

IDAHO BARLEY NEWS BRIEF

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Idaho Barley Com- mission celebrates 25 Years of Service to Idaho barley producers !

The Idaho Barley Commission was created in July 1988 and will mark its 25th anniversary with year-long activities celebrating Idaho barley growers and our state's high quality barley production. Idaho is projected to be the largest barley producing state in 2013.



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Summer 2013 Grain Field Days

JUNE 18 Tammany: UI Cereals Extension Field Day

WHERE: Henriksen Farm, 2810 Powers Ave Powers Ave, Lewiston

WHEN: 8:00 AM

CONTACT: Nez Perce County Extension, Doug Finkelburg, 208-799-3096, dougf@uidaho.edu

25 Craigmont: UI Prairie Area Crop and Conservation Tour

WHERE: starting in Craigmont Community Center

WHEN: 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM, breakfast provided

CONTACT: Ken Hart, (208-937-2311) khart@uidaho.edu

25 Kimberly: UI Snake River Pest Management Tour,

WHERE: Kimberly R & E Center

WHEN: 8:30 a.m., lunch provided.

CONTACT: Don Morishita, (208-423-6616), don@uidaho.edu

26 Rupert: UI Cereals Extension Field Day

WHERE: 700 E. 600 N.

WHEN: registration at 9:30 AM. Lunch is provided.

CONTACTS: Joel Packham, (208-878-9461) jpackham@uidaho.edu; Juliet Marshall, (208-390-4859), juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu

26 Bonners Ferry: UI Cereals Extension Field Day

WHERE: Tim Dillin's farm

WHEN: 10 AM to Noon, lunch provided

CONTACTS: Tim Dillin (208) 290-3773 tdillin@hotmail.com; Doug Finkelburg dougf@uidaho.edu

JULY 9 Moscow: UI Parker Farm field day

WHERE: Parker Farm is located 3 miles east of Moscow on the north side of Highway 8

WHEN: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, lunch will be provided

CONTACT: Donn Thill at dthill@uidaho.edu **more on page 4**

Key Provisions of new Farm Bill

The Senate completed consideration of their five-year farm bill , the Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act, S. 954, late Monday afternoon, June 10, approving the bill on a vote of 66-27. The House has yet to schedule floor action on their bill which cleared the Agriculture Committee on May 15. There remains some uncertainty whether they can muster sufficient votes to pass a bill that conservatives think doesn't cut enough spending and liberals think cuts too much from food stamps. **OVERALL COST:** Both five-year bills would cost almost \$100 billion annually, with nearly \$80 billion of that annual total going to domestic food aid. The Senate bill would save about \$2.4 billion yearly from current spending, and the House bill would save almost \$4 billion, including about \$600 million saved in each bill due to across-the-board spending cuts that kicked in earlier this year.

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COMMODITY TITLE -

DIRECT PAYMENTS: Direct payments, which cost the government around \$5 billion annually, would be phased out in both bills, with the savings split between other subsidy programs and deficit reduction. Those subsidies have been controversial because they are paid out every year regardless of crop prices or crop yield. The Senate bill would eliminate the program immediately, while the House bill would phase it out over the next two years for cotton farmers who rely on the program.

PRICE PROTECTION: Both bills would raise "target prices" for some crops. Certain subsidies kick in if prices drop to those targets. Both the House and Senate bills would raise target prices for rice and peanuts. The House bill would raise those target prices higher than the Senate bill would, making it easier for the supports to kick in.

CROP INSURANCE: Both bills would increase subsidies for federally subsidized crop insurance and create a new crop insurance program that covers smaller revenue losses on planted crops. This revenue protection program is more generous in the Senate bill. **The Senate bill also includes two new provisions - it requires conservation compliance and would reduce the premium subsidy by 15% for any producer or entity with an average adjusted gross income in excess of \$750,000.**

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FOOD AID -

Neither bill includes an Obama administration proposal to shift the way food aid is sent abroad. Much of the food aid program now requires shipping U.S.-grown food but the Obama Administration proposed shifting the aid to more flexible accounts, which would allow cash purchases abroad or from U.S. farmers. Both committees have sided with farm groups who want U.S. food to remain part of U.S. Food Aid.

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FOOD STAMPS -

Food stamps, now known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, are considered a critical part of the farm bill to attract urban lawmakers' votes for farm support programs. These nutrition programs are slated for cuts in each bill - the Senate farm bill would reduce spending by \$400 million annually or \$4.1 billion over a 10-year span. The House bill would cut \$2 billion annually or \$20 billion total.

