

# IDAHO BARLEY NEWS BRIEF

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## Preview of 2013 Idaho Legislative Session

**WE PREVIEW THE 2013 IDAHO LEGISLATIVE SESSION** with five Idaho barley producer / legislators who will be traveling to Boise in early January to kick-off the new session. These include 7th term Representative Dell Raybould, Rexburg; 3rd term Representative Marc Gibbs, Grace; 1st term Senator Jim Patrick, Twin Falls (previously served three terms in House); 1st term Representative Clark Kauffman (former Idaho Barley Commissioner), Filer; and 1st term Representative Steve Miller, Fairfield.



### What will be the big issues in 2013?

- ◆ **Health care exchange** — Governor Otter has opted to create a state run health exchange under the Affordable Health Care Act but it must be approved and funded by the Idaho Legislature.
- ◆ **Education reform**—The three major pieces of education reform known as the Luna laws were rejected by Idaho voters in November so now the Legislature must decide the fate of the lap top funding approved last year and what, if any provisions, they want to try and rework this session.
- ◆ **General fund budget and elimination of business personal property taxes.** All of them believe this business tax is unfair but acknowledge it might be tough to replace the lost revenues
- ◆ **Snake River water recharge** – there will likely be legislation in the 2013 session to address who controls and manages recharge efforts on the Snake River Aquifer (Idaho State Water Board versus private irrigation districts) .

*We will preview agricultural issues with Dar Olberding, Idaho Grain Producers Association, in next month's issue.* more on page 2

## Don't Miss the 2013 University of Idaho Extension Cereal Schools

### NORTH

**January 29** - Greencreek Community Hall (8:00 a.m.)

**January 30** - Lewiston Community Center, 1424 Main Street (8:00 a.m.)

**January 31** - Bonners Ferry, Memorial Hall at Boundary County fairgrounds (8:00 a.m.)

### SOUTHERN / EASTERN

**Feb. 5** - Burley Inn, Burley (8:30 a.m.)

**Feb. 6** - Pocatello Ramada Inn (9:00 a.m.)

**Feb. 7** - Idaho Falls Red Lion (9:00 a.m.)

**Feb. 7** - St. Anthony Relay Station Restaurant (9:00 a.m.)

**Feb. 8** - Preston Robinson Bldg (9:00 a.m.)



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### **Do you think the state revenue picture will improve sufficiently to begin restoring funding to the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences' Research & Extension budget?**

Background: After taking \$5.7 million in cuts in FY 2010-12, the Idaho Legislature was able to give CALS Research and Extension a 4.6% increase in state appropriations in FY 2013 (\$720,100 in employee compensation and \$325,000 in one-time capital outlay). CALS has asked for a \$1 million enhancement in operating and maintenance for FY 2014.

The consensus among the legislators was that the Idaho tax revenue picture remains "very cautious" with some categories of tax collections falling behind projections mid-year FY 2013. The good news is that our farmer legislators clearly recognize the great value that agricultural research brings to our industry and the public so restoring these lost funds will be a high priority for them if revenue projections allow.

# Management Mondays

## Professional Development for Professional Farmers

**Time:** 9 am—Noon for RightRisk Workshop and Grain Marketing 2013  
8:30 am—4 pm for Art Barnaby: Risk-Assessed Marketing (includes lunch)

**Location:** Red Lion Hotel Conference Center, Lewiston, Idaho

**Cost:** No charge for RightRisk or Grain Marketing. \$25/person for Art Barnaby.

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*Monday, January 28*

**RightRisk workshop** – Colorado State University ag economists will present a RightRisk simulation program known as *Mountain View Farms*, which was created specifically for an Idaho barley, wheat and livestock enterprise. Participants will make various production and marketing decisions during a set period of time and then evaluate and discuss the outcome

*Monday, February 11* **Grain Marketing 2013**

**Marketing Grain 2013** – Industry and University market analysts will guide you with current information and outlooks for the 2013 grain marketing year.

*Monday, February 25* **Art Barnaby: Risk-Assessed Marketing**

Risk-Assessed Grain Marketing: Integrating new 2012 Farm Programs, Grain Marketing & Crop Insurance into a Comprehensive Risk Management Strategy presented by Kansas State University agricultural economist Art Barnaby.

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