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OWA Joins Oregon Berry Festival

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Portland, OR— It wouldn't be an Oregon summer without sweet, juicy berries showing up in everything from beer to pies!

Oregon Women for Agriculture was a sponsor of the second annual **Oregon Berry Festival, July 20th & 21st, 2012** at Ecotrust in Portland. It was our first time sponsoring this event so Corresponding Secretary Arwen McGilvra went to check it out.

The Ecotrust building is hidden in the Pearl District, but is an amazingly beautiful spot. We walked around a corner of a high rise into a park like setting where the first part of the *berry festival* was taking place. There were tents set up in a plaza surrounded by trees and landscaping. Most of the vendors were selling berries, berries, and more berries. There were blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, and Marionberries galore. The best part was you could try each before you bought some. That way you knew you were talking home your favorite variety. Most of the berries were on sale for 2 pints for \$5. A much better deal than most grocery stores.

Inside and up the stairs were more vendors, these selling processed berry goods. They had berry wines, jams, bars, and candies to name a few. The Vintners Kitchen makes



AMR Farms of Jefferson selling pints and flats of raspberries, blueberries, Marionberries and strawberries to the many families who came out for the festival.

berry jams with Oregon Wines. Stalbush Island Farms of Corvallis was there sampling their frozen berries, and Willamette Valley Confectionery had gourmet jelly candy hearts made out of Oregon berries.

The Marionberry is a bright, glossy blackberry with medium to large fruit, somewhat longer than wide. It is special to the area because it is named after the county in which it was developed, and 90% of the world's Marionberries are grown near Salem, Oregon.

Marionberries ripen through spring and early summer, reaching their peak during July. They are usually hand-picked early in the day. Nearly 900 Oregon growers work with about 20 Oregon processors to ensure that

the delicate berries are packed fresh within hours of harvest. Oregon's 1995 Marionberry crop was more than 12,300 tons. Health-minded consumers find them a nutritional bargain. Just 65-80 calories per cup, they are high in vitamins and fiber, yet low in sodium and fat.

"What a great way to showcase Oregon Agriculture to urban families. Many of which could be seen visiting the booths with their children, who had berries smeared all over their happy little faces. And, as a sponsor, our logo was on everything from the website and posters to the Blueberry Stage and Festival t-shirts."

- Arwen McGilvra
OWA Corresponding Secretary
-Marionberry Source:
Oregon AITC

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Mark your Calendar

- ♦ Oregon State Fair August 24th - September 3rd Salem
- ♦ Mount Angel Oktoberfest September 13 -16 Mount Angel
- ♦ AgriBusiness Council "Down to Earth" Film Festival October 5, Oaks Amusement Park Portland
- ♦ AITC Annual Auction October 27th Linn County Expo Center, Albany

President's Corner

I am not sure where the month of July went but it's gone. Harvest is plugging along weather permitting and the forecast looks promising for a strong finish.

I am thankful for technology this summer. While I have spent a good majority of my time in the field in my windrower & tractor and I have still been able to receive email & other communications about my outside work activities. However, I can't always guarantee my mental capacity for the day but at least I have tried to keep up.

Prior to harvest, in the beginning of June, I attended American AgriWomen Fly-in in Washington DC. This was my first time to the nation's Capitol and words cannot describe how awesome it was. I acknowledge that things in the beltway do not always seem kosher and we may not agree with decisions made there. However the history of our country to experience & the idea of what could happen there is pretty amazing.

We had a full agenda that included visits to the Brazillian Embassy, Department of Labor, Department of Agriculture and of course The Hill. We listened to a plethora of speakers who offered a fire hose worth of knowledge & information. The most important part of the trip to me was visiting our congressman. We can fill ourselves with all the knowledge in the world but if we do not share our knowledge with the people who make the decisions then it is pointless.

I visited Senator Merkley's office one morning a constituent coffee he hosts. While the staff and the Senator himself didn't necessarily agree wholly with my opinion about the federal death tax. It opened a dialogue and even if he doesn't vote the way I would like him to at least I tried. I strongly encourage everyone else to try and it doesn't have to be on national level, try with your city council first or even your neighbor.

