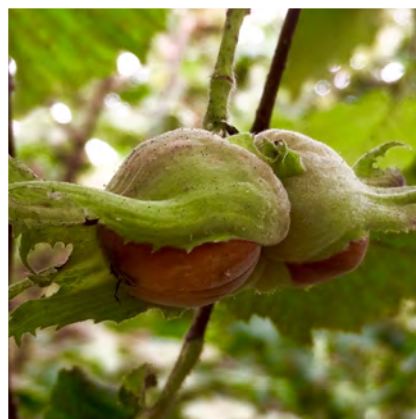
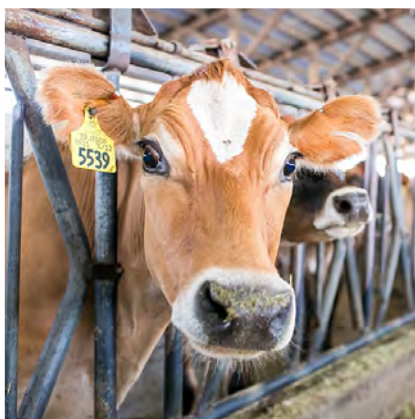
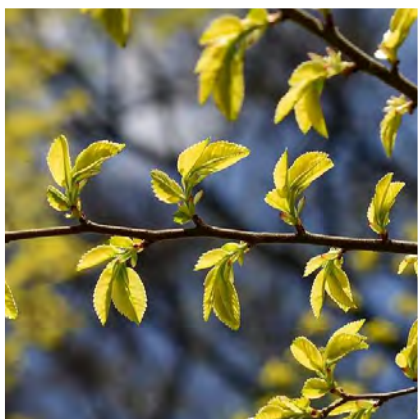


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Thank you for joining us on the 2022 AGPAC Educational Services (AESAs) tour. Times are tough for Oregon's farm, ranch, and natural resource families. In agriculture, four years of very low prices pressured producers. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit, disrupting 40% of America's food supply virtually overnight. Disputes with key trading partners, armed conflicts, and supply chain disruptions have added to these pressures. Today, we have all of these market factors plus hyper-inflation that has more than doubled fuel and fertilizer prices in less than a year. At the same time, prices received by farmers and ranchers are not keeping pace, despite the price spikes you see at the retail level. Beyond the socio-economic challenges, natural disasters have pummeled our sector. Drought, heat domes, ice and windstorms, wildfires and smoke, runaway vole and grasshopper populations have all impacted growers from border to border.

Through all of it, Oregon's natural resource families persist and persevere. When it comes to threats to the existence of family scale farms, ranches, and forests, none looms larger than the public policy environment here. Oregonians in poll after poll value and trust farmers. However, public policies are rapidly eroding our ability to keep families on the land. A recent Capital Press story documented the exodus of Oregon farm families based on a political environment that is driving up costs and imposing regulatory burdens that a family operation cannot bear.

Our members care for people and for the land and other resources that allow them to produce our amazing variety of farm, ranch, and forest products. Our members want to be part of a better Oregon and find solutions to challenges we can overcome together. But we must be partners in the process to be successful.

We hope you will find this tour informative and helpful to you in your role. We hope you've made a new friend or two and come away with a better understanding of our amazing families and the challenges they face. We are a resource for you, both today and any time in the future. If you have questions or need information about natural resources issues, please follow up with the AESA board members listed on this letterhead.

My special thanks to our tour stop hosts today, and to tour chair Tami Kerr and tour coordinator Diann Washburn for making this all possible.



Dave Dillon, Chair
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Challenges Facing Oregon Agriculture

Farmers and ranchers in Oregon produce over 240 agriculture products that feed Oregonians and are renowned across the country — and the globe — for their quality. It may be surprising to some that 97% of Oregon’s farms and ranches are family owned and operated. The benefits Oregonians enjoy from Oregon agriculture are largely provided by family-scale operations.

But there are enormous pressures on farm and ranch families. They are grappling with supply chain issues, inflation, drought, labor costs and increased regulations. Every farmer knows that weather and markets can be unpredictable and unforgiving. However, these days, Oregon’s political climate has proven equally as challenging.

In recent years, the state Legislature has passed a number of laws that, while well intentioned, are serving to increase the costs of production in Oregon. Since Oregon producers are largely price takers in international commodity markets, they have little way of passing these new costs onto producers. Examples include the so-called “Corporate Activities Tax,” which is hitting producers at each stage of their supply chain, from parts to feed. The Department of Environmental Quality has also implemented a Climate Protection Program which will cause a significant increase in fuel and home heating costs at a time when those are already astronomical. Farmers are also grappling with new clean fuel and clean energy policies, which are compounding the already significant effect of inflation on fuel prices. In the labor sphere alone, producers are trying to deal with ever increasing wage pressure from the state’s high minimum wage laws, paid medical leave, Oregon Saves, and new heat and smoke rules this summer. On top of that, producers are struggling to figure out how they will afford the new overtime rule for agricultural workers, which will sharply increase costs for producers, a burden that many overwhelmingly said they cannot bear.

The greatest concern about the burdens policymakers are heaping on the backs of farmers and ranchers is that these public policies will make it impossible for family-scale farming and ranching to survive. We are already seeing that large corporate entities are the ones with the resources to survive, as farm and ranch families sell and move to other states or leave the farm altogether, as a Capital Press story recently highlighted.

Like other industries, farmers and ranchers are dealing with inflation at a 40-year-high, diesel prices over \$5.30 per gallon and fertilizer costs that have more than doubled. Beyond the normal drivers of inflation, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has disrupted wheat markets and 28% of the world’s nitrogen and phosphorus-based fertilizers. There is inflation on everything our farmers and ranchers buy — all of their inputs, and their supply costs are outpacing the price of agricultural goods.

In poll after poll, Oregonians say that they value farm and ranch families and the fresh, local products that are contributed to Oregon’s quality of life. We cannot continue to burden our farm and ranch families with challenging policies and expect them to survive in this state. Healthy family farms and ranches mean a healthy Oregon.

WATER POLICY PRIORITIES

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WATER ALLIANCE



FOOD SUPPLY & SECURITY -

Inflation is affecting everyone and much of it is beyond our control. That doesn't have to be true with our food supply - State water policy should place a premium on food supply and security.

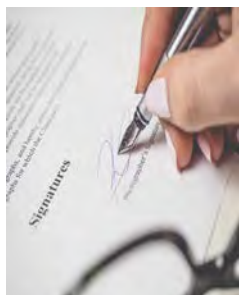


STORAGE - Oregon must look for every opportunity to increase the volume of stored water above and below ground. Dedicated funding for storage and aquifer recharge is critical. We can't afford to miss opportunities to leverage federal funding for infrastructure projects. This benefits urban and rural Oregonians.



MULTI-STATE COORDINATION -

Oregon should begin working with neighboring states to discuss co-investment opportunities that could provide additional water via upstream mitigation or other infrastructure investments.

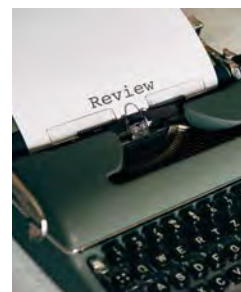


ACCOUNTABILITY -

The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) must be accountable for effective and efficient water management, with an overall goal of being outcome-focused partners in water supply development projects. An objective review of the funding allocated to the OWRD, with a lens for improving water supply, should also occur.



PEER REVIEW - OWRD's rule and decision-making processes should be consistent, transparent, and grounded in sound science. This will greatly reduce the amount of costly and unnecessary litigation the department is involved in.



