



## **Weed Ordinance Violation Updates**

**May 22, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.**

Azure Farm submitted a weed control plan to the Sherman County Weed District last week. No action will take place against Azure Farm as of now, May 22, 2017, the deadline given in the weed violation notification letter from the county. The weed plan is currently under review to determine if it is workable. As more updates are available, they will be posted on Facebook and on the Sherman County website at [co.sherman.or.us](http://co.sherman.or.us) on the home page under the link labeled Weed Ordinance Violation Updates.

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**May 23, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. (Submitted by Rod Asher, Weed District Director)**

On May 16, Azure Farms submitted a Weed Management Plan to the Sherman County Weed District. This satisfies the requirements of the county weed ordinance violation at this time, and no action will be taken by the county at this time. However, the county reserves the right to take action, and Azure farms will be monitored.

At the May 17 Sherman County Court meeting, Rod Asher of the Sherman County Weed District and Nathan Stelzer of Azure Farms read statements on their positions on the matter of noxious weeds and the violation. Some of those in attendance of the public meeting also made comments. Discussion ensued, and it was agreed that both sides would consult with experts in the field of organic weed control to evaluate, and possibly improve, the plan. Currently, Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon State University Extension agents are being consulted.

A meeting will take place in the next ten days bringing all sides together to discuss the findings and to fine tune the plan. Local neighboring farmers will be invited. Part of the discussion will include consequences for failure to take action throughout the growing season.

The Sherman County Court will be updated on progress being made at their June 7 regularly scheduled court session.