Speaking about the Death Tax, in November Oregonians will get a chance to eliminate our state inheritance tax like 31 other states have done since 2001. You all should be proud of yourself, the volunteer grassroots effort definitely made a huge impact on petitions. The validity of signatures was over 80% which is high in the term of "petition speak". Now comes the real work, informing Oregon voters the impact of the death tax on family farmers and small business. Stay tuned.

~Marie Bowers, OWA President



From the Editor

The 2012 Summer Olympics is taking place in London this month. In my youth, I dreamed of being an Olympic swimmer. I thrived for that feat. I was a local champion swimmer breaking records, winning blue ribbons, gold medals and trophies. Although I did not go on to live my dream of being an Olympian, I attribute my experience as the root of my successes today.

The agony of defeat, the triumph of winning. A motto we live by not only in sports competition, but also in farm production. There is always an obstacle or burden from either mother nature or mechanically; a bad or good market; a challenge of rules and regulations. We all strive for a strong finish!

Our fellow farmers are suffering a tremendous drought in the Midwest. Corn crops are unproductive, water supplies are short. Here in the west we've suffered from wildfires. Colorado being one of the worst, but closer to home the Long Draw and Miller Homestead fires here in Oregon have devastated cattle ranchers and the loss of their range. Even closer to my home, a local wildfire burns. We remain confident that officials will suppress the fire from burning our range lands.

During harvest season, it's important that motorists are aware of farm machinery driving on roadways. Your OWA public relations team has aired radio ads and submitted new releases this season conveying this message. Signs have been placed in communities reminding drivers to drive carefully. Just the other day, I learned of another accident involving farm machinery. Discuss with your chapters on how you can help get the word out to reduce accidents at risk. There are many ways to communicate, from signage, to radio and TV ads, writing news releases to your local media, writing letters to legislators.

Have a safe and winning season! *~~Jana Kittredge*



*Crowd cheers on pedal tractor competition at the 2012 Linn County fair. Enjoy your county fairs!
Photo by Kristi Miller, LBWA*

Around the State

LINN/BENTON - Hope your summer harvest is going well. Besides harvest L/B has been involved with 4H and FFA groups at the local fairs. We once again provided brooms with plaques for herdsmanship with nine animal categories for the Benton County Fair. For the Linn County Fair, we provided money for their live auction and \$125. scholarship award to the outstanding 4-H Youth. This year's recipient was Victoria Morrow. She plans to attend OSU next year entering the Exercise and Sports Science degree program with dual enrollment at Linn Benton Community College and her goal is to go into the Physical Therapy field. We also had a booth at the Linn County Fair showcasing a "Farmer's Market".



Our July meeting ended with our own "Antique Roadshow". Becky Miller appraised historical items that members brought. We learned how Roy Roger's toys hold their value quite well and to be careful of "Made in China" look-a-like antique dishes etc. Our August 14th meeting is at noon at Elmer's Restaurant in Albany in their community room with invited guests attending again.



A big thank-you goes to the Coon Family for taking on the job of cleaning/repairing the "Grass Seed Capital of the World" signs along I-5.

Pam Toews and I are working on a Power Point presentation for a future Points for Profit meeting. Each month they showcase a different non-profit organization and we are ready to tell our story with a short slideshow that shows many of the community service projects L/B is involved with.



Have a great rest of the summer!

-Kristi Miller, President, Linn/Benton

MARION/CLACKAMAS - Our county chapter does not meet in July or August. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th at 12 noon at Farm Credit Services, Conference Room, 650 Hawthorne Ave. SE Suit 210, Salem. Bring your own lunch.

We are planning a Fundraiser for Sunday, October 28th in Sublimity, "Harvest Breakfast". See next issue of the Cultivator for details.

State Fair volunteers are needed to work our booth, Please sign up on the OWA website. (www.owaonline.org)

I must say in my recent travels to central California and back home to Sublimity, I was once again amazed by all the hustle and bustle of the harvesting going on. What a beautiful sight knowing that we all are working for the same thing..... "feeding America" in one way or another!

I encourage everyone to be watchful for all the machinery on the roads right now. Please drive safe!