RESILIENCY & CONSERVATION -

Use technology, active management techniques, and agency flexibility to build resiliency to drought. Address illegal uses of water and create flexibility to cut through unnecessary red tape for new projects.



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Oregon leads on climate solutions: *Natural and Working Forest Lands*

Oregon's forests are among the best in the nation at sequestering carbon. The production of our natural and working lands combined with the best-in-the-nation forestry professionals, means Oregon is a leader in natural climate solutions.

Managed forests scrub our air of pollution and purify our drinking water. One recent study found that actively-managed forests store more carbon than unmanaged forests, in trees and soil, even when those forests have been harvested multiple times.

Quick Facts

- The world's best natural climate solutions are found in young, renewable forests where they can absorb 13 lbs. of CO₂ per tree each year.
- Around 50% of Oregon's carbon emissions are captured in Oregon forests and associated wood products, while over 14% of U.S. carbon emissions are captured in U.S. forests and associated wood products.
- No part of a log is wasted. Nearly 100% of a log can be used to make lumber, mulch, bio-energy and other consumer products.
- The Oregon Forest Practices Act requires re-planting of new trees within two years of harvest.
- Oregon has nearly the same amount of forestland today as it did in 1953.
- In July alone, wildfire in California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington produced 41 million tons of CO₂.

Local Harvest and Innovation = Carbon Neutrality

Oregonians have the option to consume locally. Producing regional fiber to meet the demands of today and the future limits the carbon footprint from overseas transportation and creates domestic jobs in a growing sector.

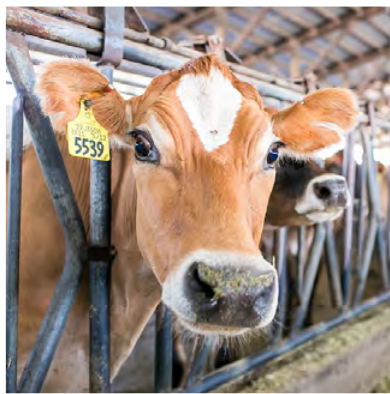
With innovations in tall wood buildings and new markets for biomass such as renewable energy, renewable natural gas, renewable diesel and biochar, America is vying to be at the forefront of climate solutions in the world.

When domestic wood supplies are fully appreciated for their opportunity in this global market, Oregon and the nation will have healthier forests, less smoke in the air and new solutions leading to carbon neutrality.

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Welcome to Robinson Nursery. We are shade and ornamental tree growers inspired by ingenuity, with a passion for progress. We prioritize continuous improvement and offer innovative products guaranteed to grow the success of our customers. We have an excellent team of employees and sales people eager to become your partner in growing. We will never treat you like a number. The Robinson Nursery family is here to grow with you.



We would be nothing without our amazing team of dedicated and experienced team members. We do our best to provide every employee with learning opportunities and training that will allow them to be successful where ever life takes them. Currently, we have 16 team members taking a bilingual, online leader's course on the Toyota Production System (LEAN). Every year, we put 3 of our up-and-coming leaders through an 18 day comprehensive LEAN training program in a consortium of the top nurseries in Oregon. We have our Supervisor Training Program that was crafted by a third-party, bilingual HR firm. We offer a sizable, bilingual library of leadership materials that are available to everyone. Every summer, we bring on 10 local students to participate in our horticultural internship program.



We are so grateful to be a part of an industry that we love, enjoy, and believe in. Our team is changing the world; making it a happier, healthier place to live. The benefits of plants are abundant and indisputable. They sequester carbon, support learning, assist in healing, reduce crime rates, and promote happiness (www.treepeople.org), just to name a few. The Robinson Nursery reach is global. An example of an organization we are proud to partner with is Plant With Purpose, an international nonprofit organization committed to empowering locals, teaching regenerative agriculture, fighting deforestation, & helping communities build economic resilience. We encourage you to learn more at plantwithpurpose.org.

Robinson Nursery, Inc. Quick Facts

► Robinson Nursery was founded by Rick and Roxanne Robinson in 1984 and began operating full time in the early 1990's.

► There are 650 acres in production. 400 acres are nursery stock; 17 of those acres are greenhouses. The additional 250 acres are vegetable crops for seed, corn, and wheat.

► 97% of our nursery stock is ornamental and shade trees, 3% are shrubs. 30% of those plants are bareroot and 70% are container plants.

► Our in-house propagation department propagates 95% of what we plant. The other 5% of plant material comes from trusted local suppliers.

► We sell to container growers, field growers, re-wholesalers, online retailers, and garden centers in the contiguous United States and Canada. Our customers field plant Robinson Nursery liners, as well as, plant the liners into containers.

► We estimate that trees produced by Robinson Nursery are actively sequestering the carbon of 1.3 million cars. That is about 1/3 of the registered vehicles in Oregon.

We are happy to answer any additional question you may have. Call 503.835.4533 or Toll Free: 877.855.8733



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Oregon Agriculture Regions

Top 20 commodities

(Source: Oregon Department of Agriculture)

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Apples
Beef
Blueberries
Cherries
Christmas trees
Eggs
Grapes for wine
Grass seed
Hay
Hazelnuts
Hops
Milk
Mint
Nursery & Greenhouse
Onions
Pears
Potatoes
Sweet corn
Wheat

MID-COLUMBIA

Apples
Blueberries
Cherries
Grapes for wine
Pears
Sweet corn

COLUMBIA PLATEAU

Apples
Beef
Blueberries
Cherries
Grapes for wine
Grass seed
Hay
Milk
Onions
Potatoes
Sweet corn
Wheat



NORTHEAST OREGON

Beef
Cherries
Grapes for wine
Hay
Hops
Mint
Onions
Potatoes
Wheat

COASTAL OREGON

Christmas trees
Dungeness crab
Milk
Nursery & Greenhouse

SOUTHERN OREGON

Apples
Beef
Blueberries
Grapes for wine
Hay
Milk
Mint
Pears
Potatoes

CENTRAL OREGON

Beef
Blueberries
Grass seed
Hay
Mint
Potatoes
Wheat

SOUTHEAST OREGON

Beef
Hay
Milk
Potatoes
Wheat

OVERALL,
nursery and
greenhouse is
Oregon's #1
agricultural
commodity by
annual sales.
(2020)

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COUNTRY HERITAGE FARMS



Country Heritage Farms was established in 1923 by Phillip and Muriel Sweeney. The farm was passed to their son and daughter-in-law, Sam and Nancy Sweeney, and on again to their son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Pieper Sweeney who currently own and operate the business.

For many decades during the height of the harvesting season, Country Heritage Farms employed as many as 60 people. At that time, they were growing mostly fruits and vegetables like marionberries, peaches, beets, broccoli, corn, and squash.

In recent years, Oregon farms have been hit hard by compounding anti-family farm regulations passed by the legislature that have diminished the farms from being able to remain competitive in the global food market. To remain viable, Country Heritage has had to pivot their efforts to less volatile crops such as grass seed, hazelnuts, radish and clover seed. This change has drastically reduced the amount of labor needed. Currently, Country Heritage Farms has 12 long-time year-round employees. Country Heritage Farms is proud to provide their hard-working employees with consistent meaningful work and good wages that can support themselves and their families.

Farming is not just a job but a way of life for family farmers around the state, and Country Heritage Farms is no exception. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of three generations, hard-working employees, and a little help from the weather, the fourth generation looks forward to honoring their agricultural heritage and continuing the Sweeney family legacy in the Willamette Valley.





