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NUTS & BOLTS REAL-TIME UPDATE

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Mid-September Harvest Note from Randy DeBoer in Nebraska

In the southern panhandle wheat yielded from 40-80 bushels per acres on dryland. Between Scoular Grain Company and Crossroads Co-op there were 3 million bushels piled on the ground. We also loaded two 110 ten car trains as well as filling all the elevators. Wheat is over \$7/bu. right now. The Proso millet is doing well also. Harvest is just getting started on this crop.

Wayne reports as of October 2 - Here in southern Minnesota we are trying to wrap up soybean harvest. Yields are generally good with many farms reporting 50 to 60 bushels per acre. Some corn is harvested with yields from 170-220 being common. Lots of wet weather is slowing us down. Almost twenty inches of rain has fallen in August and September with every cloud bringing a half inch now.

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President's Update— John Hobert

2008 National Farm Management Conference: Your leadership team has remained busy for the past six weeks with conference planning for both 2008 and 2009. Our 'conference scout team' of Laurie Morris (Co-Chair), Pat Harrington (Co-Chair) and me, along with Lyle Stewart and Bob Rhea from NAFBAS, went to Fresno September 12th - 15th to plan the agenda and meet key individuals who will be assisting us in the final planning of the 2008 National Farm Management Conference in Fresno next June 8th -12th. Your Scout Team put forth great effort! As I noted to the other individuals of the team, it was great to work with a group of individuals with the same passion toward farm business education and the objectives of NFRBMEA and NAFBAS.

We had the opportunity to visit with Laura Calderon, Fresno City & County Convention Visitors Bureau; Jennifer Paul, Fresno Madera Farm Credit; Liz Hudson, Fresno County Farm Bureau; Charles D. Boyer, College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Fresno State University; Tom Chandler, Agricultural Industries Department, Wells Fargo; Don Patrick, Executive Vice President, NISEI Farmers League; Leticia Garcia, Sales Manager, Visallia Convention Center; and Alexander Ott, California Apple Commission. The support of these individuals and others in planning and carrying out our 2008 Conference was clearly noted as we planned for the week. Final decisions on the headquarters hotel will be decided at our joint NFRBMEA/NAFBAS Board Meeting to be held in St. Paul, Minnesota October 10th - 12th. Agenda planning will also continue leading up to our Fall Board Meeting in October.

You might ask, what does the tentative agenda look like for the 2008 National Farm Management Conference? The official theme for this year's conference will be "Influencing Tomorrow's Agriculture" with an emphasis on four issues affecting California agriculture at this time— water issues, air quality, labor issues, and food quality and safety. All of these issues will be or are currently affecting the remaining parts of our country at this time. With that in mind, the tentative conference agenda stacks up as follows. All facets (presentations, tours, workshops) of the 2008 National Farm Management Conference will address these critical issues. If you have input or ideas for the Conference, please contact the members of the planning committee consisting of Pat Harrington, Arizona; Laurie Morris, Colorado; Jay Olson, North Dakota; or me, John Hobert. Our NAFBAS planning committee counterparts are Bob Rhea, Illinois; Lyle Stewart, Iowa; Brad Zwilling, Illinois; and Tina Barrett, Nebraska.



Fall foliage is starting to turn at Gooseberry Falls State Park, north of Duluth, MN.

Dates of NFRBMEA Interest:

- NFRBMEA Fall Board Meeting
- St. Paul - October 12 and 13
- 2008 Conference - Fresno, CA
June 8 - 12, 2008

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President's Update, continued—

Tentative Schedule for 2008 Fresno Conference

Sunday, June 8th

- 9:00 a.m. NFRBMEA Board Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Open Conference Bd. Room
- 10:00 a.m. Registration Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Registration Begins
- 2:00 p.m. NAFBAS Board Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. NFRBMEA Past President's Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. NAFBAS/NFRBMEA Joint Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Dessert Reception at Hotel
- 7:45 p.m. "Welcome to Fresno", Laura Calderon, Fresno Convention Visitors Bureau
- 8:00 p.m. "What Crops are Grown in Fresno", Lis Hudson, Fresno County Farm Bureau
- 8:30 p.m. "National Parks Overview" - National Park Rangers
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Monday, June 9th

