

## OSU Extension notes

November 17, 2021

- Starting October 1, 2021, we have a new director of Extension. Dr. Ivory Lyles who came to us from University of Nevada Extension. He is going to spend the first three months visiting the state and listening to stakeholders including the legislators, county commissioners, farmers, and ranchers and as many Oregonians as possible.
- Both OSU Extension 4-H program and the Family and Community Health Program have new program leaders. Allison Myers (FCH) and Cathy Haas (4-H).
- OSU implemented the federal government vaccine mandate and therefore by January 4<sup>th</sup>, all students, employees should either get an exemption or vaccine. OSU volunteers are not being required to be vaccinated.
- The five-year Oregon Ag Food and Fiber Economic Report (sponsored by ODA and OSU) is out and now posted online.  
[https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/sites/agscid7/files/main/about/oragecon\\_report\\_2021.pdf](https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/sites/agscid7/files/main/about/oragecon_report_2021.pdf) The report shows about 16 million acres dedicated to agriculture, with 95% of farms being family farms, and \$42 Billion total value of Oregon agriculture food and fiber industry etc.
- Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences has launched a statewide cattle plan that is focused on aligning OSU strengths to address the states' huge economic contributions made by cattle industry and associated industries.
  - Aligning existing faculty expertise and programs to priority needs and identifying gaps for future hiring and replacement of foreseeable vacancies.
  - Already allocated 2 initial positions toward the needs of this plan at the Union Center, including one to provide leadership to the station.
  - Streamline the OSU program at EOU to focus on range and cattle while also combining it with the Corvallis programs rather than running them separate.
  - Started the renovation of the dairy processing plant.
  - Secured State funding for upgrading the Clark Meat Lab on campus to an inspected facility and helped guide the development of the State's meat inspection system.
  - Funding allocated to Burns to run fiber line to the station to accommodate growth in data needs.
- Update on Ag Extension hires:
  - Hired extension agent for Lake County (Tammy Barnes – from Kentucky), to cover livestock and forages needs of that community
  - Hiring a new Ag Extension agent for Union and Baker counties
  - Hiring a Malheur agronomist to cover agricultural crop production in the county.