

# News Release

## The Coalition For Agriculture's Future

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### **Ag Coalition To Endorse Canyon County Commission Candidates**

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The Coalition for Agriculture's Future, a powerful agricultural coalition representing seed industry businesses and agricultural associations, will announce Friday which of the candidates for two Canyon County commissioner positions it will endorse, coalition officials said today.

An endorsement by the powerful industry group for a candidate for Canyon Country Commissioner represents a major campaign asset in a region with a strong traditional agricultural base.

About 40 members of the coalition, representing a dozen seed companies in the Treasure Valley, recently quizzed the candidates on a variety of ag related issues to determine which candidates represented the best fit with the Coalition's long range goals.

Candidates Kathy Alder, George Combs, Norm Hogg, Jim Rice and Steve Rule and Jarom Wagoner, running for election in Districts 1 and 2, were interviewed by the Coalition at a special candidate forum held April 23 at the Hampton Inn in Nampa.

High on the list of issues put to the candidates was the continuing urbanization of agricultural land and how it impacts the agriculture industry in southwestern Idaho.

“The Treasure Valley seed industry pumps more than \$100 million element into the Treasure Valley agricultural economy. The Coalition feels it is vital that the persons elected to the Canyon County Commission have not only a strong grasp of agricultural interests and the ways in which it contributes to the economic well-being of the area but how those interests can be integrated into future development strategies,” said Coalition spokesman Roger Batt.

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