- 6:00 a.m. Vendor Set-up
- 7:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome to the 2008 National Farm Business Management Conference
- 8:15 a.m. "Influencing Tomorrow's Agriculture" - A.G. Kawamura, California Secretary of Agriculture
- 9:00 a.m. "Water Issues" - Manuel Cunha, Jr., Nisei Farmers League
- 9:40 a.m. Farmer's Perspective Response Panel
- 10:00 a.m. BREAK
- 10:30 a.m. "Air Quality" - Roger Isom, Director, California Cotton Ginners Growers Association
- 11:10 a.m. Farmer's Perspective Response Panel
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Speaker
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. "Labor Issues" - Gregory Billikopf, Farm Labor Management Specialist, Univ. of CA
- 1:40 p.m. Farmer's Perspective Response Panel
- 2:00 p.m. "Food Safety" - Alexander Ott, Exec. Director, Ca. Apple Commission
- 2:45 p.m. Farmer's Perspective Response Panel
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:30 p.m. Business Communication Skills
- 4:00 p.m. Farm Credit Service sponsored presentation
- 6:00 p.m. Supper "Taste of Ca. Ag" - Woodward Park or Holland Park
- 8:00 p.m. Ag. Games Competition
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn

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Tuesday, June 10th

7:15 a.m. Plated Breakfast at Hotel
8:30 a.m. Welcome to Fresno State - President of College & Charles Boyer, Dean of Agriculture
8:45 a.m. Fresno State presentations on Air & Water Quality, Labor Issues, and Food Safety
10:15 a.m. BREAK
10:30 a.m. Fresno State presentations on Air & Water Quality, Labor Issues, and Food Safety
Noon Luncheon at Fresno State
1:00 p.m. International Water Technology Center / Crop Research / Winery & Farm Store
1:45 p.m. Rotate Groups on Tour
2:30 p.m. Return to Hotel
3:00 p.m. BREAK
3:15 p.m. NAFBAS - Professional Paper's Presentations and Committee Meetings
3:15 p.m. NFRBMEA -- Exchange of Ideas and Business Meeting
5:30 p.m. Adjourn – Evening On Your Own

Wednesday, June 11th

7:15 a.m. Hot Breakfast Buffet at Hotel
8:15 a.m. Leave for Farm Tours of Central Valley: Dairy, Vegetables, Fruits, Processing (4 choices)
9:00 a.m. Tour #1 & #2 (select two of the four options for the morning)
10:00 a.m. Rotate Travel to Next Tour
10:30 a.m. Tour #3 & #4
11:30 a.m. Travel to Visalia Convention Center
Noon Lunch - Entire group -(Tri-tip sandwiches/fresh fruit)
1:00 p.m. NFRBMEA Business Meeting at Visalia Convention Center
1:00 p.m. NAFBAS Business Meeting at Visalia Convention Center
1:00 p.m. Introduction to Shopping & Sights of Visalia for Family Members by Convention Bureau
1:00 p.m. Shopping and sights of Visalia for family members
2:30 p.m. Business Meetings Adjourned
2:30 p.m. Buses start leaving for Hotel (only when a bus is FULL)
4:00 p.m. Last Bus Returns to Hotel
5:00 p.m. Adjourn – Evening On Your Own

Thursday, June 12th

7:00 a.m. Denny Jackson Storytelling Breakfast at hotel
8:15 a.m. Wells Fargo presentation ("Profitable Negotiation", Jack Williams, BayGroup International)
9:00 a.m. International Agriculture, Berry Bedwell, California Fruit Grower Association
10:00 a.m. Adjourn Conference

Spouse and Parent/Family Program

Sunday, June 8th - On Your Own

Wild Waters Adventures Park (52 Acres)- \$ 20 Park & Drink ticket/person

Madera Wine Trail Tour

June 9th or 10th - Costs to be determined

Parent/Family Tour Options:

9:00 a.m. Buses Depart for Family Tours

#1 Boomers & San Joaquin River Center hands-on kids activities
#2 Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad

Spouse's Tour Options:

