



Canyon County FARM BUREAU

Where Belonging Makes A Difference

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This growing season has been hindered by changing weather patterns which, as you know, resulted in a wet, cold spring. I was uncertain if the corn was ever going to grow. But lo and behold, these past two weeks of hot temperatures have done wonders for the corn. We will have late pollination and likely a late harvest ... but how does the saying go ... Better late than never?

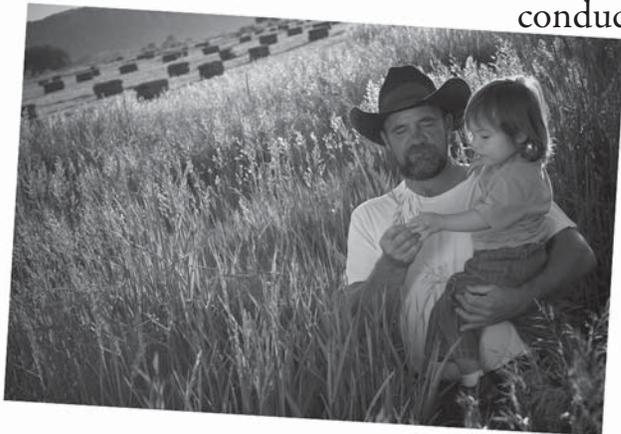
I was able to attend the Summer County President's meeting this month in Post Falls. This was a great forum with training and information on upcoming agriculture-related issues. I enjoyed catching up with the other county presidents and learning what they are doing within their respective counties.

We are looking at our District Policy Manual as the month of August will bring the County Resolution Meeting. If you have a policy that you believe needs to be considered by the CCFB Board of Directors for inclusion in the Policy Manual, please feel free to come to our meeting on August 17th or contact one of our directors. The meeting will take place at the CCFB Office in Caldwell and will start at 7:30 p.m. There is more information on this meeting within this newsletter.

Remember ... the CCFB Board of Directors meets monthly to conduct business and manage current and upcoming projects, usually on the third Tuesday of each month. As a member, you are always welcome to attend and provide input.

Have a great summer!!!

*Alicia Krantz
President*



Canyon County Farm Bureau Assists County Agricultural Industry

Over the last two years, agricultural producers have been instructed by Canyon County enforcement authorities to shut down their operations when conducting open burning (including the burning of weeds in ditches, canals and along fence lines – allowed by state Statute and Rules) because of the County’s “burn ban.” As a result, several agricultural producers asked the Canyon County Farm Bureau for assistance with this issue to see if a change could be made.

I personally conducted a thorough study of the County’s Open Burning Ordinance and found out that twelve years ago, Canyon County Commissioners adopted more stringent Open Burning Standards than the State Standards (State Standards are administered by the Department of Environmental Quality). To put this into perspective, the State Standards adopted an Air Quality Index of 78 (a measurement derived by a formula from calculating 75% of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards regulated by the EPA and Clean Air Act and multiplying it to calculate Particulate Matter). Canyon County’s Air Quality Index adopted twelve years ago resulted in an Air Quality Index of 60 (meaning that it would take less particulate matter to be measured to shut down open burning in Canyon County compared to the state’s Air Quality Index of 78).

It was no wonder when agricultural producers in Canyon County would check the Air Quality Index on the DEQ

Website and see that it was a “Good Burn Day,” why they thought they could conduct open burning in Canyon County. Canyon County’s Ordinance also stated that if the Air Quality Index reached 60 in Canyon, Ada, or Elmore Counties, then all open burning in Canyon County would be shut down. This raised another red flag as to why Canyon County residents would be regulated by Ada and Elmore County’s smoke.

On June 15th, Representative Darrell Bolz, Representative Pat Takasugi, Ron Platt from the CCFB Board, and I met with Canyon County Commissioners to provide them this information and to ask for changes to be made to the Open Burning Ordinance to adopt the State Standards. We also asked the Commissioners to remove the current requirements that Ada and Elmore County’s smoke would prohibit Canyon County producers from burning.

Canyon County Commissioners agreed to take a look at amending the ordinance, submitted two drafts to us, and had a hearing on the draft ordinance rewrites in early July. During this meeting, the County Commissioners unanimously agreed to adopt the State Standards and remove all aforementioned restrictions in the old ordinance. The new ordinance also identified the open burning of weeds in ditches, along fence lines and canals as “Allowable Forms” of open burning (not previously stated in the old ordinance, but allowed under DEQ’s State Rules).



