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Jenson Legislation Protects Family Farms

Legislation by State Representative Bob Jenson (R-Pendleton) has successfully protected the estates of several local farming families and protected the Jim Boyd Hydroelectric project by passing bills through both chambers of the Legislature that will now move to Governor Ted Kulongoski for his signature.

Included in one of the last budget balancing bills of the February session is a Jenson provision that provides tax credits to some 13 Oregon agricultural families that were inadvertently denied lower estate taxes.

Jenson's amendment to the budget bill protects those families from a drafting error that occurred when the Legislature first provided the family farm estate tax cut in 2007 and amended again in 2008.

"This just makes sure these 13 families are treated like everyone else who qualifies for the estate tax relief. It wasn't fair they were left out and I am grateful to my House and Senate colleagues for being willing to fix this unintended inequity in the law," said Jenson.

Jenson's other bill - HB 3602 - was also passed and provides the ability for Umatilla County to transfer ownership rights of the Jim Boyd Hydroelectric Project to a new owner.

The bill's passage ensures that the county can transfer what were expired rights on the facility and will allow new owners to refurbish and eventually re-open the facility that has been shut down since the 1990's.

"Our ability to generate local power and provide local businesses with the opportunity to grow from the ground up will continue to help revitalize our local economy," said Jenson. "This bill allows the county and the new owners to have a fighting chance of getting this facility back up and running, and providing much needed, inexpensive locally-grown energy for our local communities."

House Speaker Dave Hunt (D-Clackamas County) said Jenson's strong advocacy for farmers and rural communities in his district resulted in passage of bi-partisan legislation that clearly benefits residents of House District 58.

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Agriculture Deputy Secretary Merrigan Announces Availability of \$5 Million in Funding for Farmers Market Promotion Program

This year FMPP will emphasize three priorities during the 2010 grant period: (1) focus on the recruitment and retention of new farmers to participate at farmers markets and other direct-to-consumer farm marketing outlets; (2) develop professional expertise for farmers market managers, farmers/vendors, boards and organizations to effectively manage and/or operate farmers markets and other direct marketing enterprises; and (3) improve food access in local, rural and underserved communities to promote the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms.

Since AMS began tracking farmers markets in 1994, the number has grown by nearly 4,000 nationwide. Currently, nearly 5,274 farmers markets operate nationwide, up from 4,685 in 2008, an increase of 13 percent. AMS maintains a comprehensive list of farmers markets, posted online at www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets.

AMS also has developed two new tools for prospective grant applicants. The FMPP Pre-Application Guide for 2010

helps readers assess their readiness for the grant application and implementation process. AMS has also captured its on-site FMPP grant-writing training in a detailed PowerPoint presentation that provides step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the application forms. You can access both tools on the FMPP website at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/FMPP>.



Supreme Court Declines to Review Sixth Circuit Pesticide Case

The Supreme Court declined to review a case that concluded pesticide discharge is a point source of pollution subject to additional regulation and permitting under the Clean Water Act, effectively letting the ruling stand and ending judicial appeals in the case.

The case, National Cotton Council of America v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was decided by the Sixth Circuit Court in January 2009. In effect, the ruling will mean that EPA will almost certainly require producers to obtain

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits or some other type of permits for each and every pesticide application, even if applied within label requirements.

In June, the Sixth Circuit Court ordered a two-year stay of the decision to allow time for EPA and state regulators to implement it properly, but NAWG and other agricultural organizations felt the ruling was wrongly made and requested a rehearing by the entire Sixth Circuit. In August, the Court denied that request for rehearing saying the issues considered were “fully considered”.

Two separate coalitions, led by CropLife America and the American Farm Bureau Federation, later filed petitions for a writ of certiorari from the Supreme Court, asking them to examine the case - a long-shot, since few petitions for cert are accepted each year. The Supreme Court – the court of last resort in the United States – officially denied cert, declining to become involved and letting the Sixth Circuit decision stand.

With judicial options for modifying the Sixth Circuit's ruling now exhausted, agriculture groups will turn their attention to working with the EPA to formulate regulations under the ruling and working with Members of Congress on any possible legislative clarification.

EPA estimates the ruling will affect approximately 365,000 pesticide applicators that perform 5.6 million pesticide applications annually.

