

# Complete line-up of seminars set for CORE, first aid

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CORE pesticide training and credit hours, first aid classes and forklift training are highlights of the classes and seminars featured at this year's Willamette Valley Ag Expo, said Jill Ingalls, the Expo's event coordinator.

No registration is required for the CORE training sessions, she said.

Here's the line-up:

## Tuesday, Nov. 14

### Meetings

• Oregon Farm Bureau Luncheon, by invitation

### Training

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Going Soft on Pollinators and Hard on Pests — Andony Melathopoulos (1 CORE credit) No registration required.

Course description: There is concern about the impact of pesticides on pollinating insects, and new state and federal regulations around pesticide use and pollinators. This session will have an easy-to-apply set of rules to help attendees judge how to



Large crowds attend the seminars and classes at last year's Willamette Valley Ag Expo.

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apply pesticides with minimal impact to pollinators. Attendees will leave this session being able to judge the risk of a pesticide treatment to pollinators from information on the pesticide label and using publication PNW 591, "How to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Pesticides," as well as the ac-

companying free mobile app and take practical steps for reducing this risk, while still keeping pests under control.

Speaker biography: Melathopoulos is an assistant professor of pollinator health extension in the Department of Horticulture at Oregon State University. He has over 15

years of experience working with commercial beekeepers and growers to develop solutions for keeping bees healthy and crop yields high. Since 2016 he has been leading OSU's efforts to design, implement and evaluate a statewide pollinator health program.

### 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Worker Protection Standards Update — Janet Fultus (1 CORE credit). No registration required.

### 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Practical Sprayer Calibration — Andy Steinkamp (2 CORE credits). No registration required.

Course description: This course will cover the importance of sprayer calibration, sprayer calibration methods and dry bait calibration methods. It will cover step-by-step examples using basic math. There will be a best practices discussion and time for questions. The course will include discussing use of sprayer controllers and monitors but it will not cover specific controller brands and operations.

Speaker biography: Andy Steinkamp is a location manager for Valley Agronomics in Donald, Ore. He graduated from the University of Idaho with degrees in ag systems management and ag business. He has worked in the ag retailer industry for the last 10 years.

He was raised on a family farm near Gervais, where he first worked with sprayers in cane berries and onions. Steinkamp has been involved in all areas of application over his years as a grower, applicator, manager and in sales. He currently holds an Oregon commercial applicator's license.

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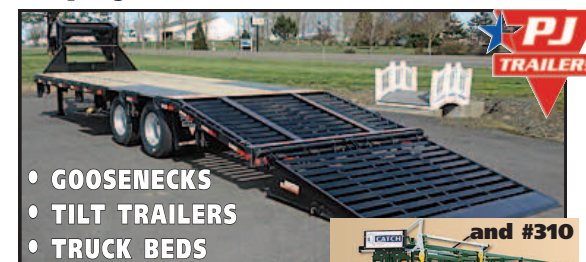
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