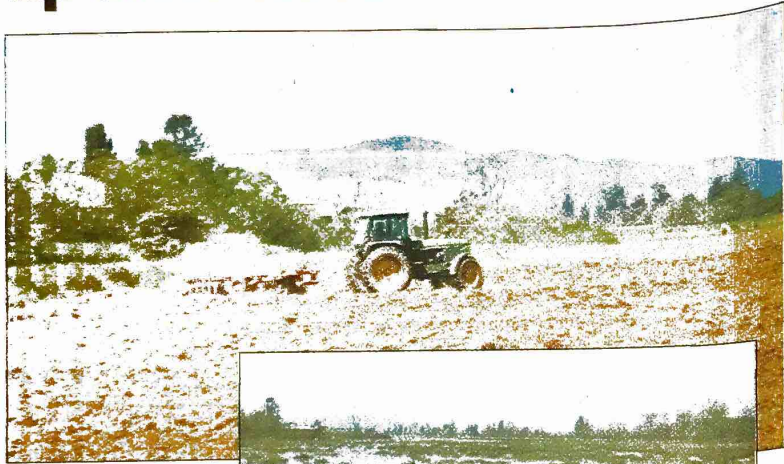


Wilson River farmers still cleaning up after November '06 flood damage



At right, Mike and Sharon Shreve's pasture land immediately after the flood. Above, John Fisher recently purchased the Shreve farm and is disking the soil in order to ready it for reseeding.

Seven months after a November 2006 flood ripped through Tillamook County, Wilson River dairymen are still feeling the after-effects. "It takes an entire year to fully recover from something like this," said dairyman George Prince.

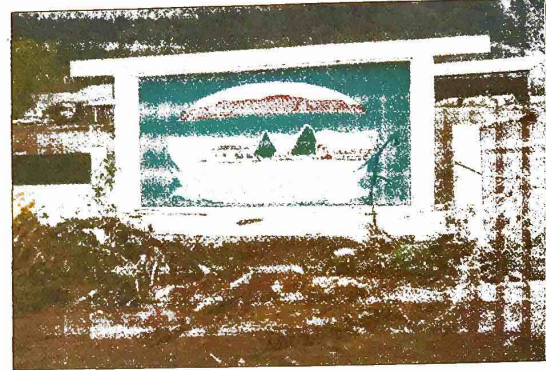
Prince rents pasture acreage along the Wilson River from Jon Cummings and said he can't really estimate how much financial setback he has incurred. "I don't know how to figure the cost, but I do know I'm still feeding hay to my heifers and that's expensive!"

Prince said Cummings has cleaned up most of the debris.

Dairy farmer Derrick Josi estimated that 150 acres of his family's 240-acre farm were covered in 3 to 4 feet of silt, which took at least 1,500 manhours to clear and reseed.

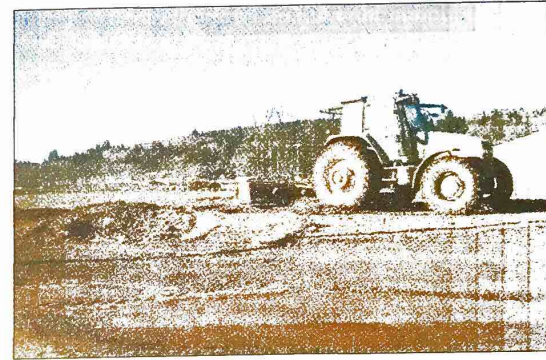
"I'm glad I'm almost finished being a dirt farmer," said Josi. "Now I can get back to being a dairy farmer."

The onslaught



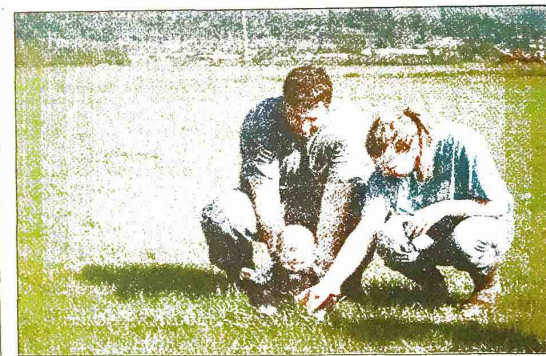
Seven months ago, the Josi family of Wilsonview Dairy saw their farmland covered in several feet of debris and logs after the Wilson River rose to record heights.

The cleanup



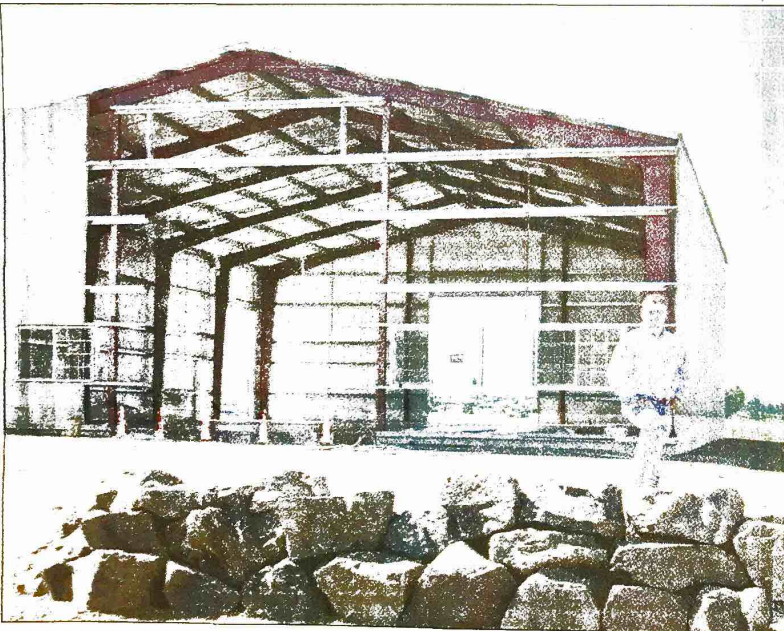
Mark Josi helps his family level silt and prepare the land for reseeding.

The finished product



Bryson Josi, 5 months, feels the soft grass of newly planted pastures. His parents, Derrick and Leslie Josi look on.

You can't get produce much fresher!



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Tom DeNoble hopes to have his Farm Fresh Market operating by mid-July.

Tom DeNoble's 60-by-100-foot building is under construction for Denoble's Farm Fresh Market on Wilson River Loop Road. DeNoble operates an artichoke and produce farm located across the road from the market building. He hopes to be open for business in mid-July with an array of all-Northwest, in-season, and local produce. Many of the items will be from his own farm.

DeNoble has hosted an honor stand for his artichokes during past summers and will keep the stand until the larger store opens. He anticipates the honor stand will open this week. "We should be harvesting by the first of June," he said.

