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McMorris Rodgers offers farm bill listening session

By **MATTHEW WEAVER**
Capital Press

Washington Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers will sponsor a listening session about the farm bill 9 a.m. Thursday during the Spokane Ag Expo and Pacific Northwest Farm Forum.

"We're thrilled to have her at the show for this listen-

ing session, to discuss with our attendees with regards to the Farm Bill," said Myrna O'Leary, director of the expo.

The current farm bill is slated to expire at the end of September.

O'Leary anticipates the farm bill will be on a lot of growers' minds.

"I would be surprised if it's not," she said.



Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers

Beer, wine garden added for first time

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The Spokane Ag Expo and Pacific Northwest Farm Forum is adding a beer and wine garden this year.

Several attendees have requested such festivities in previous years, said director Myrna O'Leary.

It was in the works last year, but the idea

came up too close to the event to be coordinated, she said.

The beer and wine garden will be in one designated room at the end of the Centennial ballrooms at the Spokane Convention Center. Attendees will not be able to take beverages onto the floor of the Expo, O'Leary said.

Sponsors for the beer and wine garden are the McGregor Co., Spokane law firm Winston & Cashatt and DowDupont Inc.



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