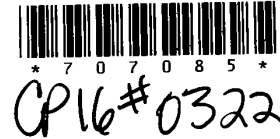


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Oct. 7, 2014 *Newswatch is back with a "Washington Farm Bureau in the news" edition, featuring WFB personnel quoted in the local media.*

Flight Plan: Charting a Course for Drones in Washington

TVW looks at the growing popularity of drones, and the serious privacy issues they raise. See how they're used and why so many people are interested in this new technology - from farmers to hobbyists to state agencies

Washington Farm Bureau Director of Government Relations Tom Davis is featured at the 42-minute mark.

View the story [here](#).

Labor shortage looms: Record crops coming and Mid-Columbia farmers aren't ready

From the Oct 5 edition of the Tri-City Herald Columbia Basin and Yakima Valley farmers are looking for skilled workers to hand pick apples, harvest wine grapes, sort newly harvested onions and weed rows of blueberry bushes.

They need them now, but finding enough workers is tough because of localized shortages of seasonal, skilled farmworkers and a tight labor supply statewide.

While the difficulties in finding skilled temporary workers is nothing new, it's been accentuated this year because warm weather has hastened the ripening of some crops, overlapping peak worker needs for hops, apples, wine grapes and other crops

Record harvests also are expected

Read the rest of the story [here](#)

Mid-Columbia farmers may rethink labor-intensive crops

From the Oct 5 edition of the Tri-City Herald The difficulty Washington farmers face in finding enough skilled seasonal workers may limit how much labor-intensive crops like apples and wine grapes they can grow.

Columbia Basin and Yakima Valley farmers have been adding acres of hops, blueberries and wine grapes. And older apple orchards have been replanted, with the new orchards denser and more fruitful

But that means more workers are needed for harvest and other work such as pruning.

Read the complete story [here](#)

Ecology on water rule: Let them eat fish

From the Oct 1 edition of the Capital Press: OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington Department of Ecology has proposed new water-quality standards, a step in a broader move by Gov. Jay Inslee to reduce water pollution

The proposed standards, foreshadowed by Inslee in July and released Sept 29, are intended to reduce pollution discharged into waterways by cities and businesses that have permits

The connection between the new standards and agricultural practices are "weak at best," said Kelly Susewind, special assistant to Ecology Director Maia Bellon.

Read the entire story [here](#).

Inslee adviser gets frosty reception from carbon tax skeptics

From the Sept. 26 edition of Capital Press. A Senate committee Thursday gave a chilly reception to Washington Gov. Jay Inslee's top policy adviser, who outlined the purported benefits of a carbon tax

At a meeting this week in Pasco, the governor's policy director, Matt Steuerwalt, briefed the Energy, Environment and Telecommunications Committee on the possible consequences of taxing greenhouse gases

He said lawmakers can expect a specific proposal in mid-December when Inslee rolls out his two-year budget proposal

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