The goal of this monthly newsletter is to serve the best interests of Idaho crop producers. Correspondence and inquiries should be addressed to: Olga Walsh, Cropping Systems Extension Specialist, Southwest Research and Extension Center, 29603 U of I Lane, Parma, ID 83660, Phone: (208)722-6701 (ext. 218), Fax: (208)722-6708, Email: owalsh@uidaho.edu

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WHAT’S NEW?

WSARE’s Women in Sustainable Ag Conference is scheduled for November 30.

For more information: http://2016wisa.org/

To register: http://2016wisa.org/registration/

Registration is now open! Click on the image below to learn more and start the registration process. $200 is the base registration fee until Oct 1st. From Oct 1st-31st registration is $250 increasing to $275 on Nov 1st. If available - at the door will be $350. Registration includes 8 sessions of speakers as well as keynote and capstone presentations, the trailblazer panel, and author roundtable.
“Relative Efficacy of Liquid Nitrogen Fertilizers in Dryland Spring Wheat” publication by Olga Walsh and Robin Christiaens has been published last month in the International Journal of Agronomy: https://www.hindawi.com/journals/ija/2016/6850672/. The paper summarizes the results of application of three liquid nitrogen fertilizer sources: urea ammonium nitrate (UAN, 32-0-0), liquid urea (LU, 21-0-0), and High NRGN (HNRGN, 27-0-0-1S), in spring wheat. Although the study has been conducted in North Central and Western Montana, the findings may be applicable to relatively-lower yielding dryland wheat production systems in Northern and Eastern Idaho.
Nitrogen Management Survey - Update

As you may know, as part of our precision nutrient management project, we are conducting a statewide stakeholder survey on nitrogen fertilizer management. Please encourage your clientele to complete the survey!

This survey is aiming to obtain the base information about nitrogen fertilizer management used by Idaho growers, and other ag professionals.

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TO TAKE THE SURVEY:
1) On Survey Monkey web-site: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RFPC3KV.

The survey has been initiated this summer and we received responses through Twitter, Survey Monkey site, the Blog, and via e-mail, as well as via face-to-face interactions. So far, we’ve had very good response from the growers, the preliminary data analysis has shown that Idaho growers recognize the need for more efficient nitrogen management due to non-uniform fields and variation in nitrogen needs from field to field and from year to year.

Interestingly, many responders indicate using annual soil test as the starting point for their nutrient management, which does not correspond to face-to-face interaction with growers (show of hands) during extension events.

About 50% of growers indicated they are aware of precision agriculture research being carried out in Idaho, which shows interest of growers in precision nutrient management and shows that there is definitely an opportunity to improve the visibility of precision ag-related programs for Idaho stakeholders. We are still collecting the survey responses and will provide the summary of results shortly.
Since we did not have any guest contributions for this month’s issue, I decided to share information about the upcoming deadline for WSARE grant for farmers and ranchers. To apply go to WSARE’s application page [HERE](#).

With a Farmer/Rancher Research & Education Grant, a producer, working with a technical advisor, develops a proposal to conduct both research and education on their farm/ranch on a sustainable agricultural topic and incorporate such items as: on-farm/ranch demonstrations; farmer-to-farmer educational outreach and other approaches to assist in producer adoption in an area of sustainable agriculture. The goal is to achieve results that can be communicated to producers and professionals and can improve income, the environment, communities and quality of life for all citizens.

Research and Education projects primary focus should be to: • Conduct on the ground research and education within the scope of the project. Not research or education; both must be conspicuous components of the proposal. • Design on-farm/ranch experiments that will lead to a more sustainable agriculture • Be creative and distinctive in addressing the changes that could come from the adoption of the results of this project by other producers. • Detail creative educational outreach plans that deliver this new knowledge to other producers and professionals in the western region.
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UI Extension Educator, Elmore County - Open Position

University of Idaho Extension is seeking applicants for the permanent, 12-month, tenure-track position of Assistant Professor, Extension Educator, Irrigated Cropping Systems. The position is located in the Elmore County Extension Office in Mountain Home, Idaho and will serve Elmore and surrounding counties.

TO APPLY:
Complete the online application at http://uidaho.peopleadmin.com/postings/15204, submitting the following:
1. Current resume or curriculum vitae.
2. A letter of application addressing the responsibilities and the minimum and preferred qualifications. Perspective candidates should specifically address each of the minimum qualifications. Additionally, please provide detailed information in support of your application regarding the preferred qualifications as relevant.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation which clearly address the candidate’s qualifications for this position (generic letters of recommendation will not be considered).
4. Transcripts of all college/university courses (copies acceptable).

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