



October 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

OVS Harvest Celebration

Friday, November 7th - 4pm - 7pm
OVS McMinnville

Join us for an evening of great food, great wine, great prizes... and a great cause.

Last year over \$1700 was donated to local 4H Youth Programs! This year we're raising funds to help support youth involved in local FFA Development and Leadership programs.



Willamette Valley Ag Expo

November 12th - 14th
Linn County Fair & Expo Center

Stop by the OVS booth and check out our great selection of Kubota & Weiss McNair equipment.

Salud Pinot Noir Auction

November 14th - 15th
Allison Inn & Spa

OVS and RP are proud to once again sponsor this important event.

OVS Chemical & Fertilizer Container Recycling Day

Saturday, November 15th
8am - Noon - OVS Aurora

All jugs and buckets must be tripled rinsed. Labels, caps and metal handles must be removed. No boxes.

Investing in Next Season

As we grow closer to fall and the dormant season, your crops are already beginning to determine yield potential for the following season. This year we've seen the benefits of post-harvest fertilization firsthand. As your plants become dormant, they have already begun storing carbohydrate reserves for winter, as well as energy and nutrients essential for floral bud differentiation and vegetative growth prior to bloom. While pre-bloom foliar fertilization offers supplemental amounts of nutrients to the plant; the timeframe for doing such is somewhat limited, as there are few fully expanded leaves (and limited canopy development) to uptake and metabolize these nutrients to make a positive impact prior to bloom. This makes post-harvest fertilization a highly effective way to supply essential elements needed to maximize your yield potential, as well as supply the plant with the proper nutrient reserves going into winter to adequately lignify cell walls to mitigate risk of frost damage should we see extreme temperatures like we did last winter.

Benefits of post-harvest fertilization:

- Increased fruit/nut set
- Uniform sizing
- Enhanced root and canopy health
- Increased winter hardiness
- Reduced amount of hens and chicks



This season we've seen the greatest fruit set in the Willamette Valley in the last several seasons, and I believe some of this is attributed to ideal bloom conditions, as well as late season fertilization via ripening sprays and/or post-harvest fertilization. While most wine grape growers prefer to control yields to modest amounts to ensure proper ripening and varietal characteristics; it's imperative that we maximize the plant's ability to set fruit, which affords the option to cull out less desirable fruit and consistently produce the high quality fruit that Oregon wine grape growers are known for.

This season's weather and earlier harvest should provide an excellent opportunity to get out in the field and fertilize. OVS has developed crop specific post-harvest blends with proven results.

For more information, contact an OVS ag supplies associate or your agronomist.

Cheers!

Nick Arnold - OVS Agronomics



Oregon Farm Labor Mobility

The farm labor system that built Oregon agriculture and that continues to sustain Oregon agriculture is under duress, and in November Oregon voters will have the opportunity to vote on Measure 88 and help remobilize this labor resource that Oregon agriculture depends on.

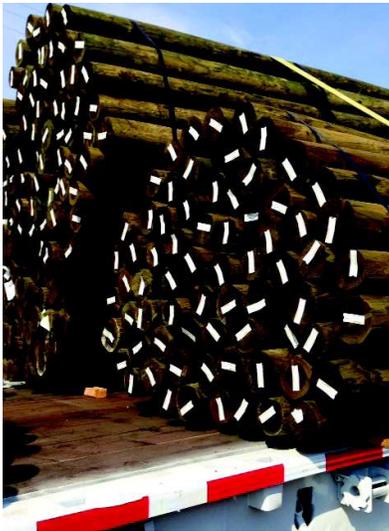
It's no surprise to anyone even remotely involved in Oregon agriculture over the last 50 years that our agriculture industry was built upon and is based upon high quality, dependable, and abundant farm labor. Unlike the grain belt of the Midwestern U.S. that grows predominantly two or three large scale commodity crops that lend themselves to near total mechanization, Oregon grows a vast array of high value, non-commodity crops that are only partially mechanizable and are dependent on experienced hand labor to plant, grow, harvest, and ship.

