Northwest Direct Seed Cropping Systems Conference & Trade Show

January 13 & 14, 2005
Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center, Spokane Valley, WA

CONFERENCE PROGRAM
(Tentative as of 11/12/04)

THURSDAY 13 JANUARY

General Session
10:00 a.m.  International Systems
Evolution and Changes in Cropping: Some Differences That Make No-till in South America Successful, Dirceu Gassen, Technical Manager No-till Farmers Cooperative, Brazil
Farming Practices and Direct Seeding in Semiarid Steppes of North Kazakhstan and West Siberia, Dr. Mekhlis Suleimenov, Assistant Regional Coordinator ICARDA-CAC Tashkent, Uzbekistan
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association Annual Meeting
1:30 p.m. Emerging Issues
Impact of Energy Costs on Agriculture, Dr. Duane Griffith, Extension Farm and Ranch Management Specialist, Montana State University, Bozeman
Impact of the Internet on Agriculture and Rural Communities, Dr. Bill Gillis, Director, Center to Bridge the Digital Divide, Washington State University, Pullman
3:00 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m. Cropping Systems
Direct Seed Experiences in Alberta, Don Wentz, Agronomist, Reduced Tillage Linkages, Lethbridge, Alberta
Glucosinolates an Opportunity in Agriculture, Jack Brown, Professor of Plant Breeding University of Idaho, Moscow
6:00 p.m. Social Hour

FRIDAY 14 JANUARY

Concurrent Sessions
7:45 am Low, Intermediate & High Rainfall Cropping Systems
Low
Paul Shanno, The Dalles, OR
Jim Hirst, Hirst Farms, Inc., Harrington, WA
Bill Schilling, Dryland Agronomist, Washington State University, Ritzville
Intermediate
Fritz Hill, Hill Ranches Inc., Pendleton, OR
Ron Kile, KLC Inc., Rosalia, WA
Joe Yenish, Extension Weed Scientist, WSU, Pullman
High
Eric Odberg, Odberg Farms, Genesee, ID
Dick Wittman, Wittman Farms, Lewiston, ID
Dave Huggins, Soil Scientist, USDA-ARS, Pullman, WA
8:55 a.m. Concurrent Sessions Repeated

General Session
10:30 a.m. Cropping Systems
Winter Pea and Lentil Production, Dr. Kevin McPhee, Research Geneticist, USDA-ARS, Pullman
Making Cropping Decisions in a 12 Inch Precipitation Zone, Bill Jepsen, Grower, Heppner, OR
On-farm Direct Seeding Results from Spokane and Whitman Counties, Dr. Diana Roberts, Agronomist, Washington State University Extension, Spokane
12:00 p.m. Lunch – Visit the Exhibits
1:00 p.m. Soil Stewardship
Soil Health: Your Family’s and Your Farm’s Future, Dr. Anne Kennedy, Microbiologist, USDA-ARS, Pullman, WA
Alteration of Earthworm Populations and Soil Physical Properties Following Conversion to No-Till, Dr. Jodi Johnson Maynard, Soil Scientist, University of Idaho, Moscow
2:00 p.m. Equipment and Farming Systems Technology
Applications of Precision Agriculture for PNW Growers, Dr. Fran Pierce, Precision Agriculture Center, Washington State University, Prosser
2:30 p.m. Break
3:00 p.m. Equipment and Farming Systems Technology
Travis Hillman, AG-Teq, The Dalles, OR
Kevin Anderson, Horsch-Anderson, Andover SD
Ag Vision and JD Global Ventures, James Cundiff, John Deere, Reno, NV
4:30 p.m. Conference Adjourns

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