

BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO
RESOLUTION # 14-05
DISASTER DECLARATION FOR SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC LOSSES
IN THE 2014 MALTING BARLEY AND WHEAT CROPS

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §31-801 grants general powers and duties, subject to the restrictions of law, to the boards of county commissioners in their respective counties; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §31-828 grants the board of commissioners authority "to do and perform all other acts. Which may be necessary to the full discharge of the duties of the chief executive authority of the county government"; and

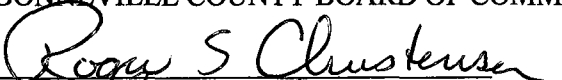
WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-101I provides that the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners may declare a local disaster emergency, which may be continued in excess of seven days with consent of the Board of County Commissioners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there is substantial economic losses in the 2014 malting barley and wheat crops in Bonneville County. Due to highly unusual moisture which blanketed a wide section of southern and eastern Idaho during the entire month of August, we are seeing severe sprout damage in the mature but unharvested grain crops. This is resulting in as much as 60% or more of crops being rejected for malting purposes and being dumped as much lower-valued feed barley and a significant amount of the milling wheat being downgraded to feed. The price differentials between feed barley and malting barley (\$5.50/Cwt. Versus \$13,00/Cwt.) and feed and milling wheat is 50% or less. This disaster emergency shall remain in effect until the end of the 2014 growing season, or until otherwise terminated by resolution of the Board, whichever occurs earlier.


This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2014, during the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

BONNEVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



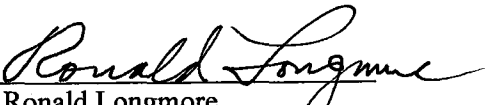
Roger S. Christensen, Chairman



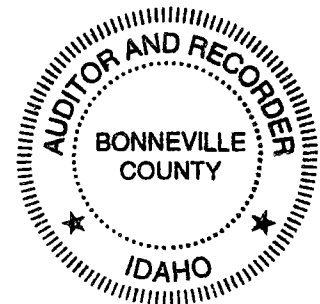
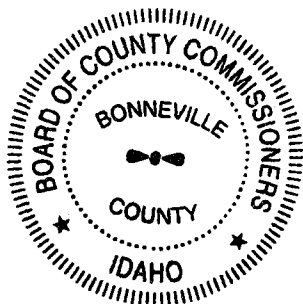
Lee Staker, Member



Dave Radford, Member

ATTEST: 

Ronald Longmore
Bonneville County Clerk



Cheryl Matthiesen

From: Cheryl Matthiesen
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 12:02 PM
To: 'joy.lopez@id.usda.gov'
Cc: 'KOlson@idahobarley.org'
Subject: Bonneville County Resolution for Disaster Declaration
Attachments: Resolution .pdf

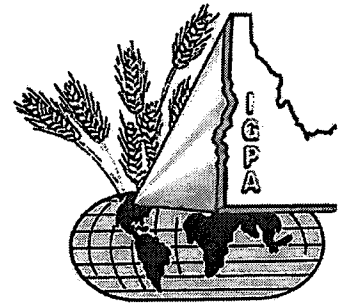
Joy,

The Idaho Barley Commissioner requested that we prepare and submit a disaster declaration to you for the substantial economic losses in the 2014 malting barley and wheat crops in our county.

The Commissioners were happy do so.

Thanks,
Cheryl





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August 26, 2014

Bonneville County Commissioner Roger Christensen
Bonneville County Commissioner Lee Staker
Bonneville County Commissioner Dave Radford

Dear Bonneville County Commissioners:

We are writing to urge your county to prepare and submit a disaster declaration to the USDA Farm Service Agency for the substantial economic losses in the 2014 malting barley and wheat crops in your county. Grain producers in your county were on pace to harvest a record malting barley crop until the harvest rains arrived.

Due to highly unusual monsoonal moisture which blanketed a wide section of southern and eastern Idaho during the entire month of August, we are seeing severe sprout damage in the mature but unharvested grain crops. This is resulting in as much as 60% or more of crop being rejected for malting purposes and being dumped as much lower-valued feed barley and a significant amount of the milling wheat being downgraded to feed. The price differentials between feed barley and malting barley (\$5.50/Cwt. versus \$13.00/Cwt.) and feed and milling wheat is 50% or less.

Without question, grain producers in your county are experiencing significant economic loss in the quality deterioration of their 2014 grain which is resulting in **substantially below normal value grain crops**, one of the important criteria for a county disaster declaration.

We urge your support for a disaster declaration for Bonneville County. Please let us know if we can provide additional information or answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Kelly Olson, Administrator
Idaho Barley Commission
821 W. State Street
Boise, ID 83702

Travis Jones, Executive Director
Idaho Grain Producers Association
821 W. State Street
Boise, ID 83702

From: Travis Jones <tjones@idahograin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 5:47 PM
To: Roger Christensen; rstaker@co.bonneville.id.us; Dave Radford
Cc: 'Kelly Olson'
Subject: Agriculture disaster declaration request...
Attachments: Disaster - IBC-IGPA Bonneville County Letter (8-26-14).pdf

Dear Bonneville County Commissioners,

As you know, grain farmers in Bonneville County have recently suffered significant damage to their wheat and barley crops due to volatile weather.

The Idaho Grain Producers Association and the Idaho Barley Commission request your immediate help in submitting a disaster declaration to the USDA Farm Service Agency for the substantial economic losses faced by producers in your county.

Attached is a formal request from our two organizations. We appreciate your timely consideration of this critical matter.

Best regards,

Travis Jones
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