



Yakima farms: Cold affected tree crops and asparagus

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After battling a cold snap that may have caused much crop damage across the Yakima Valley, growers are welcoming a much warmer forecast this weekend.

Tree fruit growers the past two weeks spent long nights running overhead sprinklers, wind machines and smudge pots in an effort to keep orchards warm

High temperatures remained below 50 degrees, keeping bees from pollinating the apples, apricots, peaches, pears and cherries already in bloom in many areas.

The cold also slowed asparagus production, damaged spears and kept workers from fields.

The damage has yet to be assessed but growers are hopeful that a warm trend ahead may turn it around

“The nice thing is it looks like it’s going to get warm during the day — 50s and 60s — and that means the bees will go out and work,” said Tim Kovic, director of communications and events for the Washington State Tree Fruit Association.

“That was the problem last week and the week before.”

Bees were inactive and blooms weren’t getting pollinated.

Bees did appear more active earlier this week but it’s too soon to tell whether they were pollinating fruit trees or dandelions, Kovic said.

“And we won’t know for a couple of weeks,” he said.

Frost and ice can harm asparagus spears that are sprouted too much, but that doesn’t stop the plant from producing, he said.

“Fortunately, it doesn’t hurt them, it just hurts the spears that are up,”

Larson said. “But the plant keeps sending spears up.”

However, growers did lose many pounds of asparagus the past two weeks, he said.

On Thursday, workers cut 51 boxes of asparagus spears from 250 acres, equating to only 4 pounds per acre, on his farms near Pasco

“That doesn’t pencil out, but what you want to do is get people out, get people moving because this weekend is going to pay dividends,” he said.

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Court protects higher speeds, lower rates for all internet users

It ordered internet to be fair, equal to all consumers and prohibits higher rates to small consumers.

California's net neutrality law is now similar to the Trump-administration’s net neutrality federal rules repealed under former FCC Chairman Ajit Pai.

With this re-establishment of that law, California now prohibits ISPs from blocking or throttling lawful traffic. It also prohibits requiring fees from websites or online services to deliver or prioritize their traffic to consumers, bans paid data cap exemptions (so-called "zero-rating"), and says that ISPs may not attempt to evade net neutrality protections by slowing down traffic at network interconnection points

Info: shpr.fyi/fairinternet



Electric power is “just not there”

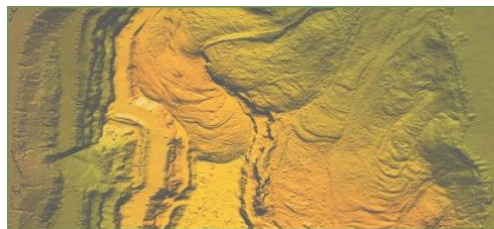
According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration: Monthly Energy Review (Table 1.3, April 2021) The US consumes 92.943 quadrillion British Thermal Units, “Quads” each year. That’s 72.95 Quads from fossil fuels, 11.59 Quads from Renewables, 8.25 Quads from Nuclear, and .153 Quads from Hydro-Electric.

Activists got “Big Auto” to follow along, convincing them that the world would steer away if they did not follow the activist narrative about EVs.

They then captured the attention of the complicit mainstream media and laid out a set of facts, that made the outcome look troublesome for the fossil fuels.

So, here we are, asking ourselves, how long will it take to build the infrastructure and the production facilities to produce an adequate amount of electricity to power our economy? Not to mention, how many more trillions of dollars will it take to fund this expansion. The tiny sum of \$93 trillion, strikes me as the number many are using to meet just today’s energy needs with electric power. But it will take more than 30 more years and trillions more, for this transition to occur.

Info: shpr.fyi/elecnotthere



Archeology Using Aerial or Satellite Lidar

Lidar aims laser pulses at the surface of Earth from airplanes or satellites, creating a high-resolution, 3D grid of points that represents the Earth’s surface. Scientists can then use computers to filter out trees and vegetation to see the ground below.

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Info: shpr.fyi/aeriallidar

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Check out this week’s Bible Readings on page 6 which includes, “Jesus called out to them, ‘Friends, haven’t you any fish?’ ‘No,’ they answered. He said, ‘Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.’ When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.” John 21:5-6 NIV

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