

# 2020 Schedule OR-FIA-40 Instructions

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## Oregon Farm Income Averaging for Full-year Residents

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### General information

**Purpose.** You may elect to figure your 2020 tax by averaging, over the previous three years (base years), all or part of your 2020 taxable farm income.

Use Schedule OR-FIA-40 to calculate your Oregon farm average income in an effort to reduce your personal income tax if you are a full-year resident.

You will need copies of your original or amended Oregon income tax returns for tax years 2017, 2018, and 2019. If your return was adjusted, use the taxable income and tax from the adjustment. You can obtain copies of prior years' returns by going to [www.oregon.gov/dor](http://www.oregon.gov/dor) and logging in to Revenue Online, or you may request copies by mail for a small fee for each return. You will also need tax instruction booklets for those years. You can download instructions from our website, or you can contact us to request them.

If you filed an Oregon part-year or nonresident return in any of the three base years, you will need OR-FIA-COMP to complete OR-FIA-40. If any of the three base years are part-year or nonresident returns, ignore the computation of tax for the applicable year on OR-FIA-40 and complete OR-FIA-COMP. Fill in the computed tax from OR-FIA-COMP on lines 8, 12, and 16.

Farm income averaging can't be used with the qualified business income reduced tax rate under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 316.043.

### Farming business

A farming business is the trade or business of cultivating land or raising or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural commodity. This includes:

- Operating a nursery or sod farm.
- Raising or harvesting of trees bearing fruits, nuts, or other crops.
- Raising ornamental trees (but not evergreen trees that are more than six years old when severed from the roots).
- Raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training, and managing animals.
- Leasing land to a tenant engaged in a farming business, but **only** if the lease payments are based on a share of the tenant's farm production (not a fixed amount).
- Wages and other compensation you received as a shareholder in an S corporation engaged in a farming business.

#### A farming business doesn't include:

- Contract harvesting of an agricultural or horticultural commodity grown or raised by someone else; or
- Merely buying or reselling plants or animals grown or raised by someone else.

### Elected farm income

Your elected farm income is the amount of your taxable income from farming that you elect to include on OR-FIA-40, line 2. This is the amount from a farming business on federal Schedule J, line 2a, if you elect to use farm income averaging for federal. Don't enter more than the amount on OR-FIA-40, line 1. *While federal law allows averaging of fishing business income, Oregon law doesn't. Don't include fishing business income on OR-FIA-40, line 2.*

To figure elected farm income, first figure your taxable income from farming. Taxable income from farming includes all income, gains, losses, and deductions attributable to any farming business. Gains and losses from the sale or other disposition of property (other than land) must be from property regularly used for a substantial period of time in your farming business. However, it doesn't include gain from the sale or other disposition of land. You don't have to include all of your taxable income from farming on OR-FIA-40, line 2.

Your elected farm income can't exceed your Oregon taxable income. Also, the portion of your elected farm income treated as a net capital gain can't exceed the smaller of your total net capital gain or your net capital gain attributable to your farming business. If your elected farm income includes net capital gain, you must allocate an equal portion of the net capital gain to each of the base years.

If you had a capital loss, for any base year, that resulted in a capital loss carryover to the next tax year, don't reduce the elected farm income allocated to that base year by any part of the carryover.

### Line instructions

**Line 5, 2017 taxable income.** If you used FIA to figure your tax for 2019, enter on line 5 the amount from your 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 11. If you used OR-FIA-COMP to figure your tax for 2019 on OR-FIA-40, OR-FIA-40-N, or OR-FIA-40-P, enter on line 5 the amount from your 2019 OR-FIA-COMP, Computation for Tax year 2017. If you used Computation A, use the amount on line 9. If you used Computation B, use the amount on line 6. If you used Computation C, use the amount on line 3.

If you used FIA to figure your tax for 2018 but not 2019, enter on line 5 the amount from your 2018 OR-FIA-40, line 15. If you used OR-FIA-COMP to figure your tax for 2018 on OR-FIA-40, OR-FIA-40-N, or OR-FIA-40-P, enter on line 5 the amount from your 2018 OR-FIA-COMP, Computation for Tax year 2017. If you used Computation A, use the amount on line 9. If you used Computation B, use the amount on line 6. If you used Computation C, use the amount on line 3.