9:00 a.m. Buses Depart for Spouse Tours

#3 Gardens of Central California Tour -
#4 Squaw Valley Herb Garden & Monastery Tour

President's Update, continued—

2009 National Farm Management Conference: While some of your leadership team has been concentrating on the 2008 National Farm Management Conference in Fresno, others have been concentrating on the 2009 National Farm Management Conference in St. Louis. The 2009 NFRBMEA Conference Planning Committee consists of John Sponaugle (Co-Chair), Missouri; Jesse Schwanke (Co-Chair), Missouri; Paul Gorman, Minnesota; Dr. Norman Rohrbach, Missouri and me. NAFBAS Planning Committee members include Bob Rhea, Illinois; Michael Schmitz, Illinois; Kent Ruppert, Iowa; Rob Holcomb, Minnesota; and Jody Welsch, Kentucky. This committee is scheduled to head to St. Louis this week for a site visit during the dates of September 25th - 27th. We should have an excellent report from this committee at our Fall Joint NFRBMEA/NAFBAS Board Meeting. If you have input relative to the 2009 National Farm Management Conference, please contact members of this committee relative to your thoughts.

University of Missouri-Columbia Presentation: This past week, I had the opportunity to present a Web-cam presentation on 'Marketing Your Adult Program' to our counterparts in Missouri at their Conference for Agricultural Instructors of Adults. The Conference was held September 20th - 21st at the Missouri Pork Association in Columbia, Missouri. Aside from a few small technical problems, the presentation from my home office went very well. On behalf of NFRBMEA, I discussed the 2008 National Farm Business Management Conference and encouraged their attendance and NFRBMEA membership. Web-cam technology has opened up new doors for us to share information across the country at a small cost. How could you utilize this technology in your state?

Wisconsin FBM Faculty Development Conference: On October 8th, I have the opportunity to represent you at the Wisconsin Farm Business and Production Management Faculty Fall Professional Development Workshop, which will be held at the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College at Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Jim Gibson, an old friend of mine with Minnesota ties, has invited me to speak about "Organizing & Marketing Your FBM Program." I will also have an opportunity to discuss NFRBMEA and our current initiatives for a few minutes. I look forward to representing you, addressing our Wisconsin counterparts, and selling NFRBMEA as the quality organization it is.

Our 2007 NFRBMEA Fall Board Meeting will be held in Minneapolis October 10-12 tentatively at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul Campus. This meeting will be held jointly with the NAFBAS Board of Directors as part of our overall agenda. I have been working with Brad Greiman, University of Minnesota Agriculture Education Department, in developing a site for our meeting. I spoke with Bob Rhea, NAFBAS Director, on August 7th about his needs and the development of the overall agenda.

In closing, last month I discussed how many members of NFRBMEA are currently involved in NFRBMEA functions. I asked what you have done since Rochester to further our organization and its goals and objectives. I continue to encourage you to become more active through our standing committees or volunteering in some manner. Contact those committee chairpersons who are leading these committees to offer your expertise and time. If you are not sure what committee you would like to be a part of, call and we discuss where you can benefit NFRBMEA. Life is all about time management!

2007 Conference Door Prize Winners

This year, incentives were offered for Early Bird registration and conference participants that stayed for the entire conference.

The names of attendees registered by the May 21 deadline were put in a drawing for a chance to win \$125 in cash. Kevin Klair of St. Paul, Minnesota is this year's Early Bird Drawing winner.

Door prizes for attendance included two free registrations for the 2008 Fresno Conference; a beautiful limited edition print of an eagle, entitled "Take Off", by artist Al Agnew, and donated by Thome Farms of Adams, Minnesota; and an Acer Laptop Computer, donated by Greg Meyer of State Farm Insurance in Austin, Minnesota.

Winning 2008 Conference registrations were Bob Holcomb of Marshall, Minnesota and Jerry Tuhy of Killdeer, North Dakota. Pat Harrington, Chandler, Arizona, won the limited edition print, and Kent Miller of Winfield, Kansas was the winner of the laptop.

Congratulations, guys!



Kent Miller (right) won the Acer laptop computer donated by Greg Meyer of State Farm Insurance, Austin, MN.

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