Happy & Safe Harvest,

-Kimberly Zuber, President, Marion/Clackamas

Pictured from top, counter clockwise on this page: Linn/Benton activities-

Kristi Miller poses with scholarship winner Victoria Morrow; L/B Fair Booth; Lori Boshart shows Becky Miller her beaded vintage purse; Betty Jo Smith plays her Roy Rogers harmonica; Broom herdsmanship awards. Photos submitted by Kristi Miller



Around the State

POLK - PCWA is again sponsoring a livestock buyers fund for the Polk County Fair Youth Livestock Auction August 11. Individuals and businesses that want to support local 4-H and FFA members at the Auction without purchasing a whole animal, can contribute into this pool and the funds are used to purchase animals. We are having a brief membership meeting during the Livestock Buyers Dinner prior to the Auction.

PCWA and Polk County Farm Bureau are sponsoring an ad on farm vehicle safety that appears prior to the movies at the Independence Cinema. This ad runs through September and we plan to develop new ads to play each month for the rest of the year. (see photo below.)

The Independence Hop and Heritage Festival is September 29 and PCWA will again have a booth. Our focus this year will be on grain and we're planning on simple activities and having vegetables to sell.

The big project coming up is the Oregon Women for Agriculture Convention, March 7-9, 2013 at Salishan, Glenden Beach. PCWA is in charge and we're getting plans and committees lined up. Put it on your calendar and come join in the fun.

PCWA meets at noon on the second Monday of the month and have been alternating between local restaurants including Rock-N-Rogers at Eola Inn on Highway 22.

Don't forget to "like us" on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/PolkCountyWomenforAg

Follow us on twitter @PolkCoWomen4Ag

**-Carol Marx
President, Polk**

YCWA Member Donates Fresh Beans to Oregon Food Banks



Yamhill County Women for Agriculture member Helle Ruddenklau and her husband, Bruce donated 2,500 pounds of fresh green beans during their recent harvest to YCAP, the Yamhill County Food Bank. They had a good bean crop and felt it was something they could do as farmers to help out the Oregon families that are struggling to put enough food on the table - especially healthy fresh vegetables like that. They will keep half within the county and send half to the Oregon Food Bank. Helle has wanted to do this for a while, but until now the food banks didn't have the facilities to be able to handle it.

She took their farm truck down to the field where they were harvesting (Ruddenklaus grow for National Frozen Foods, and they do the pick and haul), and they just pulled over one of their pickers and dumped about 1/4 of a tubful in the truck which Helle then took to McMinnville.

OWA knows those families in need will really appreciate your efforts! Great job!

Apply to Attend AAW Annual Meeting in Denver!

The American Agri Women convention is four months away. Oregon Women for Agriculture still has \$3,000 in our travel budget. That money is for you! Members are encouraged to apply for travel assistance to the 2012 AAW convention in Denver, CO. You think our members are awesome, wait til you're in a room filled with people just like us from across the nation!

Please apply before the September state board meeting. Apply by sending a paragraph to Marie Bowers, requesting the amount and a paragraph of what you hope to gain by attending. If you have any questions or hesitations please call or email Marie. Contact information on page 7.



Pictured is the ad Polk county will play in the theater 2 times for 30 seconds each before every movie at the Independence Cinema.

2012 Summer Ag Institute

It's amazing that 24 teachers from all over Oregon can come together for a week of SAI and leave with a greater appreciation of Oregon Agriculture. 2012 Summer Agriculture Institute Session #1 was a great success. With a full class and even through rain showers those attending were eager to learn, ask great questions and discuss the tough issues that face Oregon Agriculture. The teachers earn 3 grad credits.

Education and farm visits included an overview of Oregon agriculture; OSU-Land Grant University; wheat production; process of wheat to flour to bread in which the teachers sample fresh baked bread made with different varieties of Oregon wheat. Tami Kerr, Executive Director, Oregon AITC presented classroom activities utilizing agriculture. She informed the teachers of all the resources available for using agriculture as a context for teaching the Academic Standards.

Other activities included tours of Crop Production Services, Tangent, with Bob Schroeder discussing chemicals, fertilizers and high tech agriculture. He starts by showing samples of wheat with wilt, how it effects production and the cost to farmers to remove wilt. Onward to Mid Valley Farms with James Cassidy (aka Mr Soil), OSU Soils Instructor meeting us at the soil pit. Everyone enjoyed his energetic presentation about the Willamette Valley soil. Inside the pit he shows the layers of soil and discusses how they have evolved over time.

