. The theme this year is **"Celebrating Tree Fruit: Opportunities for the Next Generation."** Don't miss the largest educational conference in the nation dedicated to tree fruit industry issues – sign up to attend today! To register contact Vicki at (509) 665-9641 or email vicki@wahort.org.

- **Last Call For Poster Presenters** – This is the last call for poster presenters to participate at the 104th Washington State Horticultural Association Annual Meeting and Postharvest conference. The poster session for this year's meeting will take place at the Yakima Convention Center December 1, 2, & 3 with a special poster presenter meet and greet Tuesday evening before the banquet. WTFRC is organizing and managing the poster session. If you would like to be a poster presenter please submit your request to hanrahan@treefruitresearch.com by November 3, 2008. For more information download the [poster presenter invitation](#).
- **NW Hort Expo/Trade Show** – The 104th WSHA NW Hort Expo/Trade Show will be held at the Yakima Sun Dome, December 1 (Monday) and December 2 (Tuesday) from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days. If you have not received information about the upcoming NW Hort Expo or booked space for your booth please contact [Angie Fiscus](#) or call (509) 573.9858. The NW Hort Show is held in conjunction with the 104th WSHA Annual Meeting.
- **Remember To Fall Back** – At 2 a.m. on November 2, 2008, remember to turn your clocks back one hour, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time (DST). In 2009 daylight-savings time will start on the second Sunday in March.

Headline Links

DHS Issues Supplemental Final Rule with Guidance For Employers Who Receive Social Security 'No-Match' Letters – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today issued a Supplemental Final Rule that provides additional background and analysis for the department's No-Match Rule. Learn more on this story from www.dhs.gov.

Race Against The Weather The final push of harvest is on, and growers and companies with apples still on the trees are hoping they can get them all off before the weather turns too cold. Read more at [the Wenatchee World](#).

Immigration Roadblocks Hurt, Says Farm Bureau – Rumors hurt farmers — especially rumors about Border Patrol roadblocks in Chelan and Okanogan counties that lead to farmworker shortages, according to the Washington Farm Bureau. Read the following article at [the Wenatchee World](#).

Who Will Pick The Crops? North Olympic Peninsula Farmers Lament Lack Of Migrant Workers – Washington state's fields and forests are missing a key element during this fall's harvest, say two well-seasoned statesmen of agriculture. Visit [the Peninsula Daily News](#) to learn more.

Salmon Study Yields Surprise Result – Scientists tracking juvenile salmon migrating downstream to the Pacific were surprised to find just as many or more

survived going over eight dams on the Northwest's Snake and Columbia Rivers as survived a major river in British Columbia without any dams at all. Visit the [Wenatchee World](#) to learn more.

Pesticide Lawsuit Dropped – A former Bob Mathison Orchards worker has accepted money to drop his federal lawsuit against the orchard for insecticide poisoning, the worker's attorney says. Visit the [Wenatchee World](#) to learn more.

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