If you used FIA to figure your tax for 2017 but didn't for 2018 or 2019, enter on line 5 the amount from your 2017 FIA-40, line 3; FIA-40N, line 8; or FIA-40P, line 6.

If your 2017 taxable income was 0 or less, use the worksheet at the end of these instructions to figure the amount to enter on OR-FIA-40 line 5.

**NOL** means *net operating loss* and applies to the year of the actual loss. **NOLD** means *net operating loss deduction* and applies to the year to which the NOL is carried.

**Line 9, 2018 taxable income.** If you used FIA to figure your tax for 2019, enter on line 9 the amount from your 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 15. If you used Schedule OR-FIA-COMP to figure your tax for 2019 on OR-FIA-40, OR-FIA-40-N, or OR-FIA-40-P, enter on line 9 the amount from your 2019 Schedule OR-FIA-COMP, Computation for Tax Year 2018. If you used Computation A, use the amount on line 9. If you used Computation B, use the amount on line 6. If you used Computation C, use the amount on line 3.

If you used FIA to figure your tax for 2018 but not for 2019, enter on line 9 the amount from your 2018 OR-FIA-40, line 3; OR-FIA-40-N, line 8; or OR-FIA-40-P, line 6.

If your 2018 taxable income was 0 or less, use the worksheet at the end of these instructions to figure the amount to enter on OR-FIA-40, line 9.

**Line 13, 2019 taxable income.** If you used FIA to figure your tax for 2019, enter on line 13 the amount from your 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 3; OR-FIA-40-N, line 8; or OR-FIA-40-P, line 6.

If your 2019 taxable income was 0 or less, use the worksheet at the end of these instructions to figure the amount to enter on OR-FIA-40, line 13.

**Example 1.** Kevin didn't income-average for tax year 2017 or 2018 but he did so for tax year 2019 and he wants to do the same for tax year 2020. For tax years 2017, 2018, and 2019 Kevin filed joint returns. His filing status for tax year 2020 is also married filing jointly. For tax year 2017, Kevin's taxable income from Form OR-40, line 21 is \$1,112. For tax year 2018, Kevin's taxable income from Form OR-40, line 19 is \$14,250. For tax year 2019, Kevin's taxable income from Form OR-40, line 19 is \$12,777. For tax year 2020, Kevin's taxable income from Form OR-40, line 19 is \$27,900 and his elected farm income is \$24,000. For the tax years above, he has no NOLs, no NOLD carryforwards or carrybacks, and no capital losses.

For 2019, Kevin had \$12,777 of taxable income and elected \$9,000 to do farm income average, leaving \$3,777 of Oregon taxable income on his 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 3. For 2017, Kevin's recomputed taxable income after adding one-third of elected farm income from his 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 11 is \$4,112. For 2018, Kevin's recomputed taxable income after adding one-third of his elected farm income from his 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 15 is \$17,250. For 2019, Kevin's recomputed tax after removing his elected farm income is \$188 from 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 4.

For tax year 2020, Kevin's Oregon taxable income is \$27,900. On line 2, Kevin enters his elected farm income of \$24,000. He subtracts line 2 from line 1 and enters \$3,900 on line 3. This is his remaining Oregon taxable income. He calculates his 2020 Oregon tax using the tax tables under married filing joint status and enters \$188 on line 4.

For 2017, Kevin enters \$4,112 from his 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 11, on his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 5. He divides his elected farm income of \$24,000 by 3 and enters \$8,000 on his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 6. He adds lines 5 and 6 and enters \$12,112 on line 7. This is his recomputed 2017 Oregon taxable income. He calculates his 2017 Oregon tax using the 2017 tax tables under married filing joint status and enters \$709 on line 8.

For 2018, Kevin enters \$17,250 from his 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 15, on his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 9. He enters \$8,000 from his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 6, on his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 10. He adds lines 9 and 10 and enters \$25,250 on line 11. This is his recomputed 2018 Oregon taxable income. He calculates his 2018 Oregon tax using the 2018 tax tables under married filing joint status and enters \$1,787 on line 12.

