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The 36th Annual Hermiston Farm Fair & Trade Show will be Wednesday, December 2 through Friday, December 4, 2009 at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Hwy 395. The Farm Fair is an agricultural forum co-sponsored by OSU Extension Service, the Agriculture Committee of the Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, and local agriculture-related businesses displaying their wares and services, both inside and outside the Conference Center. Agriculture-related seminars will be offered all three days.

The Potato Production Seminar will be held on the Main Stage all day Wednesday. Concurrently, we will hold the Fertilizer Seminar in the Altrusa Room covering updates on the latest on fertilizers. Thursday morning on the Main Stage the Ag Issues Forum will cover issues dealing with local foods, future of Extension and Experiment Stations as well as Extension funding. Thursday afternoon the General Session will be on the Main Stage and the pesticide Core Program will be offered in the Altrusa Room. There is a $10.00 fee for attending the Core Program. Friday morning, the Pesticide Session will be directed to the pesticide recertification credits on the Main Stage. The pesticide Core Program will be in the Altrusa Room, $10 fee.

All sessions are free to attendees except for the Core Program. No pre-registration is required for the seminars. Oregon, Washington and Idaho pesticide recertification credits will be available, in addition to CCA credits. A full Farm Fair agenda with updates and pesticide credit hours will be available by mid November.

The Hermiston Farm Fair Banquet will be held on Thursday night at Desert River Inn. The cost is $25. Dinner will be prime rib. A no-host social hour will begin the evening at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment will follow dinner with Randall Reeder - “I Never Met a Farmer I Didn’t Like” - As “Will Rogers”. Randall brings to life the warmth and humor of a legendary American. Tickets are available from the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce.

The Farm Fair is a great opportunity to gain knowledge and visit with friends and neighbors over a variety of freshly prepared refreshments courtesy of our local food processors. Come and treat yourself at the 36th Annual Hermiston Farm Fair.