Dan Bansen's parents moved their family of six kids and 35 cows to Oregon from Humboldt County, California in 1965. In 1974, they added a second dairy down the road to support their growing family. In 1990, Dan bought out his dad and had 150 cows at that point. We have gradually expanded to milking over 2,000 cows on two dairies. The farms are currently operated by Dan Bansen, his daughter Jamie and business partners Robert and Stewart Kircher.



In 1995 we transitioned our dairy operations to Certified Organic. This means we no longer use pesticides or herbicides on our crops and rely on natural methods to treat our animals. It also includes a rigorous 3rd party inspection and lots of record keeping to maintain the certification. We made this change to take advantage of a more lucrative niche milk market. We were one of the first herds in Oregon to go organic. We have been shipping milk to Organic Valley Cooperative since then. We focus heavily on animal welfare, nutrition, vet care, and cow comfort. The cows take really good care of us so it is important we return the favor. Soil health is important to grow the best pastures for our grazing animals, allow for biodiversity and we grow additional crops for our own forage and for sale.

We raise a registered Jersey herd and market high end Jersey genetics and cattle to AI Bull studs and other dairies throughout the United States and to other countries.

Jersey cattle are well known for their grazing efficiency, heat tolerance and smaller stature. They are efficient feed processors, easier to handle and maintain and they consume less feed than larger breeds. They are excellent converters of forage and fiber to high fat and high protein milk which is beneficial as our milk market pays based on milk components rather than fluid milk.

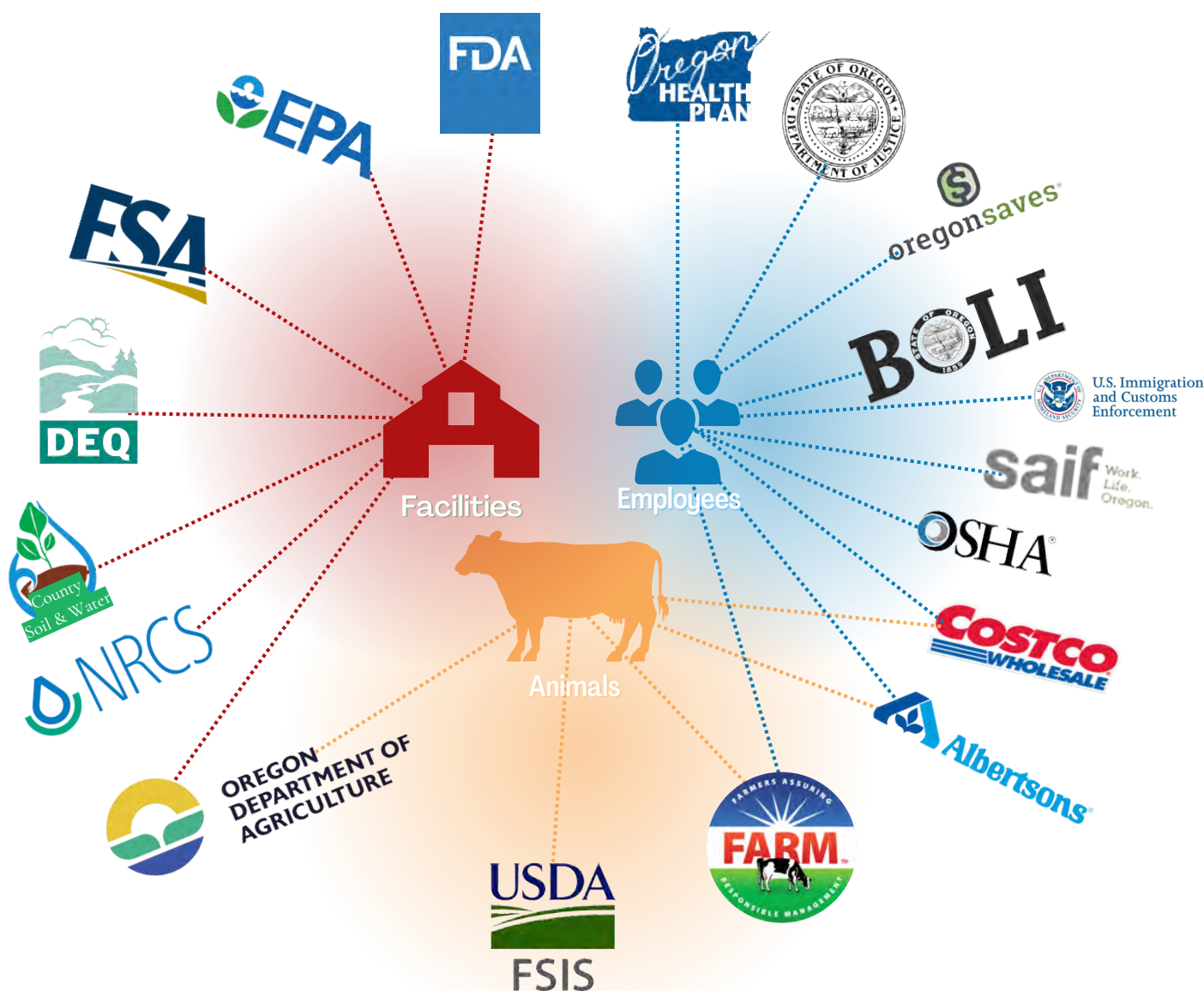
We produce approximately 85% of our own forages, including pasture, corn silage, alfalfa and grain hay on about 3,000 acres of owned and rented properties. We also grow various organic seed crops and squash to sell. We purchase all our concentrates and grains. With prices of feed and fuel skyrocketing, raising as much of our own feed is one way we can save a little money. As dairy farmers, we are price takers. We have grown and diversified our farm to have additional income streams besides milk.

We are subject to many variables and ups and downs as to what we get paid for our milk. This is difficult to manage as our costs are currently skyrocketing. We are doing some custom farming, growing new types of crops and have a machine and diesel repair shop on site that is open to the public - Forest Glen Repair.

We employ about 65 people between the farms and the repair shop. Due to the above-mentioned fact that we do not set our own price for the sale of our milk, and the massive increases in prices of feed, fuel, fertilizer and labor; the ag overtime bill will be a huge burden for us. Many of these factors are causing farms to go out of business. We hope we can ride things out during this economy and be one of the farms that are able to hang on.

Thank you for coming and we hope you enjoy your tour of our farm.

Ensuring Safe & Responsible Practices for our consumers, communities and employees



Regulatory Oversight for Every Oregon Dairy Farm

The following pages have information about each agency and their regulatory oversight of Oregon dairy farms.



