

# WEST COAST SMOKE EXPOSURE TASK FORCE

**CROP INSURANCE WEBINAR**  
**August 2, 2021**  
**Virtual via Zoom**  
**2:00 to 3:30 PM**  
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## AGENDA:

The webinar will review the latest issues and developments related to crop insurance coverage in the event of wildfire and smoke related losses. Join the webinar to understand how lessons learned from the 2020 crop season will affect crop insurance this year.

**2:00 pm**      **Welcome**

John Aguirre, President, California Association of Winegrape Growers

**2:00 PM**      **Is Crop Insurance Ready to Work for You When Wildfire Hits?**

Senior Risk Management Agency directors who lead the agency's regional offices based in Davis, California and Spokane, Washington will review key lessons learned from past wildfire events and how the crop insurance program is prepared to respond to wildfire events this year for growers in California, Oregon and Washington. Our two presenters will also review potential changes to the program in response to wildfire and smoke related losses of recent years.

- Jeff Yasui, Director, Davis Regional Office, USDA Risk Management Agency
- Benjamin Thiel, Director, Spokane Regional Office, USDA Risk Management Agency

**2:35 pm**      **Getting Paid for Your Loss**

Crop insurance professionals will share their insights and experiences on lessons learned from 2020 and discuss the key issues you need to consider when you experience crop damage or losses due to wildfires and smoke.

- Kristine Fox, Pan American Insurance Services
- Erika Ledbetter, NAU Country (invited)
- George Harris, Northwest Farm Credit Services

**3:15 pm**      **Questions & Answers**

**3:30 pm**      **End of Webinar**