Other visits were to Mid Valley grass seed farm where Ryan Glaser shared with the group about the equipment, seed cleaning facility and seed distributing facility at their farm. Since the Glaser's market their own seed, each teacher received a small sack of grass seed. The teachers found that not only do farmers need to be good business people but also good mechanics, scientists, geneticists, and have an understanding of global markets.

Other topics covered were Weather and Climate; Agri-Industries, Tim and Terrill Winn shared diversified crop rotations of row crops and specialty seeds that benefit the soil; Wetland Restoration Program Tour at Gilmour Family Farm; Organic Agriculture/Fresh Market Vegetables; Lochmead Milk Processing Plant in Junction City; Sheep Shearing demonstrations; Mint Production; Golf Course Turf Management and more.

On the final night, the Appreciation Dinner is held and all the people that give to make SAI happen are recognized. Oregon Women for Agriculture is a major supporter of Summer Ag Institute, the funding from OWA's state and county chapters help cover the expense of running the program.

OWA members, Tami Kerr, Dona Coon and Liz VanLeeuwen help support SAI by serving on the board. OWA members, Dona Coon, Helle Ruddenklau, Liz VanLeeuwen, Gail Dettwyler and Nancy Sweeney are host families for the teachers attending. If you are interested in being a host family next year, please contact Debbie Crocker. It's a great way to share the truth behind Oregon Agriculture. A special thank you to OWA for your support!

*-Debbie Crocker, SAI Project Coordinator Session 1
(541)847-5257 or dcrocker@99webstreet.com*

"A HUGE THANK YOU to Oregon Women for Agriculture for your generous donations to the Summer Agriculture Institute. We had a great time in Session 2 with lots of positive feedback from our teachers Friday at the appreciation dinner. I'll be putting together a new video to hear what they had to say about SAI. Check us out on Facebook for more photos and our other videos! (<https://www.facebook.com/OregonSAI2?ref=hl>)

Sincerely, Jana Lee Dick

SAI Project Coordinator Session 2

Photo below: Teachers visit wheat field trials in the Grande Ronde Valley. Photo by Elizabeth Wong



Photo below: Host family member Jason Beck explains to teacher, Orissa Burghard about weed problems on rangelands high about the Grande Ronde Valley. Photo by Lynn Ketchum



Did you Know...?

OWA State Board Upcoming Meetings!

The August 17th state board meeting hosted by Polk County will be held at **Rock-n-Rogers Eola Inn, 4250 Salem-Dallas Hwy (Highway 22), Salem.** From downtown Salem take the Marion Street Bridge onto Hwy 22 towards Dallas/Ocean Beaches. Continue west 4 miles and Rock-N-Rogers will be on the left overlooking the Willamette River. From Rickreall take Hwy 22 towards Salem. Continue east 6.1 miles and Rock-N-Rogers will be on the right, still overlooking the Willamette River. **Note: August meeting will be an early meeting held 7:00am- 9:00am at Rock-n-Rogers Eola Inn, Salem.**

The September 21st state board meeting hosted by Yamhill County will be held at **Fisher Farm & Lawn, McMinnville.** If coming from Lane, Linn or Benton Counties on 99W, go north through Corvallis, Monmouth, Rickreall and Amity. Fisher is located on the right side of Highway 99W at the edge of McMinnville just before Rice Furniture and the on-ramp to Highway 18. If coming from the Salem area, go across the bridge to West Salem and follow the signs to Dallas/Rickreall/Monmouth/Corvallis. Exit north on to Highway 99W at Rickreall. Go through Amity to the edge of McMinnville. **Phone: 503-472-5184.**

Please note the upcoming 2012 State Board meeting schedule. All meetings will be held on the 3rd Friday of the month, 9am-noon and locations will be announced.

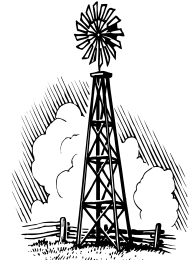
August 17, 2012 - Polk; this meeting is 7am - 9am

September 21, 2012 - Yamhill

October 19, 2012 - Linn/Benton

November 16, 2012 - Lane

December 14, 2012 - TBD



Sign Up Now and Volunteer to Clean up Oregon!