Oversight from Regulatory Agencies

AGENCY:	PROVIDES OVERSIGHT FOR:	WHAT THEY DO:
 <p>Oregon Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>ANIMALS</p> <p>FACILITIES</p>	<p>CAFO: Confined Animal Feeding Operation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Grade A dairy farms in Oregon, regardless of size, are required to have a CAFO Permit and an Animal Nutrient Management Plan On farm inspections every 10 months, more often for larger farms Agency partners include Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of State Lands <p>Weights and Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual inspection of onsite truck scales to be valid for road use and milk tank calibrations <p>Food Safety Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly random inspection of milk equipment including milk lines, tanks, cooling and wash water systems <p>Brand Inspections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All animals leaving the farm must have a brand inspection (but not all animals must be branded)
 <p>Environmental Protection Agency</p>	<p>FACILITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES): Although the EPA is involved in many other aspects of regulation for a dairy farm, An NPDES permit is the only way they directly regulate dairy farms. Dairies that milk over 1,000 cows require additional permitting
 <p>Natural Resource Conservation Service</p>	<p>FACILITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will help update CAFO plans if producers need to make adjustments for additional land or changes to cow numbers
 <p>County Soil and Water Conservation Districts</p>	<p>FACILITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The statewide program provides services to 45 districts throughout Oregon Focused on wetland delineation, native species protection, ditch and waterway cleanouts
 <p>Oregon Department of Environmental Quality</p>	<p>FACILITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEQ and ODA have an ongoing commitment to improve interagency collaboration with the objective of aligning water quality efforts to meet water quality goals The agencies agreed to develop mutually acceptable processes for ODA's water quality area rule and for DEQ's TMDL development and implementation processes
 <p>Food and Drug Administration</p>	<p>FACILITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food safety inspections of milking equipment, wash water systems, and cooling (national program)



FARM Program

ANIMALS

EMPLOYEES

- Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) was launched in 2009. The program helps ensure the success of the entire dairy industry by demonstrating U.S. dairy farmers are committed to producing high quality, safe milk with integrity.
- The FARM Program focuses on five program areas - Animal Care, Antibiotic Stewardship, Biosecurity, Environmental Stewardship and Workforce Development.
- The Animal Care Program covers 99% of the milk supply in the US.
- The Animal Care Program standards are revised every three years to reflect the most current science and best management practices within the dairy industry.
- Ensures integrity of the program through third-party verification and random inspections



U.S Dept. of Agriculture

ANIMALS

FACILITIES

Farm Service Agency:

- Crop reports and national programs. Market Protection Program, Farmable Wetland Program, Commodity Operation Programs

Food Safety Inspection Service:

- Concerning drug and antibiotic residue in milk and meat. Works together with the FDA and EPA, regulates inter-state shipping of milk



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EMPLOYEES

Processors like Albertsons and Costco

- Presenting their own standards and inspections for employee and animal treatment in order to sell product
- Other examples of processors in Oregon are Tillamook, Darigold, and Organic Valley



EMPLOYEES

Oregon Health Plan

- Represents regulation that healthcare must be provided to employees through employer



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

EMPLOYEES

U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

- I-9 Form recognizing all immigrant employees, as well as those working under work visas



Occupational Health and Safety Administration

EMPLOYEES

OSHA

- Health and safety laws
- Heat and smoke Rules



Bureau of Labor and Industries

EMPLOYEES

- Enforcement of all state labor laws including minimum wage, breaks, overtime pay, sick time and more



Oregon Dept. of Justice

EMPLOYEES

Child Support

- enforces state child support laws and wage garnishments



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EMPLOYEES

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- Required workplace retirement program

SAIF CORPORATION

- Worker's Compensation and Safety.



Initiative Petition 3 (IP 3) seeks to **criminalize meat and dairy production in Oregon, including hunting and fishing.**

IP 3 hides under the guise as an anti-animal cruelty bill but it will, in fact, be the end of Oregon's rich and diverse agriculture and hunting communities. IP 3 will end our ability to be food secure and will force us to rely on imported food goods, which means the end of farm-to-table in Oregon. IP 3 is not anti-animal cruelty, **IP 3 is anti-self-sufficiency.**

Dairy, along with beef, is a top 5 agricultural commodity that would disappear in Oregon because it relies on breeding practices that would become "**sexual assault**" under IP 3. Dairy would be forced out of business causing approximately 47,000 Oregonians to lose their jobs, while also causing our economy to lose an estimated \$2 billion dollars -- and these numbers don't account for the other top agricultural commodities in Oregon! **IP 3 is anti-jobs and anti-rural Oregon.**

The certified ballot title, "Criminalizes injuring or killing animals, including killing for food, hunting, fishing; criminalizes breeding practices. Exceptions" and will gather signatures as an animal welfare bill, but fails to mention it's true intended impacts:

- Criminalizes meat production in Oregon (harvested fish, poultry, pork, or beef)
- Criminalizes hunting and fishing
- Criminalizes the use of animals for critical research
- Criminalizes pest control, including disease carrying animals like rats and mice
- Criminalizes touching the mouth of an animal
- Criminalizes breeding practices; as it will be considered "sexual abuse"
- Will only allow "good" veterinary care but fails to define what that is

IP 3 isn't an anti-animal cruelty bill, it's **anti-agriculture** and **anti-food security**. With the surmounting national and global food shortages and supply chain issues, we need to protect Oregonians ability to grow, hunt, and provide food for our families.

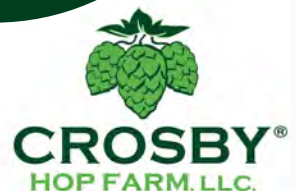
Crosby Hop Farm



Blake Crosby, the current farm operator and the fifth generation Crosby in hops, carries on the Crosby farming tradition to this day where the family now farms over six-hundred acres of estate grown Crosby hops. In 2012, Blake lead the family to invest heavily in a new vision for the business. This model left behind the days of a highly commoditized hop business and instead welcomed a sharp focus specialized on exceptional quality hops, processed into pellets on site – the target market being craft brewers who demanded the best a hop farm could offer. This new business model grew rapidly with the industry over the last decade. Today the family business includes a global footprint and a robust hop merchant-processor function known as Crosby Hops™, which complements the family estate grown hops and legacy spirit of Crosby Hop Farm.

Our beautiful family farm is located in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Nestled between the Cascade Mountains and the Oregon Coast, with its temperate climate, the valley is an ideal hop growing environment, producing some of the finest flavor and aroma hops in the world.

We market our hop products to, and value our relationships with, craft brewers, home brewers, distributors and beer enthusiasts alike. Our primary crop is hops, which allows us the time to focus exclusively on producing quality hop products year in and year out – value, quality and reliability are the cornerstones of our operation.



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Nestled between the grandeur of the Cascade Mountains and the scenic Pacific Ocean lies Oregon's Willamette Valley — one of the world's premiere agricultural regions. The rare combination of volcanic soils, moderate temperature and ample precipitation makes this the optimal region for hazelnut orchards. These thriving groves yield hazelnuts renowned globally for their unparalleled size, consistent quality, and distinct flavor.







Oregon hazelnuts boast a robust, buttery smooth flavor and are the ideal accent for exquisite entrees or decadent desserts. They are also great by themselves as a healthy snack. Oregon hazelnuts come in many forms -- including kernels, meal, flour, sliced, diced, paste and oil -- making them easy to eat and use.

Oregon Hazelnuts truly are indulgence in a nutshell.

10 Things to Know About Oregon Hazelnuts

- 1** The first commercial hazelnut orchard was planted in Oregon in 1903.
- 2** Since 2011, Oregon hazelnut acreage has grown from about 30,000 acres to nearly 90,000.
- 3** Oregon hazelnuts set a record with approximately 75,000 tons harvested in 2021.
- 4** A single Oregon hazelnut tree can produce 25-30 pounds of hazelnuts in one year.
- 5** The hazelnut became Oregon's official State Nut in 1989.
- 6** Hazelnuts are #1 in acres planted among all fruit and nut crops in Oregon.
- 7** When ranked by value of production, Hazelnuts are Oregon's 10th largest commodity.
- 8** Over 99% of US Hazelnuts are grown in the Pacific Northwest.
- 9** About 50% of the Oregon hazelnut crop is exported to other parts of the world.
- 10** The Oregon Hazelnut industry currently funds nearly \$1,000,000 in research through OSU.

