

# NewsWatch

## August

**8:** Montana State University field day, Western Agricultural Research Center, Corvallis, Mont.

**12-16:** Potato Association of America meeting, Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Contact: William Bohl. Phone: 208-785-8060. E-mail: [wbohl@uidaho.edu](mailto:wbohl@uidaho.edu).

**23-25:** Oregon Association of Nurseries Farwest Show, Oregon Convention Center (tours Aug. 21-22), Portland, Ore. Phone: 800-342-6401. Web site: [www.farwestshow.com](http://www.farwestshow.com).

## Calendar

### September

**21-26:** National Association of State Departments of Agriculture annual meeting, Westin Hotel, Seattle. Web site: [www.nasda.org](http://www.nasda.org).

### October

**3-5:** U.S. Pea & Lentil Trade Association annual meeting, CalNeva Resort, Crystal Bay, Nev. Phone: 208-882-3023. E-mail:

[kmonk@pea-lentil.com](mailto:kmonk@pea-lentil.com).

**9-10:** Culinary & Agritourism mini-conference, Grand Junction, Colo. Contact: Doug Caskey. Phone: 720-304-3406.

### December

**11-13:** Colorado State University Range Beef Cow Symposium, Larimer County Fairgrounds. Contact: Jack Whittier. Phone: 970-491-6233. E-mail: [jack.whittier@colostate.edu](mailto:jack.whittier@colostate.edu).

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### Radio waves bad for bugs, great for environment

Radio waves, not environmentally damaging chemicals, may be the new, best postharvest process for debugging dried fruits and nuts, according to a team of researchers led by Washington State University professor Juming Tang. Using radio waves that generate heat to kill the insects hiding in nuts and dried fruits provides a good alternative to methyl bromide, the most common form of postharvest pest control, according to Tang, a scientist in WSU's Agricultural Research Center and a fellow in WSU's IMPACT center. For more information, go online to [cahnrnews.wsu.edu](http://cahnrnews.wsu.edu).

### WSU Web site offers new disease models

AgWeatherNet has released three new disease models. Growers can access the models by logging into AgWeatherNet's Washington State University agricultural weather Web site at [weather.wsu.edu](http://weather.wsu.edu) and clicking on "Regional disease maps." The three new models predict the onset of powdery mildew diseases of cherries, grapes and hops, which are some of the most problematic diseases of these crops.

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