Canyon County Commissioners will sign the new ordinance into law soon and agriculture will have a much better year in 2011 without being shut down due to more restrictive standards.

A special thank you goes out to the Canyon County Commissioners for the diligent work they did to make Canyon County a better place for agriculture and for listening to our issues and adopting a more common-sense Open Burning Ordinance for the County.

Another thank you goes out to State Representatives Darrell Bolz and Pat Takasugi for assisting the CCFB with this issue and for taking this issue on during their extremely busy schedules. It is because of agricultural producers bringing this issue forth, the research that was conducted, and the CCFB working with others as a team that this ordinance was passed for the betterment of Canyon County agriculture.

*Roger Batt
Executive Director*



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IFBF Farmers' market

As you are aware, some members of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation sell their produce or meats locally in farmers' markets or out of their own homes. Starting June 5th, 2010, the Idaho Farm Bureau will provide free advertising for their products through a new member benefit called the "IFBF Farmers' Market."

The concept is pretty simple. Our Idaho Farm Bureau website, www.idahofb.org, will contain a site that lists all Farm Bureau members who sell produce locally. From time to time, we will place this list in Farm Bureau's publications. In fact, an article in Farm Bureau's June 2010 publication will announce the beginning of "IFBF Farmer's Market."

At this point, we will list only produce or meat products that are for human consumption. Things such as hay, crafts, and tractors will not be listed. If you are a Farm Bureau member who would enjoy getting this free advertising please email, mail, or fax me the following information to be placed on the list. Do not delay. Call if you have any questions.

Member's name:

FB membership #:

List of produce/season when it is available:

How to locate the provider:

Phone number of member:

Website (if available)

Special instructions:

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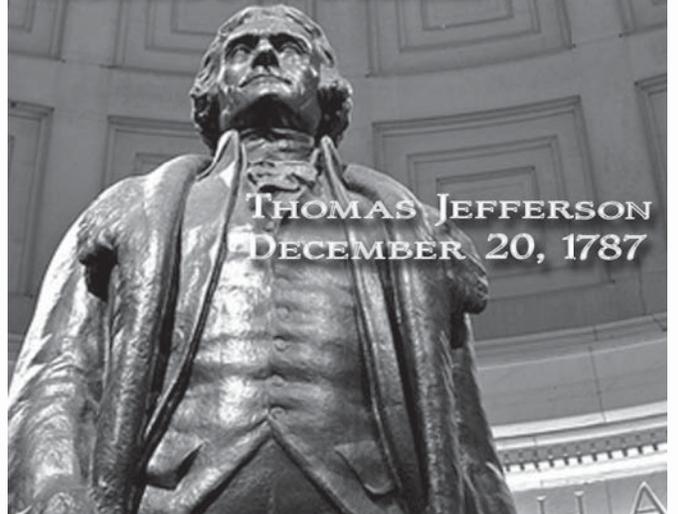
2010 CANYON COUNTY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESOLUTIONS MEETING

The Canyon County Farm Bureau will hold its annual Policy Development and Resolutions Meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at the Canyon County Farm Bureau Office starting at 7:00 p.m. As a member, you are invited to attend and join us to present Policy and Legislative issues for potential change. These potential changes will be discussed at the Regional Meeting and then at the State Meeting for consideration and adoption.

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GOVERNMENTS WILL
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September 21 – CCFB Board Mtg – 7:30 PM –
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October 19 – CCFB Board Mtg – 7:30 PM –
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November 16 – CCFB Board Mtg – 7:30 PM –
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December 21 – CCFB Board Mtg – 7:30 PM –
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CANYON COUNTY FARM
BUREAU IS ABOUT TO LAUNCH
A BRAND-NEW WEBSITE AT A
BRAND-NEW ADDRESS:
WWW.CANYONCOUNTYFB.ORG.

THE NEW WEBSITE IS
GOING THROUGH ITS FINAL
REVISIONS AND SHOULD BE
LAUNCHED IN EARLY AUGUST.
BE SURE TO TAKE A FEW
MINUTES AND CHECK IT
OUT, TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON
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