Calendar

Statewide Marketing Education Workshop-Polycom Video conference
March 11

Oregon Wheat Foundation Board Meeting
March 15, OWGL Conference Room

Oregon Grains Commission Meeting
March 15, OWGL Conference Room

AgFest
April 24, 25, - Fairgrounds, Salem

SAIF Discount for OWGL Members Sets Record



The OWGL applauds the safety record of our members, which has resulted in a *record-setting SAIF discount rate of 20% for FY2009/2010 for OWGL members!*

As a service to OWGL members, the OWGL is offering a Free Safety poster to post in your shop/workplace. The laminated 11x17 inch posters have room for personalizing with Local Emergency numbers and farm information.

If you haven't yet requested your FREE poster(s), simply call the OWGL office at (541-276-7330) or email Sally at schrist@owgl.org.

A smaller version of the poster is available to print from the OWGL website. For more information on the SAIF Member discount, contact your SAIF representative.



Peterson and Moran Offer Bill to Ease Cuba Trade Constraints

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), Rep. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and 32 additional original co-sponsors introduced a bill to ease trade and trade restrictions with Cuba.

The bill had been anticipated for a number of months, with NAWG and other pro-trade groups urging original co-sponsorship among their constituents' Members.

Travel Restriction Reform and Export Enhancement Act, H.R. 4645, would take a number of steps to enhance trade with the island country, including:

- requiring agricultural exports to Cuba to meet the same payment requirements as exports to other countries;
- requiring payment when the title of the shipment changes hands;
- eliminating a requirement that payments to U.S. agricultural sellers must pass through banks in third countries - a restriction unique to ag products; and
- lifting restrictions on U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba, which would facilitate a closer trading relationship and increase demand for high-quality food.

Since passage of the 2000 Trade Sanctions and Reform Act, U.S. farmers have seen \$4 billion in sales into the Cuban market, but market potential in Cuba is far from maximized due to the trade restrictions.

With no domestic wheat production, Cuba represents substantial potential for U.S. wheat growers. Cuba's 11.4 million people consumed an average of 890,000 MT of wheat per year over the past ten years. NAWG and U.S. Wheat have long supported any effort to ease trade restrictions with Cuba, which cost the U.S. wheat industry an estimated \$40 million per year.

Between introduction and press time, the bill had gained an additional five co-sponsors. NAWG urges wheat producers whose Members have not signed onto the legislation to encourage them to do so.

In related news, the House Agriculture Committee is scheduled to hold

a hearing on March 11 to look at trade with Cuba. That hearing was originally scheduled for Feb. 10 but was postponed due to blizzard conditions in Washington, D.C. Jerry McReynolds, who will then be NAWG president and who has traveled to the island nation for trade purposes, will testify on behalf of NAWG and the wheat industry.

Vilsack Testifies to House Subcommittee on FY2011 Budget

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack testified before the House Appropriations Committee's agriculture subcommittee, answering questions on a range of issues from farm policy to animal identification.

Vilsack told members that USDA's proposed budget would effectively freeze discretionary programs, though

mandatory expenditures for crop insurance and nutrition assistance would increase.

He defended USDA's latest draft proposal of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement, which calls for \$6.9 billion in

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Wheat Industry Mourns Loss of Wheat Breeder, Friend



Mary Verhoeven, co-owner of Peoria Gardens, Inc., passed away peacefully on February 25th after a courageous battle with colon cancer.

Mary was well respected professionally as a wheat breeder for OSU and personally as a gracious and generous wife, mother and friend. She loved to travel, to read, to quilt, to enjoy a good meal and to spend time with family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Members' Corner...

New Member Benefit - Shilo Inns NW



The OWGL has an new affinity program agreement with Shilo Inns of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

OWGL members are now eligible for discounts on this hotel chain at nearly 30 properties across the Pacific Northwest, with room rates as low as \$62 per night plus tax!

Full details are available in the Members Only Section of www.owgl.org, or by contacting the OWGL office at 541-276-7330.

AD&D Benefit Increased for OWGL Members



The Accidental Death/Dismemberment benefit provided by American Income Life Insurance (AIL) to all OWGL members has increased this year from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

A letter will be mailed in the next 30 days to all members outlining the benefit.

Should you have any questions regarding this benefit, please contact the OWGL office, or Lori at AIL at 503-849-5757.



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cuts, versus an original proposal of \$8.4 billion.