The era of abundant farm labor in Oregon and the greater U.S. is coming to an end. This era of abundance isn't ending because of effective and bold political action in this country, and it isn't ending because of the vast resources we are now employing on the U.S border with Mexico to prevent illegal immigration into this country. The era of farm labor abundance is ending because of economic and demographic shifts in Mexico. In short, the combination of more economic opportunity for all Mexicans in Mexico, a more educated Mexican workforce that is moving from low skill agrarian work in the Mexican countryside to higher-skill and higher-paying work in Mexican cities and industrial areas, and declining fertility rates in Mexico, are all combining to do what no political policy or border control in this country has been able to do; reduce illegal immigration into the U.S. from Mexico.

For those of us that have been wanting a less chaotic and more intentional farm labor immigration system in the U.S., our wish is being fulfilled by market and demographic forces, not the political forces that many hoped would provide a solution. So be it. Success is success whether it comes from intentional action or not.

Despite the fact that for politically absent reasons we're already on the fast track to reduced illegal immigration into Oregon and the U.S., there is still a need for political will and political action in the short term to effectively and openly allow Oregon's farm labor force to utilize Oregon's transportation system. In November's election, Ballot Measure 88 will decide whether Oregon should or should not uphold previous state law and a current state initiative to allow and require all drivers regardless of legal presence to have a valid Oregon Driver Card. This Driver Card

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Forecast for the Post Harvest Trellis Season

Are you planning on starting some fall trellising projects soon? Here is a quick snapshot of where we are this season in regard to trellis material availability.

Steel prices have been holding low and pretty steady. Wire prices have been flat for the last 9 months, and steel posts, both roll-form and T-posts, are steady as well. Domestic turnaround time on orders is currently 2-4 weeks, with other quality import options running 8-10 weeks.

Wood posts continue to have more demand than supply, so if you are planning on using wood this year, place your order early or you may find quality product availability scarce. To help with this situation, OVS has brought in another wood option this year. Premium CCA pressure-treated pine is hard to find, and we continue to sell out of common sizes faster than we can replace inventory. This season we've taken an early position to help protect our customers, and we also decided to bring in Inland fir ACQ pressure-treated posts as well. The Inland fir posts are heavier in weight and provide greater lateral tension strength

than Lodgepole pine. The trick when purchasing fir posts versus pine is to source it from high elevation regions. Because of the elements these trees grow in, Inland fir has tighter growth rings than Coastal fir, making it stronger and more uniform in size. ACQ treatment is the best process for fir, and if properly manufactured can hold up well in our cool Northwest conditions. Because of its strength, fir is also in demand for building materials and tends to be slightly more expensive than pine. However, with negotiated production, commitments and managed freight costs, OVS has been able to offer this new wood post option in the same price range as our Lodgepole pine posts.

If you've been thinking about adding to your field this year, OVS is well positioned to offer you great quality products at the most competitive prices.

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is not a full Driver License. For detailed information on what a Driver Card does and does not do see this link to the ODOT/DMV website:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/Pages/faqs/sb833.aspx>

Please remember when voting that Oregon agriculture needs a mobile labor force facilitated by Oregon-issued Driver Cards so that Oregon Agriculture can effectively compete in the national and international marketplace.

Matt Novak, OVS CEO



ODA State-funded Pesticide Collection Program Upcoming Collection Schedule

10/21 - 10am - 3pm
**Hermiston Agricultural Research
& Extension Center**
2121 S. First St., Hermiston, OR

10/22 - 10am - 4pm
Simplot Grower Solutions
1700 S.W. Fourth St., Ontario, OR

11/12 - 10am - 4pm
**Central Oregon Agricultural
Research Center**
850 N.W. Dogwood Lane, Madras, OR

12/6 - 8am - 2pm
Wilco Whiteson Agronomy
14000 S. Highway 99W, McMinnville, OR

Free Disposal of Unwanted Pesticide Waste!

*For more information contact local
extension offices or local soil and
water conservation district offices.*



Twine Time

White Christmas Tree Baler Twine
Available by the roll, case and pallet

*Premium Quality Harvest
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For 2014 Pricing information
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OVS Fall Hours

Start November 3rd

Monday - Friday
8am - 5pm

Saturday
8am - Noon



Equipment Corner

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