RightRisk Tools Available to Evaluate Your Grain Marketing Strategies



RightRisk offered a series of Grain Marketing Workshops in Lewiston and Bonners Ferry earlier this year and Rexbug, Soda Springs, Greencreek and Genesee in 2012. Topics included current conditions faced by Idaho grain producers and a forecast for the coming year. Dr. Jay Parsons a Risk Management Specialist with Colorado State University and John Hewlett a Ranch/Farm Management Specialist with the University of Wyoming Extension Service presented the workshops in cooperation with Kelly Olson of the Idaho Barley Commission.

Some of the many insurance programs available for transferring risk to a third party (backed by the USDA Risk Management Agency) were discussed in detail. These programs included Yield Protection (YP), Revenue Protection (RP), and Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion for barley and wheat. The Option B Quality Endorsement for Malt Barley insurance was also discussed.

“Revenue Protection insurance could be a very valuable tool for managing market risk over the coming year, where commodity prices will continue to be somewhat volatile,” stated Hewlett. Workshop attendees were able to experience making insurance and marketing decisions on a representative Idaho barley and wheat farm using the recently updated Mountain View Farms scenario from the RightRisk Ag Survivor suite of simulations. The simulation software and subsequent guided exercise allowed the producers in attendance to discuss various strategies and current tools available to help them achieve their risk management goals.

“The simulation helped a lot to see where there are areas to take more/less risks.”
Anonymous Producer, Lewiston, ID.

Another workshop presentation covered the ten-step strategic risk management process available from RightRisk to help guide producers through the on-going process of managing risk. This presentation included an interactive discussion of the human dimension of risk management and the important role it plays in the decision making process.

Links to the Mountain View Farms simulation, workshop handouts, and more are available at <http://Idaho.eRightRisk.com>. Or contact RightRisk directly at Information@eRightRisk.com.

Program sponsors: RightRisk, LLC, the Idaho Barley Commission, University of Idaho Extension, and the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA).



2013 Field Days, continued

JULY

- 11 Blackfoot: General Mills Field Day BY INVITATION ONLY**
CONTACT: Brett Wilken, (208-243-0008), brett.wilken@genmills.com
- 16 Idaho Falls: UI Cereals Extension Field Day with Bonneville County Grain Growers**
WHERE: Idaho Falls, Marc Thiel's on New Sweden Hwy, 2550 S 45th West
WHEN: 4:00 PM, dinner provided.
CONTACTS: Juliet Marshall, (208-390-4859), juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu; Wayne Jones, (208-529-1390), wjones@uidaho.edu; Matt Gellings, (208-206-0126), mjgellings@msn.com;
- 17 Anheuser Busch Grower Appreciation Luncheon BY INVITATION ONLY**
WHEN: 11:30 AM – 1:00PM, lunch provided
CONTACT: Tim Pella, 208-524-1080, timothy.pella@anheuser-busch.com
- 17 InteGrow Malt 3rd Annual Field Day & Malt Plant Tour BY INVITATION ONLY**
WHERE: 5005 South 15th West, Idaho Falls, ID, lunch provided
WHEN: 10:00 AM, lunch provided
CONTACT: John Zietz, 208-528-1457, john_zietz@cargill.com
- 18 Soda Springs: UI Cereals Extension Field Day**
WHERE: Starts at Sid and Janet Cellan's farm
WHEN: 4:00 p.m. dinner provided
CONTACTS: Steve Harrison, (208-547-3205), steveh@uidaho.edu; Juliet Marshall, (208-390-4859), juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu
- 24 Aberdeen Twilight Tour, Open to the General Public**
WHERE: Aberdeen R&E Center
WHEN: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, dinner provided
CONTACT: Kristi Copeland 208-307-4181, kcopelan@uidaho.edu
- 25 Ashton: UI Extension Field Day**
WHERE: Don Marotz's farm 1383 N 4200th E, Ashton, ID
WHEN: 8:30 AM
CONTACTS: Lance Ellis, (208-624-3102), ellis@uidaho.edu; Juliet Marshall, (208-529-8376), juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu;
- 25 Tetonia UI Farm: Barley & Potato Field Day**
WHERE: Tetonia Research Farm, along Hwy 33
WHEN: 12:00 - 2:00 PM, BBQ lunch provided
CONTACTS: Kelly Olson, (208-409-9165), kolson@idahobarley.org, Phil Nolte, (208-529-8376), pnolte@uidaho.edu



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