Nursery and Greenhouse Industry:
The Largest Sector of Oregon Agriculture

Oregon Gross Nursery and Greenhouse Sales by County, 2009 – $740 million

- All other counties – $120.5 MM
- Clackamas County – $153.0 MM
- Yamhill County – $93.5 MM
- Washington County – $149.2 MM
- Marion County – $191.8 MM
- Multnomah County - $32.0 MM
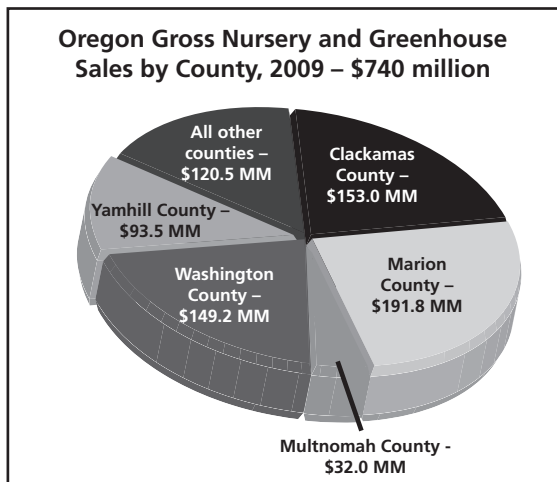
The nursery industry is Oregon's largest agricultural sector. Oregon's 1,800 nursery and greenhouse businesses employ 20,600 workers on 54,000 acres across the entire state.

The top five nursery growing counties are Marion, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill and Multnomah. These counties alone, which are in or near the Portland metropolitan area, represent 82 percent of the total value of nursery and greenhouse production in Oregon.
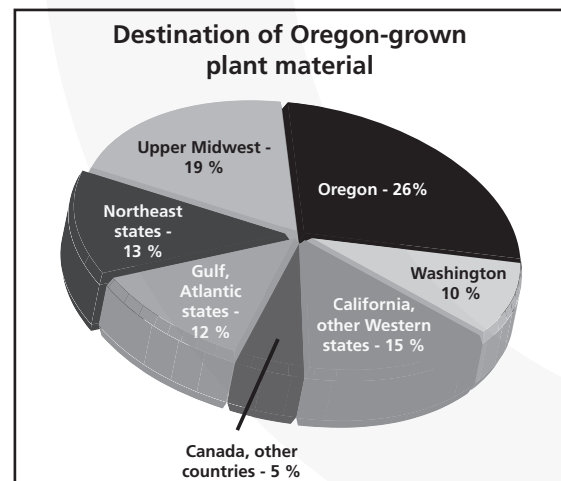
Approximately 74 percent of Oregon's nursery products are shipped to businesses in other states, bringing in important dollars to Oregon.

Oregon is a leader in the U.S. nursery industry

Oregon ranks as the second largest nursery state in the country and the largest exporter of nursery stock. According to the most recent national USDA statistics on nursery crops, Oregon leads the country in the production of many ornamental plant categories, including …

- **Acres in Nursery Production:** Oregon leads other U.S. states in the number of acres in nursery production, with 94,000 acres in nursery crops and cut Christmas trees.

- **Christmas Trees:** Oregon is the leading state with 41 percent of total U.S. gross sales.

- **Coniferous Evergreens:** Oregon leads the category with 35 percent of the nation's sales.

- **Deciduous Shade Trees:** Oregon sales are 26 percent of total sales in the U.S.; again, we're number one.

- **Deciduous Flowering Trees:** Oregon is at the top with 23 percent of total U.S. sales.

Overall, Oregon is consistently among the top three producers of nursery stock in the country. In terms of gross value of sales, Oregon stands at 18 percent of the entire U.S. market.

Destination of Oregon-grown plant material

- Upper Midwest - 19 %
- Oregon - 26%
- Northeast states - 13 %
- Gulf, Atlantic states - 12 %
- California, other Western states - 15 %
- Washington 10 %
- Canada, other countries - 5 %

(Data taken from "Oregon Nursery and Greenhouse Survey 2009," U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Oregon Field Office, and from "Nursery Crops 2006 Summary," U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service.)