Oregon Hazelnuts Growing for the Future

-  Hazelnut trees need very little irrigation and are more drought resistant than annual crops. When needed, drip or trickle irrigation can be used to greatly increase the efficiency of water use.
-  Due to the full leaf canopy from early spring to late fall, hazelnut orchards provide a much longer period for photosynthesis and fixation of carbon dioxide.
-  Hazelnut trees' extensive root systems help build and increase organic soil matter, thus sequestering more carbon from the atmosphere.
-  Large perennial root systems active most of the year allow little nitrogen leaching, which means less use and waste of fossil fuels and reduced carbon emissions.
-  Oxidation of soil organic matter caused by soil tillage is eliminated with hazelnuts, thereby lessening carbon emissions and helping to build soil organic matter.
-  Hazelnuts are classified as a riparian buffer zone species, acting as a natural biofilter that protects aquatic environments from excessive sedimentation, polluted surface runoff and erosion.



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Our Mission

In 1969, Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. was created by loggers for loggers, and its purpose is to enhance the current and future success of loggers and forest operators.

About Us

Associated Oregon Loggers (AOL) is the commonly used name for the family of entities that comprise the Oregon trade association representing and providing services for the logging and forest operator sector in the state. AOL represents nearly 1,000 small businesses in Oregon who conduct essential activities in the woods. These companies and the others they touch down the supply chain make up around 85,000 employees in Oregon. What our members do:

- Firefighting
- Reforestation
- Technical Assistance
- Logging
- Trucking
- Mechanic Services
- Road Building
- Restoration Services
- Fuels Mitigation

“Growing service & voice for loggers and forest operators since 1969”



Our Programs

- Oregon Professional Loggers Program
- Insurance Services
- Discount Programs
- Safety & Health
- Workforce Development
- Education
- Advocacy
- Government Affairs
- Lobbying
- Communications
- Public Relations
- Philanthropy

Our Three Entities

Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. is a non-profit trade association performing those functions that assist the logging and forest contractor community in advocacy voice and service programs.

AOL Services, Inc. operates the SAIF AOL workers' compensation group insurance program. Commissions support the safety, health, workplace improvement, return-to-work and consulting services to those in our group and membership.

The Friends of Paul Bunyan Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization. The charity's mission is: *“Working to further the cause of science, education and public understanding of natural resource issues as well as general charity and giving.”*

Key Policy Issues

1. Workforce and capacity issues stemming from challenges as an employer in the state, increased regulation leading to increased costs, misunderstanding and attacks on the timber industry, lack of support for natural resource career and technical education programs, etc.
2. Natural and working lands policy that acknowledges the forest contracting workforce in their natural climate change solutions.
3. Biomass utilization and market development to address climate change through reduced reliance on petroleum products by enhancing renewable diesel and natural gas while also completing fuels mitigation.
4. Wildfire and forest health crisis that requires more collaboration with the timber industry and natural resource workforce to develop durable and implementable solutions through strategic plan development between the state and federal land management agencies.

We Need YOUR Help

- ✓ Support and vote to pass the Oregon Department of Forestry's Planning Branch Policy Option Package that includes a new FTE focused on Workforce Development that AOL advocated for.
- ✓ Support and vote to pass the legislative concept AOL is developing to implement a Forest Workforce Council within Oregon Department of Forestry to address workforce challenges, fund a robust employment and capacity study for the forest contract workforce to solve issues through data, and increase funding for the Future Natural Resource Leaders career and technical education program.
- ✓ Reach out to AOL when developing policy that effects the forest workforce, climate, wildfire, smoke, federal lands, environmental justice, workers' comp, business taxation, diesel, etc.



Our mission is to enhance the business and safety environment for the fertilizer and agrichemical industry

Far West Agribusiness Association is supported by over 110 agribusiness companies' members who operate in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, and Nevada. Our members are composed of Agricultural retailers, wholesalers, registrants, professional consultants, and applicators.

Our members provide critical crop inputs and agronomic services to farmers and ranchers in a safe, reliable, and timely manner allowing them to maximize their production of various crops. In addition, Far West administers the Certified Crop Adviser Program in the States mentioned plus Alaska and British Columbia.

Far West has a business partner relationship with the Asmark Institute which provides Federal compliance alternatives (EPA, DOT, DHS, OSHA) for Agricultural Retailers.

Legislative & Regulatory Advocacy

Far West Agribusiness Association engages in state lobbying efforts in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. The organization works with policy makers to better support and understand crop protection products. The organization regularly publishes online resources about chemical safety as well as updates to government regulations regarding their use.

Coalition Advocacy

FWAA communicates with not only with other State/Regional Agribusiness Associations but also with National Organizations such as The Fertilizer Institute, Crop Life America, Agricultural Retailers Association, Biotechnology, and the American Seed & Trade Association.

Training & Education

FWAA organizes and creates venues to provide specialized training to our members throughout the year. Our volunteer Safety and Regulatory Committee targets the right training at the right time, so our members are informed, remain safe, are educated, and in compliance. We also provide educational opportunities through our conferences and special meetings. Top-level experts share policy, industry, and economic issues so members will make informed decisions based on the best information available. Our conferences and educational events also provide networking opportunities where ideas can be shared, and challenges addressed.

Investing in the Future

FWAA provided \$18,000 this year in scholarships for individuals of our member companies looking to pursue an undergraduate degree a field related to agribusiness. In addition, we connect students with member companies which result in internships and linkage to career opportunities currently available.

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Family owned and operated since 1852, we are proud to provide Oregon with only the highest quality natural grass-fed lamb and beef.

Bill Hoyt, the Great, Great Granson of Ira and Elvira Hawley, is the fifth generation of our family to operate the same ranch without interruption. In 2022 our family will celebrate its 170th year of continually ranching in Oregon.

Three of the things that we value most include the protection of wildlife, environmental stewardship, and animal welfare. Every generation has made significant improvements in these areas. In 2012 we are working with new no-till seeding techniques and composting to improve soil fertility, retain moisture and provide a year-round supply of nutritious forages for our animals, and quality products for our customers.





Northwest Agricultural Cooperative Council (NWACC) was created in December of 2017 with the merger of the Agricultural Cooperative Council of Oregon (ACCO) and the Washington State Council of Farmer Cooperatives (WSCFC).

NWACC is the professional organization of farmer-owned businesses operating in Washington and Oregon. NWACC advocates on behalf of agricultural cooperatives and provides education about cooperatives to high school and college students. In addition NWACC funds scholarships for college students studying agriculture.

Number of Members: Over 50 cooperatives and dozens of Associate Members

Oregon agricultural cooperatives consist of 29,800 members. Cooperatives are a vital part of the credit, supply and marketing network that keeps Oregon agriculture on the forefront of innovation. Cooperatives were born out of the need for producers to gain control over the inputs they used for their operation and over the marketing of their products. Farmer-owned co-ops are working to add value to farm production and lead the way on new production techniques like precision farming. Several cooperatives that belong to NWACC include: Douglas County Farmers Cooperative, Wilco Farmers, Diamond Fruit Growers, Hazelnut Growers of Oregon, Northwest Farm Credit Services, Land O' Lakes, Pratum Cooperative, and CHS, Inc. among others.

Professional development is a key part of the organization. NWACC helps coordinate educational programs that benefit cooperative directors, management and employees.

As part of its advocacy role, NWACC works closely with lawmakers and government agencies on issues that impact cooperatives and their members.

