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## 2009 N.W. Ag Show An Unconditional Success

In spite of what's being heralded as "the worst economy in 60 years", this year's N.W. Ag Show at the Portland Expo Center, January 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> saw growth in attendance and sales.

"The show was great!", commented Amy Patrick, Assistant Show Manager. "Exhibitors were upbeat as we received very encouraging reports of on-the-floor buying throughout the show. Overall, attendance was up nearly 4%! Considering most consumer shows are down this year... we're very pleased."

"Bringing the seminars and meetings on-site was enormously beneficial with farmers going from the meetings directly to the show floor. After 30 years it was great to have the entire show under one roof."

"We also saw growth in the FFA Contest participation. It's wonderful to see young people so enthusiastic and engaged in farming. 10 FFA Chapters applied for and received 'travel scholarships' from the show to attend. The Pilot Rock chapter had the longest drive to the show --- about 220 miles. The FFA Equipment Contest had 8 entries in the Fabrication Division and 3 entries in the Restoration Division. Silverton, Oregon FFA took first & second place in fabrication, earning their chapter a total \$1000! The Dayton, Oregon FFA chapter took first in restoration, earning \$700 and the North Marion, Oregon Chapter took second, earning \$300."



**Northwest  
Agricultural  
Show**

**January 27-29, 2009  
Portland Expo Center**

Celebrating its' 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the N.W. Ag Show is the second largest Ag Show west of the Mississippi and largest Ag Show in the N.W. with 245,000 square feet of space, dozens of educational seminars and meetings and over 200 exhibitors representing every facet of N.W. farming. In addition to the products, equipment and services, is the growing and always popular vintage farm equipment display. This year's display included working steam equipment and a variety of vintage tools and memorabilia.

For detailed information visit [www.nwagshow.com](http://www.nwagshow.com).