He defended the Administration's proposal to reduce the cap on direct payments by 25 percent, from \$40,000 to \$30,000, claiming that it would affect a "very small percentage of farmers".

Vilsack also answered questions on animal ID, food safety, nutrition spending and other proposals.

Subcommittee Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) expressed severe concern about the Department's animal ID proposal and about proposed levels of funding for international food aid programs, which remained flat despite higher food prices and increased numbers of hungry people worldwide.

USDA's budget proposals, released earlier in the month, sounded many familiar themes, but were ultimately a mixed bag, proposing to add some trade development monies and bump up funding for competitive agriculture research while also proposing to cut the cap on direct payments, lower payment eligibility limits, cut Market Access Program (MAP) dollars and reduce conservation spending.

As has been typical, more than 70 percent of the USDA budget under the proposals would go to nutrition programs. With the ongoing financial struggles many families are facing – and projections of more than 40 million people enrolled in SNAP, the food stamp program, in 2010 – that figure is not likely to change regardless of what budget Congress ultimately adopts.

In Letter to Senators, Jackson Sheds Light on Regulation Timing

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson said in a letter this week that her Agency won't regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from stationary sources until 2011 and, when regulation comes, the threshold for it will likely be "substantially higher" than the 25,000

tons of emissions originally proposed.

The letter was sent to Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.), who had written Jackson late last week with seven other Senators to express "serious economic and energy security concerns" with stationary-source GHG regulation.

Jackson laid out a number of timelines in her response.

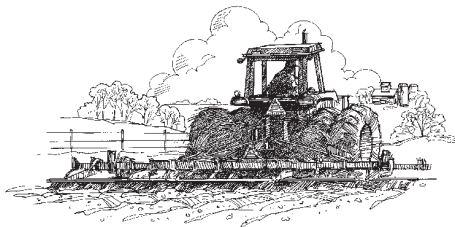
At the end of March, EPA intends to begin issuing GHG standards for light-duty motor vehicles for model years 2012 through 2016, accompanied by Department of Transportation fuel-economy standards.

Regarding stationary sources, she said facilities already applying for Clean Air Act permits for other purposes will need to apply for GHG permits during the first half of 2011, while other large emitters will need to apply starting in the second half of 2011.

And she said EPA does not intend to regulate small stationary sources of emissions until 2016.

Proposed rules regulating emissions from both stationary sources and vehicles emanated from the Supreme Court's 2007 decision in *Massachusetts v. EPA*. In that case, the Court found that if EPA determined certain greenhouse gases endangered public health, they would be subject to regulation under Title V of the Clean Air Act. EPA finalized their determination in December. Actions to block any regulation under the decision have been initiated in both the judicial and legislative branches.

A number of organizations have filed suit in federal court questioning the endangerment process finding and science. In the House of Representatives, Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) and others have offered support for a bill that would block EPA regulation of GHGs and a resolution of disapproval. In the Senate, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) has introduced a resolution that would negate the endangerment finding.



NAWG Comments on Spray-Drift, Urges Growers to Sign Petition

NAWG submitted comments this week on a cluster of guidance documents issued by the Environmental Protection Agency related to spray-drift.

The documents, issued in November, cover labeling requirements, interpretation and restrictions on spray-drift that most in the agriculture community see as not practicable on real-world farm operations.

In part, they would modify the current Worker Protection Standard, which currently prohibits application "in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift" to read "do not apply this product in a manner that results in spray [or dust] drift that could cause an adverse effect to people or any other non-target organism or site".

CropLife says spray-drift occurs when wind gusts unexpectedly blow small droplets of chemical crop protection products into the air and take them away from their anticipated settling points. A variety of technology is employed to prevent this from happening, but it is largely accepted, including by EPA, that some drift will occur during chemical applications.

The November guidance documents would go beyond laws already in place to regulate chemical crop protection products and empower EPA enforcement officials to impose fines on those found in violation.

Effectively, these guidelines would reduce growers' access to crop protection products that protect yields and prevent disease and insect infestation, which is particularly disturbing since production will have to increase by an estimated 70 percent by 2050 to feed the world's growing population.

The comments said, in part, "We strictly oppose removing the scientifically-based standard of risk assessment in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and replacing with it with a speculative, nonscientific and theo-

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retical standard of zero tolerance. Unlike the FIFRA risk standard set and repeatedly confirmed by Congress, EPA's proposed spray drift policy adopts a precautionary principle approach and effectively replaces FIFRA's risk-benefit standard with a new zero-risk standard...