Founded on June 20, 1921, NWACC (or Oregon Cooperative Council as it was called then) was the first state cooperative council started in the United States. It served as a model for other state cooperative councils and for what is now the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Founded in 1936, the Washington State Cooperative Council, predecessor to the NWACC, was housed at the Western Washington Experiment Station at Puyallup. A handful of founding members are still active or have successor organizations that continue to thrive as members of NWACC.

NWACC concentrates its efforts on education and advocacy. The organization supports programs that help farmer-directors do a better job in their important role in leading a cooperative. NWACC works with other cooperative organizations in the Northwest on several educational programs for both adults and students the Northwest Regional Cooperative Meeting and Educational Seminar and the Oregon FFA Cooperative Quiz Contest. NWACC provides scholarships for students at Oregon State University and financially supports academic courses at OSU. NWACC plans to extend its educational outreach to the Washington State FFA and Washington State University in 2022.

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NORTHWEST CHICKEN COUNCIL

OUR MISSION:

To develop, promote and improve Pacific Northwest poultry farming through advocacy, education, leadership, and community engagement.

WHAT WE DO:

We help chicken growers of the Pacific Northwest supply families with locally grown, healthy, lean protein.

WHO WE ARE:

Formed in 2012, we are an organization that educates the public, builds community, and advocates for local poultry growers in the Pacific Northwest. NWCC hosts an annual meeting, bringing growers, integrators, allied members and additional stakeholders together to discuss and learn about scientific advancements, regulatory updates, community engagement and industry solutions.



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OREGON NURSERIES

Growing into **2022** and beyond

Oregon nurseries employed

**10,030
workers**

and had an annual payroll of
\$402.6 million
(2020)

**\$1.19
BILLION**
in sales

2020 Oregon Department of Agriculture

1. **Nursery and Greenhouse** \$1.19 billion
2. **Cattle/Calves** \$588 million
3. **Hay** \$569 million
4. **Milk** \$557 million
5. **Grass Seed** \$458 million

2020, Oregon Department of Agriculture.

WE GO EVERYWHERE

74%

of Oregon's gross nursery sales
are to other states and countries,
injecting **traded sector dollars**
into Oregon's economy

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- Improve Neighborhoods

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**No. 1
in U.S.**

Sales of conifers, shade
trees, Christmas trees and
flowering trees.

Source: USDA Census of Agriculture 2019

Oregon is
#3
in **U.S. Nursery
Production**

(behind California and Florida)

INDUSTRY-FUNDED NURSERY RESEARCH

Production • Breeding • Pests • Diseases

\$227,167

(2022)

**700
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Oregon Cattlemen's Association

2023 Legislative Priorities



Wildlife Management

Oregon's ranchers are the original conservationists! We aim to ensure Oregon's wildlife is appropriately managed to achieve healthy habitats and ecosystems while protecting the rights and needs of our producers.



Elk population and damage control.



Working with biologists on endangered species protection for Sage Grouse in Eastern Oregon.



Appropriate wolf pack management and tracking. More resources for ranchers impacted by wolf packs.

Water Quality & Quantity

Water is a critical and precious resource for sustaining animal life and our families. Oregon has a century-old water appropriation process and a modernized approach to ag water quality.



OCA's Water Resources Chair is also a water law attorney and a few focuses this year for ranchers have been Klamath Water Rights, Groundwater Regulation under the Clean Water Act, and proposals from Oregon's Water Resources Department regarding water use reporting.

Public & Private Lands

Protecting Oregon lands and the environment is critically important to cattle ranchers and for the health of the cattle operations in this state. Many private lands owned by OCA members provide habitat for Oregon's fish and wildlife. OCA partners with local, state and federal government to keep working lands working!

Carbon sequestration is the long-term storage of carbon from the atmosphere in soil and plants. Beef cattle play an important role in increasing carbon sequestration through the production of human food from untilled pastures and grasslands, and the integration of cattle grazing into "no-till" cropping systems.

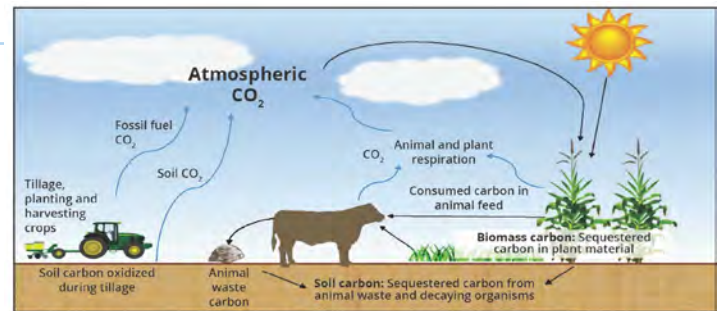


Figure 1. Carbon cycle demonstrating both additions to and removal of atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Market Access & Operating Costs

The beef industry faces constant challenges in a competitive, global commodity market. OCA strives to deliver the best opportunities for producers to provide quality beef products to market. In doing so, we help producers avoid additional undue regulatory or compliance costs, which may disadvantage Oregon producers in comparison to those in other states and around the world.

Budget & State Finance

Beef is one of the top agricultural commodities in Oregon! Cattle producers rely on partnerships with state agencies and are vulnerable to continued tax increases. OCA advocates for funding that both directly and indirectly supports the broad range of necessities for Oregon's rural communities to thrive.



OCA's MISSION

OCA advocates on behalf of ranchers and their families to ensure continued success of their operations and contributions to Oregon communities. OCA members are committed to sustaining the economic and cultural tradition of caring for Oregon's working lands while producing one of the state's top agricultural commodities. OCA works to educate legislators on the challenges facing citizens in the rural and frontier areas of Oregon.

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Learn more about the work we do at www.oregoncattlemen.com & Follow us on Facebook!



Dairy Overview and Economic Impact

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association (ODFA) is a non-profit trade association representing dairy producers on a wide variety of local, state, and federal legislative and regulatory issues. ODFA was founded in 1892 and represents multi-generational dairy farming families across the state.

ODFA strives to create an atmosphere that is conducive for all Oregon dairy producers. These farms are extremely diverse family businesses. Some are small and others are large, some are organic (about 23%) and others conventional but nearly all are family businesses. Our producers work hard, 365 days a year to provide a high quality, nutritious milk supply. Fluid milk is the foundation for cheese, yogurt and ice cream, enjoyed by consumers around the world.

Milk is the fourth most valuable agricultural commodity produced in Oregon, generating more than \$557 million in gross farm sales in 2020.

Environmental Stewardship

Since 1993, all Oregon dairies have maintained a Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Permit. Administered by the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the CAFO permit provides a checks and balance system to ensure protection of the waters of the state. This program benefits the environment, the dairy industry and all Oregonians.

Milk Quality & Safety

Oregon is consistently a national leader in milk quality. Producing high quality milk is achieved with the highest standards in animal care.

All Oregon dairy farms have a Grade A Milk License. With this license, dairy farms are inspected on a regular basis by both the Oregon Department of Agriculture and United States Department of Agriculture to further ensure milk quality and safety.

