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### **CBVSA Supports Honey Bee Research**

The Columbia Basin Vegetable Seed Association (CBVSA) Board of Directors will make a \$5,000 donation to the Bee Research Program at Washington State University. This donation will support honey bee diagnostic services that help to keep hives healthy by monitoring them regularly. If you are a vegetable seed grower who relies on honey bees for pollination, please consider making a private donation. Donations can be sent to the following address. Make checks payable to: WSU Bee Research.

WSU Bee Research  
c/o: Eric Olson  
93 Camfield Rd.  
Yakima, WA 98908

### **WSU Budget Reduction Scenarios – Indicate Disproportionate Cuts to WSU Extension**

Washington is facing unprecedented budget deficits, and funding to the state's universities will be significantly reduced. WSU administrators have been asked to develop a plan for a 12% and 18% cut in state funding for the 2009-2011 biennium. On February 10, 2009, WSU Provost Warwick Bayly addressed the Washington State Senate Higher Education Committee regarding the budget reduction scenarios. In these scenarios, Provost Bayly explicitly indicated that WSU would plan to cut "public service" programs dramatically; the 12% WSU budget reduction scenario would result in a 49% cut to "public services", and an 18% reduction scenario would result in a 75% cut to "public services". These "public services" include agricultural outreach programs and the many other programs offered through WSU Extension. If the level of reduction as presented by the Provost on behalf of WSU President Floyd were to be implemented, the impact would be broad and deep, affecting Washington residents in every part of the state, in every one of our applied research and educational programs. Cuts of this magnitude will result in the closure of many County Extension Offices, Learning Centers, and Extension projects state-wide.

**Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Grant and Adams Counties. Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local extension office.**

## **CBVSA Supports WA Friends of Farms & Forests**

The CBVSA Board of Directors will contribute \$1,500 to the Washington Friends of Farms & Forests. This is an organization that “actively engages in a variety of outreach activities to increase awareness and understanding of the critical roles that plant protection and fertilizer products play in the economy, the environment and everyday life”. Members include agricultural producers and organizations, timber producers, agricultural suppliers and urban applicators. Washington Friends of Farms and Forests represent member’s interests in front of the Washington State Legislature and regulatory agencies. Visit their website at: <http://www.wafriends.org>, or call (360) 705-2040 to learn more.

## **Irrigation Water Management Cost-Share Program – Grant County**

The Grant Conservation District is taking applications for enrollment in an Irrigation Water Management Cost-Share Program. The deadline to enroll is February 27, 2009. All landowners and operators within Grant County are eligible to participate (*except* for users of gravity systems, such as siphon tube irrigation). The program pays a rate of \$7.60 per acre for real-time irrigation water management, and \$4.50 per acre for standard irrigation water management. Participants must do the following... 1) Install at least one soil moisture monitoring probe per field. 2) Provide a graph for each field of documented soil moisture readings for the entire season. 3) Report total precipitation (rain and irrigation) in acre-inches for each field at season end. 4) Document daily evapotranspiration for the field throughout the irrigation season (see WSU’s AgWeatherNet site: <http://www.weather.wsu.edu>). Provide documentation of projected, scheduled irrigation recommendations throughout the season. 5) Provide a detailed field map. And 6) complete a “Farmer Datasheet” for each field. For more information contact the Grant Conservation District at (509) 754-2463 ext. 1134.

## **Recent Product Registration for Vegetable Seed Crops**

The WSDA has issued a new, Special Local Needs (SLN) Registration for Zeal Miticide (Jan. 20, 2009). SLN WA-090001 provides for the use of Zeal Miticide to control two-spotted spider mites on carrots grown for seed only. Zeal Miticide (etoxazole) is a product of Valent. The label recommends application when mite populations are low, because it is predominately an ovicide/larvicide and should be used early in the life cycle of mites.

*Disclaimer: This information is neither a recommendation nor an endorsement by Washington State University. It is your responsibility to check the label before using the product to ensure lawful use and obtain all necessary permits in advance.*

Sincerely,



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If you have any questions or comments, do not wish to receive this newsletter, or would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail contact me at... (509) 754-2011 ext. 413 or [cwohleb@wsu.edu](mailto:cwohleb@wsu.edu)