

Extension report for SWCC Feb 2024

- Extension is continuing to hire new agents across Oregon
 - Two field crops positions for the Willamette valley based in Marion and Polk counties
 - Extension agent for Columbia county
 - Two Master Gardener and small farm agents for Tillamook and Clatsop counties
 - Extension agent for Jackson county also covering Josephine county
 - Small farms agent covering Douglas county also covers commercial wine grapes
 - Extension agent for Lake county
 - Extension agent for Gilliam County
 - Extension agent for livestock forages for Willamette valley
 - Extension agent for Umatilla County
 - Four new Organic positions state specialists in
 - Sustainable soils
 - Tree fruits and nuts
 - Grains and pulses
 - Foundational seeds and planting materials
 - Statewide weed scientist for field crops
 - Statewide weed scientists for horticultural crops
 - Statewide dairy specialist
 - Statewide small farms specialist
 - House Bill 2010 funding
 - One statewide specialist in hydrology based in Corvallis
 - One statewide specialist in hydrology based in Madras/central Oregon
 - We have acquired and installation is ongoing 15 new AgriMet weather stations in support of HB2010 directives to provide enhanced weather-related data and information to farmers and ranchers.
- Beef quality assurance program, we have more than 8 Extension agents trained to train our ranchers in Oregon
- Support for Juniper removal program supported by the legislature in 2023 is ongoing for certain counties in central Oregon.
- College of Agricultural Sciences Experiment station will be hiring a researcher to focus on voles research and a social scientist to liaise with the industry on current wolves research. These are not Extension positions.
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