Volunteer for the SOLVE Beach and Riverside Cleanup presented by the Oregon Lottery on September 22nd to pick up trash and enhance watershed health at over 100 sites across Oregon before the fall rains wash litter downhill into storm drains, waterways and out to sea. By preventing trash from reaching the ocean, you are sending a gift of clean water, healthy people, and abundant wildlife downstream. Get your OWA chapters involved! Find more information <http://www.solve.org/what-we-do/solve-beach-and-riverside-cleanup>

SOLVE is a non-profit organization that brings together proud Oregonians to improve the environment and to build a legacy of stewardship. By making connections between individuals, business groups, and service and conservation groups through volunteering and education, we are building a stronger tomorrow for this place we all love. This place that, let's face it, is pretty much the biggest reason why we came (or stayed) here in the first place. We'll take care of it, together.

SIGN UP NOW!

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF
VOLUNTEERS FOR THE OREGON
STATE FAIR OWA BOOTH!

August 24th-September 3rd
shifts are 10am-2pm; 2pm-6pm; 6pm-10pm

State Fair sign-ups online now!
Now featuring auto-save. Just enter
your name and phone number into
the slot for the date(s)/time(s) you'd
like to volunteer, and your
information will automatically be
added to the system. Our goal is to
have 3 volunteers per shift for
OWA's booth. Sign-up for as many
shifts as you like, and help us
with our biggest
public outreach of the year.

Free parking, Free admission
for volunteers!

Go to: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0ArM1dR0vprhddEhE0U56N1dIRORfeXF>

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OWA defines a family farm as: a form of business enterprise in which the entrepreneurial decisions are made by a family engaged in the production of food, feed, fiber, fuel, forest products and/or flora for profit, which provides a major source of income and capital for reinvestment.

OWA Goals:

- To educate the membership and public about the importance of agriculture to the economy and to the environment.
- To unite all phases of agriculture having mutual concerns.
- To improve the image of agriculture.
- To do everything possible to see that agricultural interests are heard and dealt with fairly.
- To support and encourage research that benefits agriculture.

CHAPTER MEETING DATES
AND INFORMATION

- **Central Oregon: 1st Monday, Noon @ NW Farm Credit Services, Redmond**
(every other month: Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec)
President: Jessica Hanna 541.504.3507
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- **Lane: Tues after State Board, 10am**
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- **Linn-Benton: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm**
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- **Marion/Clackamas: 2nd Monday, Noon @ NW Farm Credit Services, Salem (N. of Costco). We do not meet July and August.**
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- **Polk: 2nd Monday, Noon @ area restaurants**
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- **Yamhill: 4th Tuesday, 7pm @ 1st Federal Savings**
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- **Hood River: 2nd Thursday, 6pm @ Grace Su's Restaurant**
President: Jenny Copper
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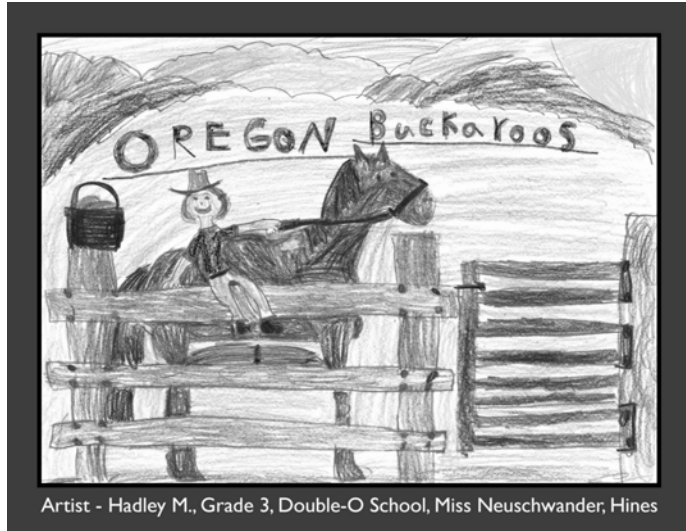
Ad space is available at \$75. per business card per year. Please ask at the places where you do business (or others) if they would be interested in supporting Oregon Women for Agriculture by buying an ad for their business. Please contact the Editor.

