

Congress looks to expand disaster aid for farms

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
Capital Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A continuing resolution that would keep the federal government funded through December includes \$10 billion in disaster assistance for farmers and ranchers still reeling from severe weather in 2020 and 2021.

For the first time, the USDA’s Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Plus Program — commonly abbreviated as WHIP+ — would be expanded to cover crop losses caused by extreme heat under the proposal that passed the U.S. House on Sept. 21.

That is significant for growers of specialty crops across the Pacific Northwest following a multi-day “heat dome” in June that pushed temperatures as high as 117 degrees, damaging berries, cherries, hops and nursery plants, among other commodities.

Jeff Stone, executive director of the Oregon Association of Nurseries, said his industry sustained an estimated \$50 million in damages from the heat.

“I don’t care what you grow, 117 degrees is not good for any of it,” Stone said. “Those types of events like the heat dome are not normal.”

Stone said the WHIP+ Reauthorization Act is a good first step to providing much-needed financial aid for producers, while acknowledging heat as a disaster for farms alongside events such as fires, hurricanes and ice storms.

“I think it’s a really good idea, acknowledging (heat) as something that needs to be considered,” Stone said.

Darcy Kochis, spokeswoman for the Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission, said the heat also caused an estimated 50% crop loss in all caneberries statewide.



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Sun damage in raspberries at Unger Farms in Cornelius, Ore., takes the form of white drupelets.

“Oregon caneberry growers were hit especially hard by the heat dome because of the timing,” Kochis said. “The blackberry crop was just about at the peak of ripeness the last week of June, and literally burnt on the cane in those three days.”

Kochis said the commission has been working to secure federal and state support for growers.

Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., said he pushed for greater disaster assistance to be included in the continuing resolution after meeting this summer with farmers and ranchers across the state.

In the short term, Blumenauer said the funding should provide relief for growers impacted by this year’s heat.

He spoke to the Capital Press on Monday before boarding a flight back to Washington, D.C., and said he expects the continuing resolution will be passed before government funding is set to expire Sept. 30.

In addition to allocating \$10 billion in the WHIP+ Reauthorization Act, the House Agriculture Committee also approved \$275 million for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

Agriculture groups take Prop 12 fight to Supreme Court

By **CAROL RYAN DUMAS**
Capital Press

The National Pork Producers Council and American Farm Bureau Federation have petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to take their case against California’s Proposition 12, which would ban the sale of uncooked pork from hog operations that don’t meet the state’s production standards.

The appeal comes after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in July upheld a lower court’s ruling against the group’s challenge to Prop 12.

Approved by California voters in 2018, Prop 12 establishes minimum space requirements for breeding pigs, calves raised for veal and egg-laying hens within the state. It also bans the sale of pork, veal and eggs from animals raised elsewhere if their living conditions don’t meet California’s standards.

National Pork and Farm Bureau sued the California Department of Food and Agriculture on the grounds that Prop 12 violates the Commerce Clause in banning the sale of out-of-



National Pork Producers Council/Linked In
The National Pork Producers Council and American Farm Bureau Federation have asked the Supreme Court to take their case seeking to overturn California Prop 12.

state pork from animals confined in a manner inconsistent with California standards.

They argued the measure compels out-of-state producers to change their operations to meet California’s standards, impermissibly regulating extra-territorial conduct outside California’s borders.

The court disagreed, saying Prop 12 does not dictate the price of product and does not tie the price of in-state products to out-of-state prices

Grain elevator faces Clean Water Act lawsuit

By **MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI**
Capital Press

An environmental group has accused a major farm cooperative of violating the Clean Water Act by discharging pollutants at a grain elevator in Washington.

The Spokane Riverkeeper nonprofit has filed a federal complaint against the Minnesota-based CHS cooperative, alleging its facility in Rockford, Wash., has released stormwater containing excessive levels of copper, zinc and turbidity into a nearby creek.