Executive Director, Tami Kerr

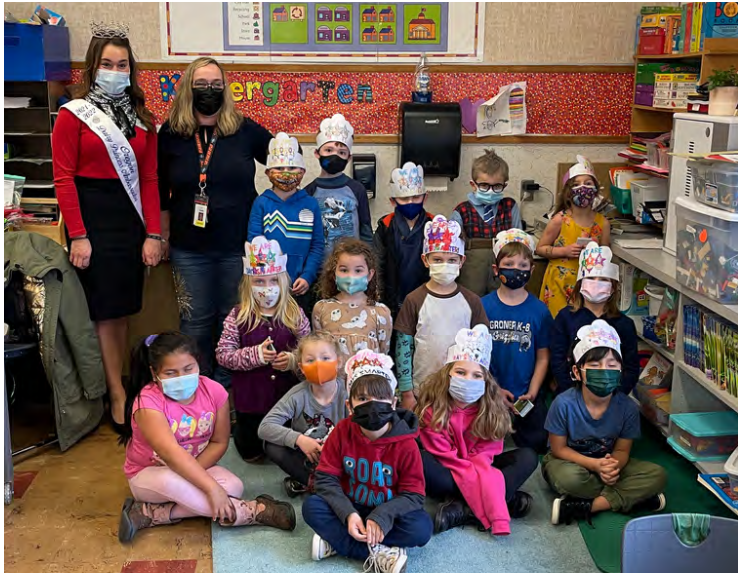
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Oregon Dairy Women (ODW) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization with the main objective to promote the dairy industry. The mission of Oregon Dairy Women is to promote greater use of all dairy products through outreach and educational programs.

Dairy Princess Ambassador Program



47,547

Student and Public Reach in 2021-2022*

150,067

Social Media Reach in 2021-2022*

*May 1, 2021- May 1, 2022

Since 1959, the Oregon Dairy Women's Dairy Princess Ambassador Program has served as the premier advocate for the Oregon dairy industry in collaboration with the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association and the Oregon Dairy Nutrition Council.

Scholarship Program

For over 20 years, the Oregon Dairy Women have supported youth in educational pursuits related to the dairy industry. Since its inception the Oregon Dairy Women have donated nearly \$500,000.

Industry Support

The ODW provide financial support to 4-H and FFA programs, Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom, Oregon Ag Fest, Summer Ag Institute, Oregon Aglink's Adopt-a-Farmer and dairy judging teams.

Oregon Dairy Women Leadership

Princess-Ambassador Program:

Emma Clark, State Director

Rita Hogan, Co-Chair

Stacy Foster, Co-Chair

Executive Committee:

Jessica Jansen, President

Mary Alcorn, Vice President

Brittany Capell, Secretary

Ida Ruby, Treasurer

Becky Heimerl, Immediate Past President



WHO WE ARE

Organizational Structure

Oregon Farm Bureau is a nonpartisan grassroots membership representing the entire Oregon agricultural community regardless of commodity, size of operation, type of production, or location.

With roots dating back to 1919 and active members in all 36 counties, County Farm Bureaus are the foundation of our grassroots organization. Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) at the state level was established in 1932.

OFB's advocacy is rooted in its Policy Book, which originates from individuals at the county Farm Bureau level, and worked through a democratic, grassroots process each year. These policies guide every policy position.

OFB Government Affairs Team

OFB Government Affairs staff advocates for Farm Bureau members in the legislature, within regulatory agencies, and in the courts, working closely with grassroots members at all levels of engagement.

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Oregon produces farm products with an annual market value of \$5 million.



We represent 6,500 farming and ranching families across the State of Oregon.

Less than 1% of Oregonians are farmers and ranchers.

Oregon ranks 15th nationally in its reliance on farm jobs.

Economic Impact

- In Oregon, we grow over 240 different commodities.
- Oregon is the second most agriculturally diverse state in the nation.
- Oregon farmers spend over \$4 billion a year to run their businesses and are vital to the survival of both Oregon's rural and urban communities.

97% of Oregon's farms and ranches are family owned and operated.

Farm Bureau Programs

- Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R)
- Oregon Century Farm & Ranch
- Around \$70K in Farm Bureau scholarships every year
- Ag education for the public
- Summer Ag Institute for teachers
- Farm Employer Education & Legal Defense Service (FEELDS)
- Resource Education & Agriculture Leadership (REAL) Oregon



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OREGON SEED COUNCIL: PROVIDING A VOICE FOR GRASS SEED

The **Oregon Seed Council** is a trade association that advocates for Oregon's world-renowned seed industry in the legislative and regulatory arenas.

The Council works closely with Oregon State University on seed-production research and with the Oregon Department of Agriculture on developing new export markets and expanding existing markets, both foreign and domestic.



Headquartered in Salem, the Council is overseen by a board of directors that includes growers, seed company representatives, and university and agricultural agency representatives.

Grass seed annually ranks among the top five agricultural commodities in Oregon in direct sales. In 2020, the latest year for which figures are available, the industry ranked fifth with \$458 million in direct sales. The industry's 1,200 farmers employ about 10,000 Oregonians while farming more than 400,000 acres, mainly in the Willamette Valley.

Oregon-grown grass seed is used on home lawns, athletic fields, parks, pastureland, in reclamation projects, and as a cover crop in certain agricultural operations. Grass seed enhances water quality, helps prevent soil erosion, improves air quality, provides aesthetic value to landscapes, and cools ambient temperatures in hot conditions.



Oregon Water Resources Congress



Promoting the protection and use of water rights and the wise stewardship of water resources since 1912



ADVOCACY

OWRC sponsors legislation to meet membership needs and actively engages in the political process at the State and Federal levels.

Federal Program:

- Washington D.C. lobbyist
- Member of Family Farm Alliance & National Water Resources Association
- Washington D.C. Congressional visits
- Interaction with Oregon's Congressional delegation and staff

State Program:

- Salem lobbyist
- Host irrigation district tours and legislative briefings for Legislators
- Coordination with other associations with shared interests
- Service on state agency rulemaking committees and workgroups

OWRC works closely with the U.S Bureau of Reclamation, the Oregon Water Resources Department, and other state and federal agencies to enhance and improve water management and water resource stewardship.



MEMBERS

OWRC **district members** include irrigation districts, water control districts, drainage districts, diking districts, water improvement districts, and other local government entities that deliver water for agricultural use. The water stewards we represent operate complex water management systems, including water supply reservoirs, canals, pipelines, fish screens and fish passage, and hydropower facilities. Our members deliver water to more than 1/3 of all irrigated land in Oregon.



Affiliates of OWRC provide valuable expertise to district members and receive unique networking opportunities with other members and related water professionals.

EDUCATION

OWRC provides a variety of educational and networking opportunities for its members.

- Annual conference
- Biennial water law seminar
- Biennial technology seminar
- Topical workshops
- Legislative tours

Services:

- *Advocate for the protection and use of water rights*
- *Actively steer a legislative agenda at the state and federal level*
- *Provide education and training at various levels*
- *Networking opportunities with other water professionals*
- *Disseminate information*

For over 100 years, OWRC has provided an experienced voice at the State and Federal level on behalf of irrigated agriculture.



OFFICERS

President: Brian Hampson, Rogue River Valley Irrigation District, *Rogue Basin*
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About Us

Oregon Wheat Facts

- Oregon Wheat results in total direct and indirect economic output of more than \$815 million.
- Planted: 730,000 Acres of Wheat in Oregon. Planted and harvested acreage remains relatively stable year over year, in large part due to the amount of dryland wheat production.
- Production: 40 to 50 million bushels annually. A bushel of wheat yields 42 commercial loaves of white bread. That is equivalent to almost 2 billion loaves of bread!
- Cultivated for 10,000 years, wheat is one of the world's most important plants. Today, US farmers grow about 50 million acres of wheat, providing food for hundreds of millions of people at home at abroad.

Approximately 90% of Oregon's wheat crop is grown for the export marketplace. Top destinations: Philippines, Korea, China, Japan, Indonesia, Yemen, Taiwan.