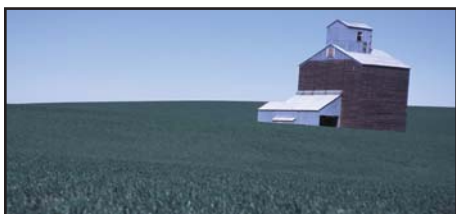
"EPA's enforcement guidance for the new spray drift FIFRA label language would force states to become assessors of theoretical risks, and applicators to risk lawsuits every time they work. State agencies generally do not have the toxicology endpoints or risk assessments at their fingertips to make these decisions. Major private-sector advances have been made in drift-reduction technology including GPS guided shutoff nozzles, low drift spray tips and product formulations, foaming agents and adjuvants."

Concern about the spray-drift restrictions is widespread through the agriculture community, and CropLife America, the crop protection product's trade association, has established an online petition for growers and others to sign regarding the proposals.

The CropLife petition urges EPA to maintain FIFRA's risk-based standard of "no unreasonable adverse effects" and remove vague and unenforceable terminology from their proposals. The petition also urged EPA to not impose unnecessary buffers and develop risk-based tolerances for non-target areas.

The complete petition and a variety of background information on the spray-drift issue can be found online on CropLife's spray drift Web page at <http://www.croplifeamerica.org/pesticide-issues/spray-drift>.

There will also be opportunities to learn more about and sign the petition at the upcoming Commodity Classic.



NAWG Leaders Attend 25x'25 Clean Energy Dialogue Session

NAWG CEO Dana Peterson and Secretary-Treasurer Erik Younggren, a producer from Hallock, Minn., attended a 25x'25 forum on agricultural clean energy this Tuesday and Wednesday in Indianapolis.

Discussions at the meeting centered around how 25x'25, which supports the goal of having 25 percent of America's energy come from renewable sources by the year 2025, can be a catalyst within the agriculture community.

Specifically, the group, made up mostly of producer and conservation group representatives, began trying to define what the agricultural industry wants and needs in exchange for environmental, economic and national security services it provides.

The group agreed to move forward over the next few months by reaching out to other sectors of the agricultural value chain to enlarge the number of participants in the dialogue from a group primarily made up of commodity group leaders to include other ag segments including forestry and livestock and a broader range of conservation representatives.

More about the goals and work of the 25x'25 group is available online at <http://www.25x25.org>.

New ISAAA Report Shows Biotech Acres Up 7 Percent in 2009

A report released this week by the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications (ISAAA) provided fresh evidence for the growing popularity of plant biotechnology among farmers around the world.

The report, which is done annually, showed a record 14 million farmers in 25 countries used biotech crops in 2009, 90 percent of which are resource-poor farmers in developing countries. They planted an estimated 330 million acres of biotech

crops, up 7 percent from 2008, including more than 158 million acres of biotech crops were planted in the United States. The U.S. remains the top country in terms of biotech acreage.

Biotechnology can provide a number of advantages in crops that have access to it, including higher yields per acre, disease resistance, pest resistance and reduced overall production costs from savings on crop protection products.

There is no commercialized biotech wheat anywhere in the world, but NAWG believes biotechnology's introduction into the wheat crop is necessary for the wheat industry to increase productivity, attract acres back to the crop and feed a growing global population in a sustainable way.

NAWG and coalition partners throughout the wheat industry have worked over the past few years to demonstrate the wheat industry's need for and interest in biotech traits.

Since NAWG released a survey early last year showing 75 percent of responding growers supported the technology's inclusion in wheat, a number of technology companies have announced plans to increase investment in wheat research - conventional and using biotechnology - and public universities have intensified discussions with private partners about use of germplasm and commercialization arrangements.

Farm Journal Media Launches Virtual Wheat Tour Web Site

Farm Journal Media announced this week the launch of AgWeb.com's Virtual Wheat Tour site, which provides wheat-specific production, marketing and policy information.

The media group described the site as a "one-stop source for up-to-date wheat information and producer interaction."

The site's current features include reports from wheat scouts from throughout the country, a YouTube link to Oklahoma

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State University's SUNUP TV, top wheat stories from AgWeb.com and from NAWG and U.S. Wheat Associates.