To join OWA, please mail application and dues to the address below. Dues are \$45. per year for membership in OWA, AAW and your county chapter, or as an at-large member (where we don't have county chapters). See membership form in this issue.

Mail correspondence to:

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Ag in the Classroom Creates Calendar for 2012-13 School Year!



Please join us for our calendar reception on Sunday, August 26 at 1 pm in the Jackman-Long Building at the state fairgrounds in Salem. Come and meet the talented young people that created the amazing artwork featured in the 2012-13 calendar.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our annual dinner and auction on October 27. Individual tickets are \$35 and tables of eight are available for \$250.

Thanks to the 583 literacy volunteers that read to more than 15,500 students in 31 counties across the state. We greatly appreciate your continued support and participation of the 5th Annual Literacy Project, we couldn't do it without you! The literacy project is a favorite of the AITC staff. We are so pleased to offer quality presentations to teachers across the state. The best part of the presentation is sharing your personal connection to agriculture. We have received great feedback from teachers about the pictures, various props and stories you have shared with their students. High School FFA students and OWA members are the leading partners for the project. We have also had great participation from the dairy industry, OSU Extension, 4-H Ambassadors and Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers. Oregon Women for Agriculture has been a sponsor of the project each year; other sponsors include The NORPAC Foundation, Citizens Bank and the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences.

**-Tami Kerr, Executive Director
Oregon AITC Foundation, 541-737-8629**



Social Media Spot Light:

Recently on Monday's we've been playing a "Can you name the Oregon crop?" game with our Facebook fans. See how you do. Answers on bottom of page.

Can you name these Oregon crops?



Answers: From top left- Peppermint; Triticale; Rye Grass Seed; Hazelnuts

If you'd like to include a photo to share, send to OWA Corresponding Secretary. Contact information Page 7.

Capital Press Offers

FREE Advertising to OWA Members!

Using the Coupon Code "TRYONLYAG" Oregon Woman for Agriculture members and their spouses can place ads on OnlyAg.com completely free of charge for a limited time. The value of the free ad is \$19.95. Only Ag is a National agriculture marketplace and classified advertising website whose contributing partners are amongst the most recognized agricultural publications in the US. **Find what you want, sell what you don't!** OnlyAg.com is a joint project of major ag publications in the US including **Capital Press, Lancaster Farming, Farm World, and High Plains Journal.**

Place your classified ad today! Categories are and not limited to help wanted; hay for sale; equipment or vehicles for sale and so on. Again, this offer is for a limited time only. Go to OnlyAg.com to place your ad, enter coupon code "TRYONLYAG."

Ads courtesy of Capital Press

Preventing Skin Cancer Update

In July, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) created new rules for sunscreen labeling. The question has been UVA vs. UVB. These are both the ultra violet rays of the sun. UVA penetrate the skin more deeply, causing wrinkles; UVB are the type that burn the skin. Both are cancer causing sun rays.

New FDA rules include that if a sunscreen product isn't "broad spectrum" (protecting against both UVA and UVB), it will have a written warning label. "Waterproof" has been replaced by "water resistant." And, telling the consumer how often the product needs to be re-applied.

Adequate application is necessary. You should apply a shotglass full every two hours. But most of us only apply about a third of that, reducing the effectiveness of a sunscreen of SPF 30 to that of SPF 10.

Sunscreens are labeled by SPF numbers (Sun Protection Factor). To figure out how long you are safe from the sun (at least the UVB rays) do the math. Take the number of SPF and multiply it by 10. That is the time that if you were under *perfect* conditions, you'd be safe from the sun's rays. For example: SPF 30 x 10 = 300 minutes of sun protection.

What does SPF (Sun Protection Factor) mean? The number is determined scientifically indoors by exposing people to a light spectrum imitating noontime sun. Some wear sunscreen and others do not. The amount of light that produces "sunburn" or redness in sunscreen-protected skin, divided by the amount of light that creates redness in unprotected skin is the SPF. It is a measure of UVB protection and ranges from 1 to 45 or above.

A sunscreen with an SPF of 15 filters 92% of the UVB, meaning a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 delays the onset of a sunburn in a person who unprotected can burn in 10 minutes; with sunscreen applied, to burn in 150 minutes. Thus, the SPF 15 sunscreen allows a person to stay out in the sun 15 times longer before burning.