“Discharges from Rockford Elevator’s facility contribute to the ecological impacts that result from the pollution of these waters and to Spokane Riverkeeper’s and its members’ injuries resulting therefrom,” the complaint said.

Tom Ryan, global director



Matthew Weaver/Capital Press
The CHS grain elevator in Rockford, Wash.

of corporate communications for CHS, said the cooperative is aware of the complaint and is reviewing its allegations.

“We are committed to environmental stewardship and operating our facilities following all state and federal guidelines,” he said.

Aside from operating a grain and bean elevator, the Rockford facility also sells fertilizers and pesticides at the 10-acre site, which has a

stormwater collection and conveyance system covered by a Clean Water Act permit, according to the lawsuit.

The facility hasn’t complied with water quality standards or properly implemented best management practices, a pollution prevention plan or corrective actions as required under the permit, the complaint said. The plaintiff also accuses the

facility of repeatedly not collecting or analyzing water samples.

“Rockford Elevator’s violations were avoidable had Rockford Elevator been diligent in overseeing facility operations and maintenance,” the complaint said. “Rockford Elevator has benefited economically as a consequence of its violations and its failure to implement stormwater management improvements at the facility.”

The plaintiff alleges that the facility’s violations “are ongoing or are reasonably likely to continue to occur” and it should face a “significant penalty” to ensure the problems stop. The lawsuit seeks an order declaring that the elevator has violated its Clean Water Act permit and an injunction against future violations.

The complaint also seeks an order requiring the facility to implement an adequate stormwater pollution prevention plan and to turn over relevant regulatory documents to Spokane Riverkeeper for three years.

The lawsuit argues the facility should be subjected to civil penalties of \$37,500 to \$56,460 per day of violation, depending on when they occurred, and ordered to pay the plaintiff’s litigation expenses.

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Amount due on lien \$1655.00
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VIN = 5N1AL0MM5DC320567
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TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP

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VIN = 5NPD74LF0JH327426
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WILLIAM A CARR
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VIN = 4T1BD1FK1DU074243
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TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP

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VIN = 4YDF42532JR800211
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VIN = 1HD1KRM13FB639605
Amount due on lien \$1415.00
Reputed owner(s)
DANIEL P THURMAN
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VIN = 1C4PJLCB1EW323889
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Reputed owner(s)
PEDRO M BARAJAS & CARLA G M
MOLINA

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VIN = 2HGFC2F78HH545678
Amount due on lien \$1535.00
Reputed owner(s)
EDUARDO PANCHO MARTINEZ
WELLS FARGO AUTO

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VIN = JN1AZ0CP8BT004224
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Reputed owner(s)
UNITED AUTO SALES LLC

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VIN = JTMJFREY3HD204792
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IDAHO CENTRAL CU

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VIN = 1FMSK7F83EGB85158
Amount due on lien \$1435.00
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JEFFREY C & JOANNE TUASON
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VIN = 2GCEK13TX51354972
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LYLE G & CARL T GEORGE
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OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION

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VIN = 3FA6PD95LR115279
Amount due on lien \$1435.00
Reputed owner(s)
LARRY & LARRY STEPHENS
WELLS FARGO AUTO

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VIN = KNDCCL3COH5053145
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Reputed owner(s)
CINDY ABBOTT KYLE
KIA MOTORS FINANCE CO

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VIN = 3C6UR5FL1GG248826
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VIN = 2C3CDXB6GXKH059990
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Reputed owner(s)
SARAH VELAZQUEZ-GARCIA
OREGON COMMUNITY CU

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VIN = JTMRFREV7HD209707
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TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP

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CARVANA LLC

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VIN = 3KP1FA477J248002
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NICK'S AUTO

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VIN = 1G1BF55MXH7102647
Amount due on lien \$1435.00
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OREGON STATE C.U

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VIN = 2C4RDGEG6JR344241
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VIN = 1GC1KXCG4EF155607
Amount due on lien \$1395.00
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WESTLAKE FINANCIAL SERVICES

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