Wheat is shipped through commercial export facilities. A large barge on the Columbia River can carry up to 125,000 bushels of wheat. Barging is by far, the most environmentally friendly mode of transportation of goods available.

The Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) is the oldest not-for-profit grower trade association in the U.S. wheat industry. Formed in 1926, the primary mission of the OWGL is to represent and advocate on behalf of Oregon wheat producers at both state and federal levels. OWGL also represents barley growers, and has been actively involved in projects for other crops that are grown in rotation with wheat.

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FARMERS FEED THE WORLD

- Food Security: The production of wheat is instrumental in not only supporting local economies, but it plays a vital role in providing a healthy and nutritious diet for consumers in the US and abroad. Oregon wheat is delivered through humanitarian aid programs to address hunger around the world.



Advocating for all
Oregon wineries and
growers

The Oregon Wine Council is Oregon's leading wine industry advocacy association

Representing over fifty percent of Oregon wine grapes grown, produced and sold, the Oregon Wine Council (OWC) advocates on behalf of growers, producers and businesses supporting Oregon's thriving wine industry.

The OWC was founded in August 2019 by a committed group of industry leaders who are passionate about the success and sustainability of Oregon's wine industry. Together, our Board of directors and our members represent a variety of AVAs and wineries and vineyards of all sizes.

In the short time since OWC was established, we have dramatically impacted our industry and helped push for policies that benefit all our colleagues across the state, but there is more to be done.

Join us today to lend your voice to these important conversations and decisions impacting our industry.

As the newest statewide wine organization in Oregon, the OWC fills an unmet need as an advocate for all aspects of your wine business.

For more information about OWC's advocacy efforts and membership benefits, visit our website at www.oregonwinecouncil.org

Our Purpose

- ◆ To educate and inform our members and the public about the importance of agriculture to the economy and to the environment.
- ◆ To engage all phases of Oregon agriculture having mutual concerns.
- ◆ To do everything possible to see that agricultural interests are heard and dealt with fairly.
- ◆ To support and encourage research that will benefit agriculture.

OWA Membership

- ◆ Provides an opportunity to network with women to support Oregon's agriculture industry.
- ◆ Keeps us informed through local chapters, newsletters, website and social media.
- ◆ Includes membership in the national organization, American Agri-Woman (AAW).

Who We Are

- ◆ Individuals from all walks of life who realize the importance of agriculture.
- ◆ Teachers, students, professionals, farmers, ranchers, business owners and more.
- ◆ Caring farmers and farm families who manage our land wisely to contribute to America's bountiful food supply.
- ◆ Working tirelessly on the issues that concern agriculture.

OWA is always looking for volunteers! Please contact us today to hear how you can get involved at a state or local level!

Oregon Women for Agriculture

*to educate
to promote
to unite*

OREGON HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST YIELDS PER ACRE OF POTATOES IN THE WORLD

Almost Everything Starts on a Farm or Ranch

98% of OREGON'S farms and ranches are family owned

50 years of dedication to Oregon's farmers and ranchers.

Oregon Women for Agriculture was organized in 1969 by Willamette Valley farm women who were concerned with regulatory issues impacting the grass seed industry. Since that time, this all volunteer group has broadened its scope to include nearly all facets of agriculture.

Oregon Women for Agriculture Membership Application

APPLY ONLINE

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
County: _____

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

Check Areas of Interest: (State Committees/Projects)

- ☐ Education
- ☐ Mktng/Public Relations
- ☐ Social Media/Website
- ☐ Ag Expo/Ag Fest Booth
- ☐ Scholarships
- ☐ State Fair Booth
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Legislative
- ☐ Promotional Items
- ☐ School/Farm Tours
- ☐ Auction
- ☐ Conventions
- ☐ Other _____

Dues are \$45 per year
(includes American Agri-Women dues)
March 1, _____ to end of Feb, _____

Make Checks Payable to:
Oregon Women for Agriculture

and mail to: 630 NW Hickory St
Suite 120, PMB 50
Albany, OR 97321



www.owaonline.org

Oregon Women in Timber



Mission Statement:

to create awareness and appreciation for the value of trees, and to encourage an understanding about the protection, management and conservation of the renewable forest

Founded in 1978, Oregon women in timber (OWIT) is a state-wide, non-profit educational organization of volunteers who are dedicated to sustained yields of multiple-use forest. OWIT's purpose is to inform people of the importance of such forests to our economy and our environment. We strive to make consumers aware of just how important trees and wood products are in their lives and how all of us rely on the success of producers.

Activities: OWIT's activities vary from chapter to chapter and are too numerous to mention in detail. Following are some of our main activities to give you a general idea of what we are up to:

School programs: Today's children will decide the future of the Forest Products Industry. Educating children is OWIT's main goal. All Classroom Program are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards. One way this goal is achieved is through our Talk About Trees forest educational programs. Ask about our Talk About Trees brochure.

Civic Events, Fairs and Parades: Look for Coni-Fir, our popular lady in a tree costume. Coni-Fir participates in as many public activities as time will allow. OWIT strives to reach as many people as possible with booths, parade floats and Coni-Fir. OWIT believes that education should also be fun!

Media Coverage: Whenever possible, OWIT uses articles in newspapers, magazines, miscellaneous publications and radio to educate the public about current issues relating to the Forest Products Industry. Maybe you have seen or heard of us recently!

Help Oregon Women in Timber! OWIT is always in need of fresh ideas and more volunteers. Your involvement can be great or small depending on your interest and time. Please consider volunteering, or just join OWIT to stay informed on current issues and OWIT activities. You'll receive a regular OWIT electronic newsletter that keeps members up to date. Your financial support will also be greatly appreciated and used directly towards the achievement of OWIT goals. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact OWIT by indicating interest and mailing the form on the bottom.



Renew or join online! orwit.org

\$40.00 Annual Membership
July 1 - June 30, Year _____

\$_____ Donation (tax Deductible)
\$_____ TOTAL

I am a

☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member

☐ FREE Student Member

☐ Yes! I would like a personal contact

I would like to help with the following:

☐ Booths ☐ Education ☐ Writing on Issues

☐ Membership ☐ Social Media ☐ Auction

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Ph. (cell) _____ (work) _____

Email: _____

County: _____ Work Place: _____



**For more information about OWIT —
please mail this form to:
PO Box 760, Dallas, OR 97338**

*OWIT is a 501 (c)3 statewide non-profit
organization since 1978*



Protecting access to modern technologies to ensure healthy and productive farms and forests

WHAT?

OFS is a non-profit coalition including agriculture, forestry, and urban pest managers promoting the efficient production of quality food and fiber while protecting human health, personal property, and the environment, through the **integrated, responsible use of pest management products, soil nutrients, and biotechnology.**

WHO?

We represent communities of working Oregonians who are true stewards of our environment, our farms, and our forests. Our members provide safe, high quality, and affordable food and fiber products for Oregon and beyond by using available tools judiciously and lawfully while maintaining a safe and sustainable environment for all.

WHY?

Pesticides, fertilizers, and biotechnology allow Oregonians to grow the food and fiber needed to sustain a growing population. We see repeated local threats to these highly regulated tools and technologies - threats which too often lack scientific basis.



Supporting Oregon

Farmers and Foresters

Since 1980

HOW?

With science, reason, and data, we have defended against numerous efforts to restrict access to federally regulated tools, both at county and state levels. We are a strong and diverse coalition with decades of victories, and together we can continue to make a difference and support Oregon's natural resource industries.

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