

Fire restrictions grow in Clatsop County

By The Daily Astorian

State and federal land management agencies in northwest Oregon, including Clatsop County, are increasing fire restrictions in the forest due to increasing wildfire danger.

Beginning Tuesday, campfires will be prohibited in campgrounds, day-use areas and designated sites in Clatsop and Tillamook state forests and Bureau of Land Management lands.

Open fires are already banned outside of designated sites and campgrounds, including campfires, charcoal, cooking and warming fires.

Use of wood-burning devices, used with temporary dwellings, including tents and trailers, is prohibited. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.

For more information, call the Astoria offices of the Oregon Department of Forestry at 503-325-5451.

Approval of Arctic drilling comes just before Obama's visit

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's approval of drilling for oil in the Arctic Ocean clashes with the message President Barack Obama will deliver when he visits Alaska to emphasize the dangers of climate change, some environmental groups say.

As much as the groups praise Obama for his overall body of work — from stricter fuel-efficiency standards to regulations aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from power plants — they consider the approval of exploratory drilling in the Arctic a stain on his environmental legacy that will send a mixed message to other countries about the serious-

ness of confronting global warming.

The burning of fossil fuels causes more greenhouse gases to build up in the atmosphere. Some groups would prefer leaving the oil in the ground and not tempting the harsh environmental conditions that could hinder the response to any potential spill.

"It sends a terrible signal to the rest of the world for the United States to be using public resources to promote that development," said Niel Lawrence of the Natural Resources Defense Council. "We have to make clear to the rest of the world that we are all in on a clean energy future. And we've got to stop giving the rest of the world license to go exploring by permitting Shell to do it."

Cattle industry tops state's ag production list

By ZANE SPARLING
Capital Press

SALEM — In a record-breaking year, cattle and calves became the most valuable agricultural commodity in Oregon, ending a 20-year reign in the top spot by greenhouse and nursery products.

The production value of beef jumped to \$922 million in 2014 from \$669 million in 2013, a 38 percent increase, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The value of Oregon nursery products was up 11 percent, from \$754 million in 2013 to \$830 million last year.

Cattle last ranked No. 1 in Oregon in 1994.

"In agriculture things go up and down, but beef producers have seen good returns this year," Oregon Beef Council executive director Will Wise said.

Wise said many factors — from the millennial generation's fasci-

Oregon's top 10 ag commodities, 2014*

| Rank | Item | Value (\$ millions) |
|--------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1... | Cattle/calves | \$922 |
| 2..... | Nursery | 830 |
| 3..... | Hay | 703 |
| 4..... | Milk | 656 |
| 5..... | Grass seed | 449 |
| 6..... | Wheat | 302 |
| 7..... | Potatoes | 164 |
| 8..... | Hazelnuts | 129 |
| 9..... | Pears | 127 |
| 10. | Wine grapes | 118 |

Source: Oregon Dept. of Agriculture *Preliminary Alan Kenaga/Capital Press

nation with the "paleo" diet to improved market access abroad — helped spur the increase. Thanks to a lobbying effort funded in part by the Beef Council, Japan dropped an onerous regulation in 2013 prohibiting the import of cattle slaughtered after 20 months of age.

According to the U.S. Meat Export Federation, beef exports now add \$350 of value per head to cattle. That statistic was pegged at just \$109 per animal in 2009.

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statistics contained other surprises, too. Wine grapes, valued at \$118 million in 2014, joined the top 10 list, passing onions.

Onions, Christmas trees and blueberries all topped \$100 million in production value, but didn't make the top 10.

There are now 34,600 farms in Oregon, a slight dip, with an average size of 474 acres.

On the top 10 list, only wheat and potatoes decreased in value. Wheat's value dropped 18 percent, from \$368

million to \$302 million in 2014. Potatoes lost about \$6 million in value, from \$170 million in 2013 to \$164 million last year.

Kathryn Walker, a special assistant to the ODA director, said in a press release that Oregon's severe drought could negatively affect the value of agricultural commodities this year.

However, she cautioned that it was still too soon to say.

"We are going to have to watch to see how the weather impacts our producers and the yields of their commodities," Walker said. "But our agriculture industry is resilient. They have faced these kinds of challenges before and typically bounce back."

All told, Oregon's farmers and ranchers added \$5.4 billion to the state economy. Oregon farmers produce 17 commodities each valued at \$50 million or more, and 220 crops overall.

Conditioning workouts for middle-schoolers

The Astoria Middle School football program will be conducting four preseason conditioning workouts prior to the start of practices. Conditioning will be held

Wednesday and Thursday this week, and Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

All four sessions will run from 5 to 6 p.m., at the Astoria Middle School softball field.

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