For 2019, Kevin enters \$3,777 from his 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 3, on his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 13. He enters \$8,000 from his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 6, on his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 14. He adds lines 13 and 14 and enters \$11,777 on line 15. This is his recomputed 2019 Oregon taxable income. He calculates his 2019 Oregon tax using the 2019 tax tables under married filing joint status and enters \$681 on line 16.

On his 2020 OR-FIA-40, he adds lines 4, 8, 12, and 16 and enters \$3,365 on line 17. He enters his recomputed 2017 tax of \$208 from 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 12, on his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 18. Kevin enters his recomputed 2018 tax of \$1,070 from 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 16, on his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 19. He enters his recomputed 2019 tax of \$188 from 2019 OR-FIA-40, line 4, on his 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 20. He adds lines 18, 19, and 20 and enters \$1,466 on line 21. This is the recomputed tax he paid for the 2017, 2018, and 2019 tax years.

Kevin subtracts the recomputed tax of \$1,466 on line 21 from the recomputed tax of \$3,365 on line 17 and enters the result of \$1,899 on line 22. He figures his tax on \$27,900 using the tax tables and enters \$1,940 on line 23. Because the FIA tax is less than the tax tables, he will enter \$1,899 on line 24. This is Kevin's 2020 tax liability from farm income averaging. He enters this figure on his 2020 Form OR-40, line 20, and checks box 20a.

**Example 2.** John didn't use farm income averaging for 2017, 2018, or 2019. For tax year 2020, John has elected farm income on Schedule OR-FIA-40, line 2 of \$18,000. His Oregon taxable income shown on his 2017 Form OR-40, line 21, is \$6,150.

John had an NOL for tax year 2018 of \$22,950, which he elected to carry back two years. Of the \$22,950 loss, \$9,000 was carried back to tax year 2017. To complete line 1 of the 2017 worksheet, John combines the \$9,000 NOLD with his 2017 Oregon taxable income of \$6,150 from Form OR-40, line 21. The result, a negative \$2,850, is entered on the 2017 worksheet, line 1.

When John filed his 2017 tax return, he had a \$3,000 net capital loss deduction on federal Schedule D, line 21, a \$7,000 loss on federal Schedule D, line 16, and a \$4,000 capital loss carryover to 2018. However, when John carried back the 2017 NOL to 2017, he refigured his 2017 capital loss carryover to tax year 2018 as \$7,000. To calculate line 2 of the 2017 worksheet, John adds the \$3,000 from federal Schedule D, line 21, and the \$7,000 carryover. He subtracts from the result the \$7,000 loss on his federal Schedule D, line 16, and enters \$3,000 on the 2017 worksheet, line 2.

John had \$6,150 of Oregon taxable income in 2017 that reduced the 2018 NOL carryback. The \$3,000 net capital loss deduction also reduced the amount of the 2018 NOL carryback. Since these two figures together total \$9,150, there is no NOLD left to carry over to tax year 2019. Therefore, John enters 0 on line 3. John adds line 1, a negative \$2,850, line 2, a positive \$3,000, and line 3. He enters the result, a positive \$150, on line 4 of the worksheet and on 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 5. This figure represents John's recomputed Oregon taxable income for tax year 2017.

For tax year 2018, John's taxable income from Form OR-40, line 21 is negative \$30,250, which he enters on the 2018 worksheet, line 5.

John had a \$3,000 net capital loss deduction on Schedule D, line 21 and a \$7,000 loss on Schedule D, line 16, the carryover from 2017 to 2018. John adds the \$3,000 from Schedule D, line 21, and the \$7,000 carryover. He subtracts from the result the \$7,000 loss on Schedule D, line 16, and enters \$3,000 on line 6 of the worksheet. John enters \$22,950 on line 7 of the worksheet, his 2018 NOL.

John adds lines 5, 6, and 7 ( $< \$30,250 > + \$3,000 + \$22,950$ ) and enters the result, negative \$4,300, on line 8 of the worksheet and on 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 9. This figure represents John's recomputed Oregon taxable income for tax year 2018.

For tax year 2019, John's taxable income from Form OR-40, line 19 is negative \$1,750. This amount includes an NOLD of \$2,300 which was the portion of the 2018 NOL that was remaining to be carried forward from tax year 2017. John doesn't have an NOL for tax year 2019. John enters negative \$1,750 on the 2019 worksheet, line 9.

