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2014 Northwest Ag Show Celebrates 45 Years!

Sublimity, OR –The Northwest Ag Show will be hosting the region's largest agricultural trade and consumer show, January 28th through January 30th at the Portland Expo Center. The second largest Ag show west of the Mississippi, and the largest and longest running in the northwest, the N.W. Ag Show will feature the Ag industry's newest products, services, experts and information.

"The 2014 show sets a new milestone as we celebrate our first 45 years in promoting northwest agriculture and the full spectrum of services and products associated with this proud and vital industry", said Amy Patrick, the show's manager. "The vintage equipment display, which is always a popular draw is bigger-than-ever; all the industry meetings and seminars are on-site; and we're also expanding, The Tasting Room which features locally produced wines and beer."

"With tens of millions of dollars of farm equipment on display and hundreds of onsite experts, this is an ideal opportunity to see what's new and get all the information you need from the top brands and companies in northwest agriculture. The Northwest Ag Show is the hub of the regional industry and one of the most important Ag events of the year. Between the meetings, seminars, exhibits and displays, it's all here under one roof."

From large farm operations, tree farms and orchards to vineyards, small acreage farmers and nurseries, there's something for everybody involved in northwest agriculture at the N.W. Ag Show. With hundreds of exhibitors, the N.W. Ag Show is jam-packed with Ag-related products, services and equipment.

Patrick continued, "There's 245,000 square feet of indoor display space along with an additional 84,000 square feet of meeting space for the 2014 show. And For the second time in two years, the Northwest Ag Show will occupy all four Expo buildings. And even with these additional costs, the Northwest Ag Show is going to pick-up parking again...so parking is free for all attendees!"

Back for their 10th year at the show, the FFA Equipment Competition welcomes high schools from around the region to participate. The FFA has assumed a more visible role at the show and the Northwest Ag Show has worked closely with FFA offering travel scholarships for out-of-area chapters and opportunities to participate within the show.

"FFA has been a growing focus for the show. These young adults are the future of this industry and it's our responsibility to introduce them to the people, technology and opportunities that are available to them in northwest Ag. The Northwest Ag Show is the perfect venue to make that happen". Patrick added, "We're seeing FFA participation continuing to grow as more and more high schools attend the show. Certainly, the show and competition is a draw but thanks to our show sponsors we've been able to offer travel scholarships that help defray the cost of fuel and other costs associated with attending the show. FFA members are admitted to the show free-of-charge."

Family Day, a popular one-day event, offers a single \$20 admission ticket for the entire family on Wednesday, January 29th.

Show hours are: Tuesday – 9AM to 8PM; Wednesday 9AM to 8PM; and Thursday 9AM to 3 PM.

Show details are available online at www.nwagshow.com

The N.W. Ag Show is produced by the N.W. Horticultural Congress. The N.W. Horticultural Congress includes representatives from Oregon Association of Nurseries, Oregon Horticultural Society and the Nut Growers Society and sponsored by Capital Press.



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