Site developers say a highlight of the site is a group of wheat growers from across the country who will provide regular commentary on their wheat crop conditions, stages and marketing decisions.

The site is sponsored by Bayer Crop Science, DuPont, SFP, Syngenta Axiol XL and Syngenta Cereals.

It is accessible directly at www.VirtualWheatTour.com or via AgWeb.com's wheat page.

2011 Agricultural Fellowship Opportunity

Eisenhower Fellowships, the premier international leadership development program, is accepting applications from experienced farmers and ranchers for its 2011 Agricultural Fellowship. The successful applicant will receive a custom-designed, all-expenses paid program overseas for up to five weeks in one or two countries where he or she will focus on agricultural issues. In addition, the 2011 Agricultural fellows will receive orientation and post-travel debriefing in Philadelphia along with a select group of Eisenhower Fellows from around the world.

Upon completion of the program, Fellows will become part of our alumni network of 1700 Fellows across the globe. Previous participants of this unique program have risen to positions of influence, and have used the international connections to bring new ideas and technologies to their communities.

Qualifications: Applicants must be a practicing farmer or rancher, aged 32-45 with excellent networking avenues, demonstrated leadership experience, U.S. citizenship or permanent resident, and a commitment to at least 15-20 years of further active leadership in agriculture.

Possible Destination Countries:

- Africa: South Africa
- Asia: China, China (Taiwan),

India, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia

- Europe: European Commission (Brussels) Germany, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Russia, Spain, Sweden

- Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay

- Middle East: Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia

- Oceania: Australia, New Zealand

EF challenges Fellows to identify specific projects they will undertake upon completion of travel, often in collaboration with other Eisenhower Fellows, and to remain engaged with EF for their lifetime. For examples of concrete outcomes, visit http://www.eisenhowerfellowships.org/programs/outcomes_archive.php. Further information including criteria for fellows, Eisenhower Fellowships fact sheet, and application are attached.

Application Deadline is July 1, 2010. All Interviews will be held in Mid-Late July of 2010. For more information and to download applications please visit: www.eisenhowerfellowships.org or contact Julia Ransom, Eisenhower Fellowships at jransom@eisenhowerfellowships.org; or via phone: 215.546.1738.



USDA Predicts Growing Demand for Wheat

by Chad Weigand, USW Market Analyst

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released its long-term agricultural projections update last week, forecasting supply and demand until 2019. The report anticipates continued growth in world wheat trade and consumption and higher feed use. USDA also expects the Black Sea region's share of global wheat

trade to grow.

The report relies on several macroeconomic assumptions about policy, weather, and international developments.1 USDA assumes a steady rebound in the global economy, for example, which it says would support consumption, trade, and agricultural commodity prices in the longer run.

USDA projects world wheat trade to increase by 25 million tons, or 20 percent, over the next decade. Demand will grow mainly in developing countries with economic recovery and population growth. USDA estimates economic growth at 5.6 percent annually in developing countries, compared to 2.2 percent for developed countries. The report predicts Sub-Saharan Africa countries, for example, will import 4.8 MMT more wheat every year by 2019. Over the past 10 years, the U.S. market share in Sub-Saharan Africa stands at approximately 63 percent.2

A major factor driving domestic wheat consumption will be higher feed use. USDA forecasts biofuel demand to increase steadily, which will support corn prices over the long-term. Anticipating a narrowing price spread between corn and wheat will allow wheat to compete for greater domestic feed use and grow from 4.6 MMT to 6.4 MMT in 2019, USDA expects.

USDA predicts that while the world wheat trade and consumption will increase over the next decade, the Black Sea region will grow more competitive over the next 10 years with new investments and low costs of production. As a result, USDA calls for the Black Sea region market share to rise to 35 percent by 2019, up from 22 percent today. USDA projects U.S. exports at an average of 25 MMT per year over the course of the decade.

USDA notes, however, that because of the Black Sea region's highly variable weather and yields, its production and trade share year-to-year will be volatile. As U.S. market analyst Bob Bresnahan said at the 2009 U.S. Wheat Regional Trade Conference in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, major grain price shifts follow supply shocks. In the last shock, the world's wheat importers turned to U.S. wheat producers, their most reliable suppliers.