John had a \$3,000 net capital loss deduction on Schedule D, line 21, a \$7,000 loss on Schedule D, line 16, and a \$5,000 capital loss carryover to 2019 (his 2018 capital loss carryover to 2019 was \$5,000, not \$4,000, because his federal taxable income before exemptions was a negative \$1,000). John adds the \$3,000 from Schedule D, line 21, and the \$5,000 carryover. He reduces the result by the \$7,000 loss on his Schedule D, line 16, and enters \$1,000 on the 2019 worksheet, line 10.

John enters 0 on line 11 of the worksheet because he doesn't have an NOL for 2019 and didn't have any remaining NOLD to carryforward. John's \$2,300 NOLD for 2019 was reduced to 0 because it didn't exceed his federal AGI as modified for the capital loss deduction, the net operating loss, and the standard or recomputed itemized deductions. John adds lines 9, 10, and 11 ( $< \$1,750 > + \$1,000 + \$0$ ), and enters the result, negative \$750, on line 12 of the worksheet and on 2020 OR-FIA-40, line 13. This figure represents John's recomputed Oregon taxable income for tax year 2019.

## Forms and additional resources

Visit our website at [www.oregon.gov/dor/forms](http://www.oregon.gov/dor/forms), to download:

- Current forms, instructions, and publications.
- Prior year forms and instructions.

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**2017 taxable income worksheet**

- 1. Figure the taxable income from your 2017 tax return without limiting it to 0. Include any NOLD carryovers or carrybacks if you didn't have an NOL in 2017. Don't include any NOLD carryover or carryback from other years if you had an NOL in 2017. Enter the result here ..... 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. If there is a loss on your 2017 federal Schedule D, line 21, add that loss (as a positive amount) and your 2017 capital loss carryover to 2018. Subtract from that sum the amount of the loss on your 2017 federal Schedule D, line 16. Enter the result here..... 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. If you had an NOL for 2017, enter it as a positive amount here. Otherwise, enter the portion (if any) of the NOLD carryovers and carrybacks to 2017 that were not used in 2017 and were carried to tax years after 2017 as a positive amount here ..... 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Add lines 1, 2, and 3. Enter the result here, and on OR-FIA-40, line 5 ..... 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**2018 taxable income worksheet**

- 5. Figure the taxable income from your 2018 tax return without limiting it to 0. Include any NOLD carryovers or carrybacks if you didn't have an NOL in 2018. Don't include any NOLD carryover or carryback from other years if you had an NOL in 2018. Enter the result here..... 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. If there is a loss on your 2018 federal Schedule D, line 21, add that loss (as a positive amount) and your 2018 capital loss carryover to 2019. Subtract from that sum the amount of the loss on your 2018 federal Schedule D, line 16. Enter the result here ..... 6. \_\_\_\_\_

- 7. If you had an NOL for 2018, enter it as a positive amount here. Otherwise, enter the portion (if any) of the NOLD carryovers and carrybacks to 2018 that were not used in 2018 and were carried to tax years after 2018 as a positive amount here ..... 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Add lines 5, 6, and 7. Enter the result here and on OR-FIA-40, line 9 ..... 8. \_\_\_\_\_

**2019 taxable income worksheet**

- 9. Figure the taxable income from your 2019 tax return without limiting it to 0. Include any NOLD carryovers or carrybacks if you didn't have an NOL in 2019. Don't include any NOLD carryover or carryback from other years if you had an NOL in 2019. Enter the result here..... 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. If there is a loss on your 2019 federal Schedule D, line 21, add that loss (as a positive amount) and your 2019 capital loss carryover to tax year 2020. Subtract from that sum the amount of the loss on your 2019 federal Schedule D, line 16. Enter the result here ..... 10. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. If you had an NOL for 2019, enter it as a positive amount here. Otherwise, enter the portion (if any) of the NOLD carryovers and carrybacks to 2019 that were not used in 2019 and were carried to tax years after 2019 as a positive amount here ..... 11. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Add lines 9, 10, and 11. Enter the result here and on OR-FIA-40, line 13..... 12. \_\_\_\_\_