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Agrimanagement Newsletter

Thanks for your business. This year we were privileged to work on 8 different fruit crops, and 14 different field or permanent crops; as mint, hops, and alfalfa. These photos are a small glimpse of the summer.

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Walking the Fields:

This October we decided to present to you a little different approach than our traditional newsletter. As we mentioned earlier in the summer, we have been developing our use of digital photography to pass on information between our field people and to help with diagnostic decisions. We've found we could send photos to extension researcher, or even receive photos from clients. Truly this is a remarkable tool for our business. So for fun, we are enclosing a varied array of shots taken from our client's fields, which raise interest, explain some concepts, and show the range of activities which Agrimanagement has been pleased to provide service support and information for your management decisions.

We are now actively involved in FALL soil fertility and nematode sampling. If we have not yet been in contact about your own soil sampling needs, please call us. ☐



Wine grapes ripening for their purpose

Tiene Usted Preguntas En Espanol? (Questions explained in Spanish??)

In the past, Agrimanagement has provided some custom training to farm employees on concepts of soil fertility, soil moisture and irrigation. We now are also developing ideas on how we could provide to our clients such training in Spanish or dual English-Spanish for better comprehension. Gene Cole, our bookkeeper, is available to help with such training. He can also provide basic bookkeeping and training on business regulations of UI, L & I quarterly reporting, etc. to small business entrepreneurs. His familiarity with the Spanish language is an asset which can provide help to hispanic growers as well as employees.

Feedback and ideas you may have, pertinent to such service work, would be welcome. ☐



Hops and vegetative management under drip.



The natural range blooms with Lupine on the West reservation.



Symptoms of Verticillium on Scotch mint. Annual nematode monitoring helps manage the Root Lesion link to Vert.



A first year planting of Gala following our soil and nematode sampling in the Fall of 2003.



A flavorful attractive crop. Guided by our soils and leaf analysis services.

Vote:

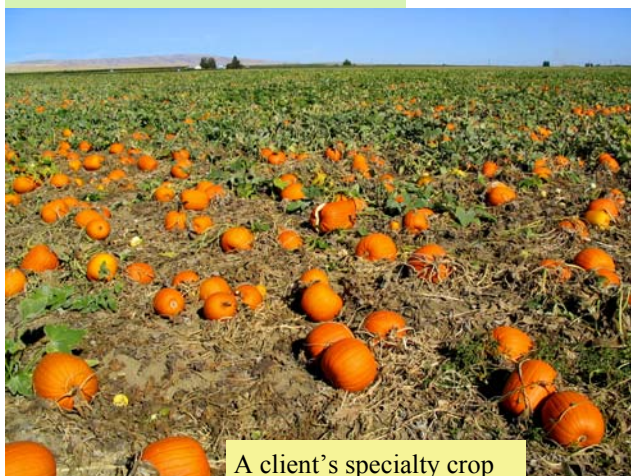
November 2, 2004 is the great show-down vote. There are many significant votes from commissioner to legislative and congressional seats to Governor, and of course, El Presidente. Looking beyond the talk-talk, the informed voter examines the candidates world view. A world view generates ideas and attitudes which guide appointments (think regulators and judges) which yield actions and consequences.

I'm told up to October 18th one can yet register to vote at the courthouse. Employers have an opportunity to encourage this civil duty by giving "voter-friendly time-away allowances".

Even scripture admonishes to us a truth we have all witnessed." When the righteous rule, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan." Proverbs 29:2 ☞



Our secretary, Joyce and her son do a fine job on their own pumpkins



A client's specialty crop



Organic grown potatoes in early September

Winter Re-Training:

All of us need retraining as well as the acquisition of new information. An example of new information needs is how to manage the new potato pest, potato tuber worm, now present across the Columbia Basin in 2004.

Fall meetings we/or some of us are scheduled to attend are:

Oct. 26 Green Manure/Mustard Day, Moses Lake

Nov. 3-5 Weed Conference

Nov. 11, WA State Pest Consultants Assoc.

Nov. 17-18 Vegetable Conference, Pasco

Dec. 1-3 Hermiston Farm Fair

Dec. 6-8 Hort Convention, Yakima

Dec. 7 Mint Grower Conference, Pasco

Dec. 9-10 WA Hops Meeting ☐



Hope cones ripening



Potato pest management scouting finds the early signs of Late Blight symptoms

Mission Statement

Agrimanagement is an agricultural consulting company that provides production services, independent of product sales, to farmers and orchardists. Our main objective is to enable growers to be more efficient and achieve higher profitability. We achieve this by applying ag-science principles and techniques to address the needs and problems of the modern farmer. Our reputation is based on providing reliable, objective, timely, and affordable services adapted to individual client needs. We maintain a high level of professionalism and respect the proprietary nature of the information we collect and analyze.



D'Anjous respond to monitoring services of fertility and water management.



Pest Mgt. Scouting marks location of hop Powdery Mildew.

Lighter Side:

Why do they put braille on the buttons of drive thru bank machines? ☞

For hunters: How do they teach deer to cross at the yellow road signs? ☞

Response: You may mail or fax to 509-452-6760 comments, suggestions, for services development, needs or critique of services.

Contact me for **FALL** work about _____

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