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## **IDAHO HONEY PRODUCERS AND HONEY COMMISSION TO MEET IN BOISE**

### ***WORKSHOP FOR HOBBY BEEKEEPERS TO BE CONDUCTED AND COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER DISCUSSED***

The annual **Honey Producers and Honey Commission** meeting and workshop will be held December 6-8, 2007, at the Ameritel Inn, 7965 West Emerald, Boise Towne Square.

The meeting will begin with an informal reception and early registration at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The full meeting begins on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Of principal interest during this session will be presentations and discussion concerning "Colony Collapse Disorder," which has been affecting honeybees in Idaho and worldwide and was featured in segments on the television shows "60 Minutes" and "Nature." Additionally, guest speakers will update participants regarding the current status of the honey and pollination industry, as well as, report on new technology used to detect viruses in honeybees. A banquet and auction will follow.

Speakers will include Jerry Bromenshenk from the University of Montana and George Hansen from the National Honey Board. Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Celia Gould will be the featured speaker Friday evening.

The event will culminate Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> with a six-hour “Bee School” for beekeeper hobbyists. Thom Trusewicz, who has conducted workshops for hobbyist throughout the Pacific Northwest, will teach the workshop which runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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