There is currently no uniform measure of UVA absorption. There are broad-spectrum sunscreens that protect against UVA and UVB radiation although it is important to remember that the SPF does not predict UVA protection. The [UV Index](#) is a public health education tool reported by meteorologists in 58 U.S. cities. It offers a daily report of UV light levels on a scale from 1-10+.

The "protectiveness" of clothing can also be measured by SPF. The following are SPF's of various types of clothing:

Nylon Stockings - SPF 2

Hats - SPF 3-6

Summer-weight clothing - SPF 6.5

Sun-protective clothing - up to SPF 30

Source:

<http://dermatology.about.com/cs/skincareproducts/a/spf.htm>

OREGON is victim to Wildfires

July brought on many out of control wildfires in Oregon. Particularly the Long Draw fire east of Burns and the Miller Homestead fire in Frenchglen, southeast of Burns burning in total nearly 720,000 acres. Ranchers will suffer from this loss of rangeland resources. They not only lost current grazing but will not be able to use the lands for several years. Ranchers not only lost their feed resources but also cattle. Many were burned in the fire.

Many question if there's a way to prevent such loss of precious resources in the future. It is important that we contact our legislators and emphasize how costly these fires that burn out of control are. Not only from a taxpayer standpoint, but from a business perspective, and the economic impact on all involved. We see such waste that goes on in some wildfire incidents. Can't they use the many resources available to douse a strike and put it out?

One farmer said, "The government mismanagement of public lands has inadvertently led to animal abuse with cattle burned, put down and lack of feed. With feed costs rising due to the Midwest drought this season, let's hope Eastern Oregon ranchers can make it through."

A resident of Harney county stated, "We have contacted all of our reps, from County, to State, to Federal. They all stand behind the BLM, as does the Oregon Cattlemen. This is all politics. Our County commissioners are controlled by the half of the population that lives here and works for the federal government. There needs to be a federal investigation. Interagency and BLM Fire has a license to kill cattle and people and burn property. We believe that this has happened all over the west, is responsible for the 3000 homes burning in Colorado, the historic fire east of us between Burns Junction and McDermitt. A backfire is not a fire that is started four or more miles from the actual wildfire. These are deliberate ignitions and sometimes reignitions when a fire has all but gone out. If private citizens did what they have done here, we would be sitting in jail for arson and reckless endangerment. So frustrated about it, but not finding any tools yet to get an investigation launched. Senators, etc., don't want to touch it because of the farm bill, or the catastrophic wildfire bill, neither of which are actually going to provide anyone with any relief. The small operators will continue to be put at jeopardy, and the large corporations will continue to buy them up and eventually agriculture will be just like the oil industry. Nobody will be able to afford food then. It is so frustrating because there is no accountability either financially or criminally, and I do believe that what they have done here is criminal. Maybe calling local radio talk shows and giving the issue attention from another fire would keep it on the air."

-Frustrated Farmers & Ranchers

DEQ Proposes NPDES General Permit for Pesticide Use in Irrigation Systems

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing to issue a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Pesticide Use in Irrigation Systems, and is now accepting public comments on this proposed permit. The NPDES permit is required under the U.S. Clean Water Act for the purpose of protecting water quality.

This permit applies to individuals or entities that operate irrigation systems in which pesticide applications for controlling weeds and/or algae are made directly into the water or within three feet of the water's edge. This includes (1) irrigation districts formed under ORS 545; (2) entities previously covered by NPDES individual permits for the application of pesticides in irrigation systems; and (3) other entities that own or operate irrigation systems (e.g., cooperatives, companies, landowners) in which pesticide applications are made to more than 20 acres of surface area or 20 linear miles in a calendar year.

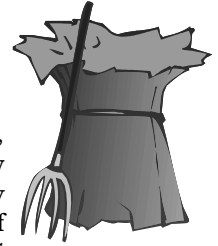
The full text of the proposed permit can be found here: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/docs/general/npdes2000j/Proposed2000jPermit.pdf>

DEQ will accept public comments through 5 pm, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012. Public hearings will be held in August in Ontario, Hermiston and Medford.

For more information and to view the public notice or other related documents, please visit DEQ's web page: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/pesticides.htm>

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