

STATE OF OREGON AGRICULTURE

Report from the State Board of Agriculture

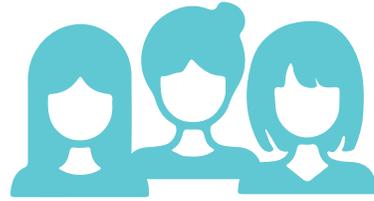


Oregon's eight agricultural growing regions

OREGON AGRICULTURE FACTS & FIGURES



percent of farms are family-owned



39% of Oregon farmers are women

34,200 Oregon farms¹



More than 200 recognized commodities



of all Oregon exports are agricultural



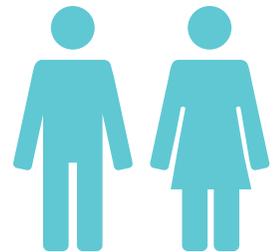
#1 commodity greenhouse & nursery products²

\$351 million organic ag



\$50 billion in sales

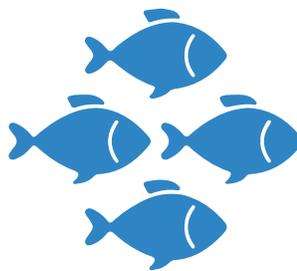
\$16 billion ag processing



13.8% of Oregon jobs are related to agricultural industries

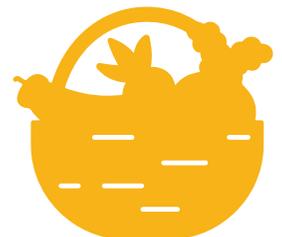


Marion County #1 ag production



\$144.5 million commercial fish landings

More than 100 farmers markets in the state



¹ A farm is defined as any place from which \$7,000 of agricultural products were produced and sold or normally would have been sold.

² Based on 2017 estimate from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Sources: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-NASS Census of Agriculture (2012) and Certified Organic Survey (2016); Oregon Farmers Market Association; Oregon State University Extension Service Rural Studies Program (2015); Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commercial Fish Landings (2017).

REGIONAL FACTS & ECONOMIC IMPACT BY COUNTY

Coastal

**Total land area:
4.0 million acres**

**Number of farms:
1,692**

**Land in farms:
303,996 acres**

**Irrigated land:
22,698 acres**

**2012 market value
of agricultural
products sold:
\$206 million**



Southern Oregon

**Total land area:
6.1 million acres**

**Number of farms:
4,266**

**Land in farms:
624,721 acres**

**Irrigated land:
60,132 acres**

**2012 market value
of agricultural
products sold:
\$148 million**



Southeast Oregon

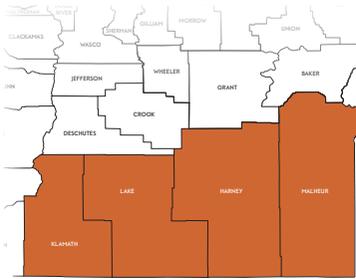
**Total land area:
22.2 million acres**

**Number of farms:
2,938**

**Land in farms:
3.9 million acres**

**Irrigated land:
657,400 acres**

**2012 market value
of agricultural
products sold:
\$715 million**



Willamette Valley

**Total land area:
9.0 million acres**

**Number of farms:
18,114**

**Land in farms:
1.7 million acres**

**Irrigated land:
235,676 acres**

**2012 market value
of agricultural
products sold:
\$2.2 billion**



Central Oregon

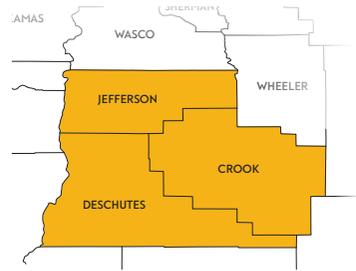
**Total land area:
5 million acres**

**Number of farms:
2,308**

**Land in farms:
1.8 million acres**

**Irrigated land:
137,000 acres**

**2012 market value
of agricultural
products sold:
\$128 million**



Columbia Plateau

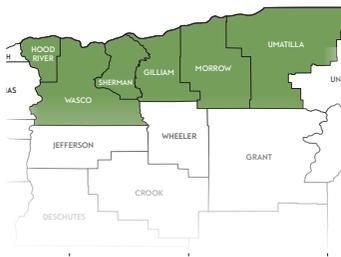
**Total land area:
6.6 million acres**

**Number of farms:
3,584**

**Land in farms:
5.2 million acres**

**Irrigated land:
287,000 acres**

**2012 market value
of agricultural
products sold:
\$1.3 billion**



Northeast Oregon

**Total land area:
9.4 million acres**

**Number of farms:
2,547**

**Land in farms:
2.9 million acres**

**Irrigated land:
230,000 acres**

**2012 market value
of agricultural
products sold:
\$248 million**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Oregon's farmers, ranchers, fishers, and food processors are the heart of one of the state's most important economic sectors. With a \$50 billion annual economic impact, Oregon agriculture not only plays a huge role in the state's economy, but also in the everyday lives of Oregonians by providing food, beverages, agricultural products and services.

This report serves as an opportunity for the State Board of Agriculture to highlight facts and figures about Oregon agriculture, economic impact by regions of the state, and share some of the key issues in Oregon agriculture.

The Board of Agriculture plays an important role for Oregon agriculture. Board members bring broad perspectives and expertise to discussions of key agricultural issues, provide connections to industry sectors, and serve as advocates for the agriculture industry in general. The board tours the state to become familiar with all aspects of Oregon agriculture and develops resolutions to clarify and define policy positions on issues related to agriculture in the state.

Water quantity and quality, a vibrant agricultural workforce, market access and co-existence, agricultural land use, and investments in value-added agriculture are priorities for the board.

