

The Oregon Forage and Grasslands Council and the Oregon Hay and Forage Association are combining their outreach efforts and will co-host the Fall Forage Festival.

The two-day event, scheduled for Nov. 16-17 in Corvallis, Ore., is a first. Previously, the two groups held separate annual events.

“This is part of our outreach responsibility,” said Jerome Magnuson, a member of OFGC and the chair of the festival’s organizing committee. “The festival is open to anybody who is interested in the producing side of forages or the feeding side. We want to help educate those people and to help promote the forage industry.”

Greg Mohnen, president of OHFA, said he hopes the event will encourage more western Oregon forage growers to join the association that traditionally has had just central and eastern Oregon members.



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“There’s always something to learn and by moving the event around we hope we can reach more people and provide them with more information,” said Mohnen who manages the McGinnis Ranch near Bend, Ore.

The Friday, Nov. 16 schedule will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. in Guerber Hall at the Benton County Fairgrounds. There will be a \$30 fee which will include lunch.

Several speakers will follow between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Presentations will cover topics such as the nutrient value of hay, hay storage and its impact on quality, matching hay to livestock, coping with drought, and current research and resources in the Pacific Northwest.

Presenters will include Glenn Shewmaker, a University of Idaho Extension forage specialist; Steve Norberg, Washington State University Extension forage specialist;

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Through Saturday Oct. 27

91st National FFA Convention and Expo. Indianapolis, Ind. This is the culmination of the year’s work for FFA members from around the nation. Website: <https://convention.ffa.org/schedule/>

Thursday, Nov. 1

Columbia Basin Development League Annual Meeting, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ATEC, 7611 Bolling St. NE, Moses Lake, Wash. The agenda includes panel discussions from managers of the irrigation districts within the Columbia Basin Project, a presentation on the Columbia River Treaty, infrastructure power needs and an update on the Odessa groundwater replacement program. <https://bit.ly/2AfYkvO>

Friday-Saturday Nov. 2-3

Farm & Food Expo. Spokane

Community College, Spokane, Wash. More than 40 classes will be offered for small-scale farmers. The Washington State Conservation Commission’s Office of Farmland Preservation is a title sponsor for the event. Website: <https://bit.ly/2eVxY63>

Monday, Nov. 5

Meridian FFA Scholarship Auction. 5:30-9 p.m. Meridian High School Career Technical Center, 1900 W Pine Ave., Meridian, Idaho. Join the Meridian FFA Alumni in raising money for Meridian FFA Chapter members in the West Ada School District to attend FFA trips and seniors to afford college. Enjoy a dinner, raffles, silent auction and live auction for a great cause. All auction proceeds directly benefit students of Meridian, Mountain View, Eagle, Centennial, and Rocky Mountain High Schools. To donate an item to the auction, please deliver it to the event location by 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2.

Monday-Wednesday Nov. 5-7

2018 Advances in Walnut Production Short Course. Activities and Recreation Center Ballroom, University of California-Davis. This course is designed for new and

experienced growers as well as other industry members interested in commercial walnut production. Website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/walnutshortcourse/>

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Water Rights Boot Camp. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Keizer Community Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE, Keizer, Ore. This seminar will address water rights, title issues, transfers and other related issues. Sponsored by the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District. Cost: \$25 Website: <https://www.marionswcd.net/>

Wednesday-Thursday Nov. 7-8

Dairy West Annual Meeting. Eise Centre, Ninth and Front streets, Boise, Idaho. Guest speakers Nov. 7 include former U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, now president and CEO of the U.S. Dairy Export Council and a Feeding America board member; Sara Dorland, managing partner at Ceres Dairy Risk Management and Alison Van Eenennaam, University of California-Davis animal biotechnology and genomics researcher. A public showing of the film “Food Evolution” is slated at 7 p.m. Website: <https://dairywest.com/>

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