Korean Master Bakers Continue Education at Wheat Marketing Center

Korean Grand Master Baker Chang-Hyun Ahn and three Korean master bakers, Gwan-Bok Lee, Haw-Weon Kho, and Young-Suk Kim, recently participated in a Wheat Marketing Center (WMC) Whole Wheat Bakery Products Development course sponsored by USW. Mr. Ahn was on the 2003 Korean team that competed in the Coupe du Monde de la Boulangerie, an international by-invitation baking competition held in Paris, France. He is Vice Chairman, Technical Committee, of the Korean Master Bakers Association.

Tim Healea, owner of Little T American Baker artisan bakery and café in Portland, OR, has also competed in the Coupe du Monde on a silver-medal-winning U.S. team. At the WMC course, he led a hands-on technical demonstration of the whole wheat breads he makes daily at his bakery.

“Although we didn’t speak the same language, the Korean master bakers and I shared a common knowledge and love for baking bread.” Healea said. “I find it inspiring to be able to share my experience and connect with other dedicated bakers from halfway across the globe. Besides making new friends, we all learn from one another and that translates into new ideas and products on both sides of the Pacific.”

Korea has some 100,000 bakers. Of those, 300 are Master Bakers and seven are Grand Master Bakers. The Korean people designate Grand Master Bakers as national treasures.

“Interest in and consumption of whole wheat bakery products are rapidly growing world-wide,” WMC Course Director Dr. Gary Hou said. “This course at the Wheat Marketing Center helps stimulate that trend and boosts the close partnership our wheat industry enjoys with Korean baking industry leaders.”

USW Senior Technical Marketing Specialist Dr. Woojoon Park represented USW at the WMC course.



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The OWGL tracked about 300 of the nearly 4,000 proposed new laws introduced by the policymakers in the 2009 Legislative Session. As a result of our collaboration with a broad stakeholder group, we were successful in defeating a number of proposed laws that would have been devastating for agricultural producers. Electing able leaders is more important than ever and we strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to contribute.

To make your contribution to the Oregon WheatPAC, please complete the form below and mail it to the OWGL office at 115 SE 8th, Pendleton, OR 97801. Credit card contributions can be faxed to 541-276-1723.

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Wheat Industry News

- **AWB Settles Suit.** More than four years after its involvement in the Iraqi kickbacks scandal came to light, Australian agribusiness AWB Ltd. on Monday agreed to a conditional settlement of an Australian lawsuit over the matter for 39.5 million Australian dollars (US\$35 million) Dow Jones reported this week. More than 1,000 AWB shareholders and institutions joined retired farmers John and Kaye Watson in the suit in a federal court against AWB that started Feb. 10. The class-action suit alleged AWB breached disclosure obliga-

tions by failing to inform the market that between 1999 and 2003 it paid US\$221.7 million in kickbacks to the deposed regime of Saddam Hussein. It claimed more than A\$100 million in losses after AWB's share price dropped following an official inquiry. If the court approves the settlement, the class action will be dismissed without admission of liability by AWB. AWB Chairman Peter Polson said the "commercially acceptable settlement was in the best interest of shareholders."

- **A Slice of Nutrition Advice on Wheat.** The Wheat Foods Council (WFC), an industry-wide partnership dedicated to

increasing wheat and other grain foods consumption, recently prepared an article that helps consumers make informed choices about the nutritious benefits of bread and other wheat foods. WFC submitted the article to newspapers around the United States this week. While information in the article may not be applicable to every user of flour produced from U.S. wheat, USW wants to share it with its customers. It also features information about WFC's "How Wheat Works" program (www.HowWheatWorks.com) that enables people of all ages to experience wheat's farm-to-fork journey.

OREGON WHEAT FOUNDATION



Bushels for Betsy - A Challenge to Growers

At the OWGL Annual Meeting of the Membership on December 1st, Foundation Chair Tom Winn challenged growers present to match his donation of \$100 to the Oregon Wheat Foundation's Bushels for Betsy Program.

If you would like to meet (or beat!) that challenge, you may use the form below to send your donation by check, payable to the **Oregon Wheat Foundation**, to the OWGL office at 115 SE 8th St., Pendleton, OR 97801. Contributions via Visa/Mastercard may be faxed to 541-276-1723, or simply call the OWGL Office at 541-276-7330. A receipt will be mailed upon request.

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