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News Briefs

Colorado winter wheat ranks No. 2

The USDA says Colorado is now ranked second in U.S. winter wheat production for 2009, with estimated production of 98 million bushels harvested, ranking only behind Kansas and moving ahead of Washington. On a 10-year average, Colorado has been eighth in U.S. winter wheat production, and was ranked 10th last year. Darrell Hanavan of the Colorado Wheat Administrative

Committee says Colorado has never before been ranked so high.

WSU gets \$15M for specialty crops

Washington State University research teams have been awarded more than \$15 million in USDA grants aimed at specialty crops such as tree fruit, winegrapes and potatoes. They will receive nearly a third of the \$47.3 million awarded nationally.

Camelina firm has jet fuel contract

Sustainable Oils, a producer of renewable, low-carbon and domestically produced camelina-based fuels, has been awarded a contract by the Defense Energy Support Center to supply camelina-based jet fuel for the Air Force. The contract is for 100,000 gallons of HRJ-8 beginning 2009 through 2010, and includes an option to purchase an additional 100,000 gallons between June

2010 and December 2012.

Oregon keeps eye on fly

The recent discovery of a Spotted Wing *Drosophila* fly in a sample of Willamette Valley winegrapes concerns Oregon growers. *Drosophila suzukii* was first confirmed in Oregon late this year, and there have been an increasing number of reports of its occurrence in a variety of fresh fruits.

Calendar

December

1-3: XXI Range Beef Cow Symposium, Casper Events Center, Casper, Wyo. Contact: Steve Paisley. Phone: 307-837-2000. E-mail: spaisley@uwyo.edu.

3: Oregon Cattlemen's Association annual convention, The Riverhouse, Bend, Ore. Phone: 503-361-8941. Web site: www.orcattle.com.

3-5: Washington State Horticultural Association annual meeting and trade show, Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, Wash. Contact: Lynette Smith. Phone: 509-665-9641. E-mail: lynette@wahort.org.

9-10: Colorado Ag Classic, Thomas M. McKee Bldg., The Ranch, Loveland, Colo. Contact: Glenda Mostek. Phone: 303-721-3300. Web site: www.coloradowheat.org.

17: Columbia Plateau PM10 Project annual meeting, Washington State University, Pullman. Contact: Bill Schillinger. E-mail: schillw@wsu.edu.

January

10-13: American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting, Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Seattle. Phone: 202-406-3600.

20-21: Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association annual convention and trade show, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, Wash. Contact: Patt Evans. Phone: 208-883-0190. E-mail: PNDSA@directseed.org.

26-28: Northwest Agricultural Show, Expo Center, Portland, Ore., Contact: Amy Patrick. Phone: 503-769-8936. E-mail: info@nwagshow.com.


26-28: Oregon Potato Conference, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, Wash. Contact: Karen Bonaudi. Phone: 509-765-8845.

February

3-5: Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers annual convention and trade show, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, Wash. Phone: 509-782-8234.

2-3: 2010 High Plains No-Till Conference, Burlington Community Center, Burlington, Colo. Contact: Kathy Rickart. Phone: 970-674-8712. E-mail: notillkathy@comcast.net.

20: Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale, Fallon Livestock Exchange, Fallon, Nev. Contact: Meghan Brown. Phone: 775-738-9214.



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