For more than 85 years, the Oregon Department of Agriculture has provided service and expertise to those whose livelihoods depend on agriculture. Those services extend to the Oregon consumer. We work to ensure healthy natural resources, environment, and economy for Oregonians now and in the future through inspection and certification, regulation, and promotion of agriculture and food.

It is our goal to provide service in an efficient, practical, and friendly manner that meets a high standard of professionalism. We value:

- Honesty, integrity, and fairness
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Respect for people and property
- Practical collaborative approaches to problem solving
- Science-based approaches: technical and professional competence
- Transparency

Within each program of our diverse and highly-skilled agency, you will find dedicated people ready to solve problems, create opportunities, and offer excellent customer service.

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Food Safety & Animal Health Programs

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- Ensure animal feeds meet nutritional and labeling standards.
- Prevent, detect, control, and eradicate animal diseases.
- Sample and test shellfish for toxins and report recreational and/or commercial harvesting closures when toxins reach alert level.

Animal Health

- Prevent, detect, control, and eradicate animal diseases.
- Issue import permits and process Certificates of Veterinary Inspection required for nearly all animals entering the state.
- Provide official and traceable mass, volume, and length calibration services.
- Conduct field surveys and provide laboratory testing of seed and plant material to detect pests and diseases that could result in quarantine of Oregon products.

Additional Services

- Administer wolf depredation compensation and egg-laying hen cage space compliance.
- Provide official seed sampling and testing to ensure foreign and domestic requirements are met.
- Provide oversight of Oregon’s 25 grower-supported commodity commissions.
- Administer Oregon’s funds received through USDA’s Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

Agency Special Programs

Cannabis

- Provide coordination and information about ODA programs and services that assist and/or impact cannabis-related production.
- Promote and facilitate Oregon’s Farm to School Program and provide trade development opportunities for producers to connect with schools and institutional markets.

Mediation

- Provide oversight for the Oregon Farm Mediation Program, making sure agriculture dispute resolution services are available across Oregon.

Market Access and Development

- Promote and create demand for Oregon agricultural products in local, domestic, and international markets through trade and business development activities.
- Provide voluntary, third-party inspection and certification services for a variety of quality or value characteristics. Certification services include: phytosanitary certification for export, good agricultural practices, good handling practices, organic certification and more.
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Insect Pest Prevention and Management

- Conduct surveys to quickly detect populations of invasive insects and eradicate the destructive pests before they can establish.
- Provide insect identification, technical information, and general outreach for stakeholders, agriculturalists, and the general public.

Invasive Noxious Weeds

- Conduct early detection surveys to identify new invasive weeds and implement rapid response projects for eradication and control.
- Conduct an intensive biological control program to reduce the impacts of invasive weeds.
- Assist landowners as well as county, state, federal, and local cooperators in efforts to manage and control invasive weeds.
- Administer Oregon State Weed Board Grants for protection of Oregon’s natural resources.

Nursery and Christmas Tree Program

- Provide services to licensed Oregon nurseries and Christmas tree growers that includes inspection and certification for out-of-state shipment.

Plant Conservation

- Protect and conserve Oregon’s native flora and vanishing habitats by assisting public agencies and private citizens on management of threatened and endangered native plants.

Pesticide and Fertilizer Programs

- Ensure proper and legal sale, use, and distribution of pesticide products through licensing and registration as well as investigations of potential pesticide misuse.
- Coordinate investigations to collect and analyze information about reported pesticide incidents through the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC).
- Assure that effective fertilizer, agricultural mineral, agricultural amendment, and lime products are provided for agricultural and consumer uses.

Water Quality

- Address water quality and natural resource conservation on agricultural lands through landowner assistance and regulatory oversight.

Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO)

- Permit Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) and provide regulatory oversight of CAFOs to ensure that manure does not pollute ground or surface water.

Smoke Management

- Coordinate, register, and distribute burn permits and provide ground surveillance during burn events.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- Assist 45 soil and water conservation districts as they help landowners properly manage Oregon’s natural resources.

Natural Resource Programs

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Motor Fuel Quality

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