We encourage you to contact board members to learn more about these important issues.



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RESOLUTIONS

The State Board of Agriculture (BOA) creates and maintains policy statements, known as resolutions, on topics and issues facing the agricultural industry. The board recently completed a review of all existing resolutions and established a new resolution regarding the siting of energy transmission and generation facilities on agricultural land.

Addressing issues related to agricultural labor, food safety, land use, marketing, pesticide use, predator control, renewable energy and water remain a high priority for the board.

To download the full resolution packet, visit <https://oda.direct/BOAresolutions>

KEY ISSUES

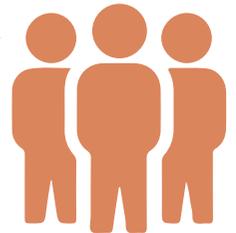


Water for Agriculture

Water is the lifeblood of agriculture. Without an adequate supply of safe, clean water, Oregon agriculture would look very different in terms of what can be produced as well as the economic contribution. The Oregon Department of Agriculture collaborates with other agencies to monitor and evaluate conditions on agricultural lands that can affect water quality and quantity. Continued support of programs to identify and address the current and future needs for water in Oregon is critical for agriculture.

Agricultural Workforce

Oregon's agricultural workforce is vital to Oregon's economy. Finding and maintaining skilled, qualified agricultural labor is a growing challenge nationally and for Oregon's farmers, ranchers, fishers, and food processing industry. To ensure worker availability, the Board of Agriculture supports changes to existing laws such as the H-2A Temporary Agricultural Workers Program, so all agricultural sectors have the opportunity to secure a qualified workforce.



Agricultural Land Use

Protecting agricultural working lands across Oregon is essential for current and future generations. The majority of Oregon's agricultural lands will be changing hands over the next several decades as farmers and ranchers retire, and many of these land owners do not have succession plans. The Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program is designed to help ensure the future of agriculture in Oregon, and the OAHF Commission should continue to work with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and others to assist with succession planning and protection of threatened working lands for agriculture.



Conversion of high-value and highly productive farmland to non-agricultural uses is of great concern to the Board. For example, the board has requested Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Commission to review administrative rules related to the siting of solar facilities on lands zoned for exclusive farm use. The board also developed Resolution #318 to recognize the importance of energy produced from renewable sources, but not at the expense of ongoing and future agricultural operations.

Market Access and Co-existence

Access to markets and promotion of Oregon agriculture, food, and beverages in local, domestic and international markets is vital for Oregon's agricultural future. Local farmers, fishers, and ranchers produce or harvest much more than Oregonians can consume. Exploring options to develop a food and beverage brand for Oregon, and creating and maintaining demand for Oregon food and agriculture in new as well as existing markets is essential to the economic viability of Oregon agriculture.



Some of the world's most productive agricultural land can be found within Oregon's diverse geography. While this diversity has many benefits there are also challenges. One of those challenges is co-existence between different agricultural and land uses. Board Resolution #301 addresses the challenges of coexistence by supporting stewardship of natural resources; ongoing communication; choice of production technologies, practices and business structures; best management practices to minimize conflict, and state and federal programs that support a variety of production systems.

ABOUT THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

The State Board of Agriculture advises the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) on policy issues, develops recommendations on key agricultural issues, and advocates for the state's agriculture industry in general. The board is comprised of 10 members, nine of whom are appointed by the Governor. The tenth member is the chair of the Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Both the Director of ODA and the Dean of the College of Agriculture at Oregon State University serve as ex-officio members. The board meets quarterly across the state to discuss relevant issues.

State law requires that seven of the appointed board members be actively engaged in the production of agricultural commodities and two members are to be representative of consumer interests in the state. Each member term is four years with the ability to be reappointed for a second four-year term.

THE BOARD AT WORK

Every year, the Board of Agriculture holds meetings throughout the state to stay abreast of the opportunities and challenges facing Oregon agriculture. The board tours local agricultural operations and meets with local producers to hear their issues and concerns. Opportunity for public comment is provided at all board meetings, and the board often will develop a policy resolution or communicate with other agencies in response to an issue of concern that has been raised during these statewide meetings. Statewide site visits introduce the board to new industries such as cannabis production and processing, growing olives in wine country, or Tilapia farming in the Klamath Basin, and provide the opportunity to see food processing and packing operations, farm worker housing, and on-the-ground projects to protect water quality on agricultural lands.

QUARTERLY OREGON AG BRIEFING

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FALL

Updates from the Board of Agriculture

Meeting Calendar
• Nov 27-29, McMinnville

State Board of Agriculture
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Laura Masterson
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Luisa Santamaría, Ph.D.
Public Member, Aurora

Board meeting highlights
A highlight of the meeting in North Bend included a panel presentation from Oregon's four seafood commissions Oregon Albacore Commission, Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, Oregon Salmon Commission, Oregon Trawl Commission and the collaborative efforts under Seafood Oregon. Each commission presented information about the specific fishery, impacts and challenges facing the industry. The panel included commissioners Crystal Adams, Mike Retherford and Dwight Collins as well as the commission executive directors Nancy Fitzpatrick, Hugh

The State Board of Agriculture provides a quarterly briefing on issues the board is working on and discussing, as well as input they receive from stakeholders. The briefing also includes highlights and photos from Board of Agriculture meetings.

Receive the quarterly report via email by signing up online at: <https://oda.fyi/BOAsubscribe>

WHY THIS REPORT?

ORS 561.378 State Board of Agriculture Report

The State Board of Agriculture shall report as provided in ORS 192.230 to 192.250 on a biennial basis to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly regarding the status of the agriculture industry in this state.

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