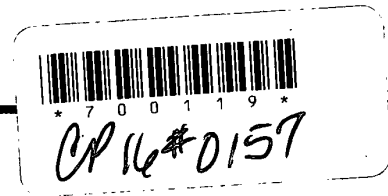


O'Donnell, Mary Beth



From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2014 12:52 PM
To: Euler, Gordon; Alvarez, Jose
Cc: Cook, Christine; O'Donnell, Mary Beth
Subject: FW: WFB Newswatch

FYI

From: Madore, David
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2014 12:28 PM
To: Orjiako, Oliver
Subject: RE: WFB Newswatch

Oliver, FYI.

From: Carol Levanen [<mailto:cnldental@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 1:58 PM
To: Mielke, Tom; Madore, David; Barnes, Ed; Carol Levanen; Susan Rasmussen; Leah Higgins; Rick Dunning; Rita Dietrich; Jerry Olson; Fred Pickering; Jim Malinowski; Frank White; Benjamin Moss; Lonnie Moss; Melinda Zamora; Nick Redinger; Curt Massie; Marcus Becker; Clark County Citizens United Inc.
Subject: Fw: WFB Newswatch

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From: "sprazz@tds.net" <sprazz@tds.net>
To: Carol Levanen <cnldental@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 8:11 AM
Subject: Re: WFB Newswatch

Hi Carol,

The Farm Bureau is correct. I believe the BERK Study mentions the fact that small and very small farms are able to react quicker and fine tune their enterprises to accommodate the effects of a down turn in the economic climate easier than a large corporate-type enterprise. I can't find the definition of a very small farming operation in that study.

Susan

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From: Carol Levanen
To: ed.barnes@clark.wa.gov; David Madore; Tom Mielke; Carol Levanen; Susan Rasmussen; Leah Higgins; Rick Dunning; Rita Dietrich; Jerry Olson; Fred Pickering; Jim Malinowski; Frank White; Benjamin Moss; Lonnie Moss; Melinda Zamora; Nick Redinger; Curt Massie; Marcus Becker; Clark County Citizens United Inc.
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 2:25 AM
Subject: Fw: WFB Newswatch

Yakima is the farm center of the state. Prices are going up dramatically for farm land. Small farms will be required for those wanting to farm, because they will not be able to afford anything larger. At this price a ten acre parcel will cost a potential farmer \$53,000.00 in Yakima, where prices are much lower than in urbanized areas, such as Clark County. Start up costs such as equipment, animals,

etc. would add to the cost to start a farm, and would easily be over \$100,000.00. A homesite would also need to be added, if the farmer wants to live on the land. One would have to be very financially well off or file for federal assistance, if one wants to farm in today's market. The federal government would need to be convinced that whatever will be produced will make good money, otherwise the farm would not qualify. Long term commercial significance is important to the federal government, as well as the state.

These statistics indicate that 2.5 and 5 acre farms are more financially feasible as start-up farms in Clark County.

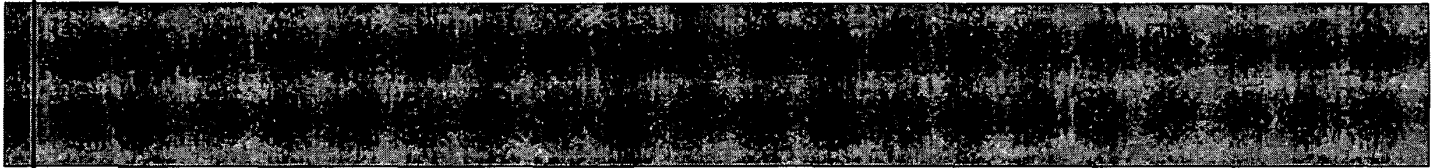
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From: Washington Farm Bureau <tdavis@wsfb.com>

To: cnldental@yahoo.com

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 5:32 PM

Subject: WFB Newswatch



Value of farmland in Washington continues to rise

25 edition of The Columbian: YAKIMA - The value of farmland continues to rise in Washington, largely because farm product sales numbers.

ntly, the average sale price for irrigated, high-quality and vacant farmland rose 37 percent to an estimated \$5,302 per acre.

erald-Republic reported that existing farms push the price even higher. Statewide, the average price of farmland already climbed from \$8,500 to \$9,000 an acre between 2012 and 2013.

ing to Farmers National Co., a real estate and farm management firm based in Omaha, Neb.

he rest of the story [here](#).

PUD: Wanapum water level may be near normal by year's end

25 edition of the Yakima Herald-Republic: EPHRATA, Wash. - Operators at the Wanapum Dam announced Tuesday the opening of a 65-foot long crack to restore the river to nearly normal levels by year's end.

ck was discovered in the dam's spillway in late February, the Grant County Public Utility District drew water levels behind the dam down 26 feet to reduce pressure on the fractured area. The move stabilized the dam, but left boat ramps and fish ladders high and dry. The river behind the dam has been closed to the public for safety reasons and to protect archeological sites.

he full story [here](#).

McMorris-Rodgers: Export-Import Bank needs reform

25 edition of The Spokesman-Review: The Export-Import Bank must institute serious reforms to protect taxpayers before the end of this year, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers said Tuesday.

h provides funds for the purchase of American goods by foreign buyers, is important for thousands of jobs in trade-dependent industries, she said.



