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Announcement

To: All FWAA Members and Associates
From: James F. Fitzgerald, Executive Director
Subject: USDA PNW Regional Herbicide Resistance Listening Session
Date: December 22, 2016

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Far West Agribusiness Association will be co-hosting a PNW Regional Herbicide Resistance Listening Session on January 24th, 2017, from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM, at the Red Lion Conference Center in Pasco, WA. Many of our member agronomists and their customers are impacted by this issue and this is a limited opportunity to chart a path forward to deal with the problem.

The objective of this listening session, is to gather information about herbicide resistance which continues to get worse and to develop strategies to reverse the trend. The primary intent is to hear from those who make agronomic decisions regarding weed management in the field.

This regional listening session is one of seven being held across the country to discuss herbicide resistance management (HRM) – the challenges, new ideas, and ways to help communities collaborate to more effectively to control resistance. It is imperative that we share our ideas at this listening session so that the Pacific Northwest perspective is heard.

In addition to Far West, this listening session is also jointly sponsored by the USDA – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Weed Science Society of America, and the United Soybean Board. It will be held on **January 24, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Red Lion Inn and Conference Center, Pasco, WA (2525 North 20th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301). A hosted lunch will follow.**

The specific goals/outcomes from these sessions include:

- Identification of effective community based strategies for management of herbicide resistance to avoid additional state and federal (EPA and other agencies) regulations on herbicide use and other weed management practices.
- Understanding the barriers to practicing HRM, from those making weed management decisions in the field.
- Establishment of the incentives needed for HRM so they can be recommended to agencies and industry as well as state and federal policy makers.
- Identification of new innovative approaches for HRM that can be incorporated into best management practice plans.

This is your opportunity to provide vital information gathered from our regional session and assist in developing more effective approaches to manage resistance without required mandates.

This listening session will be limited to the first 160 people who register. While there is no cost to attend, you must be registered to be admitted. Here is the link for registration: <http://www.cvent.com/d/wvqdfj/4W>.

Once the limit of 160 is reached and you try to register, you will be notified through the registration process that registration is closed. If you have any specific questions or want more information about the session, please contact either Ian Burke (icburke@wsu.edu; 509.335.2858) or Errin Nelson (errin@fwaa.org; 509.465.5055)

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Red Lion in Pasco, WA. To make reservations please call 1-800-733-5466 and give them the group code of FARW0123. Attendees will be responsible for their own lodging and travel.

CCA and state pesticide credits will be available for this meeting.