



The primary objective of the Oregon Seed Council shall be to bring about greater unity of purpose, policy and program among the various agencies and associations directly or indirectly interested in the seed issues of the State of Oregon by:

- a. Serving as a central clearing house of information, ideas and suggestions for improvements in the production and distribution of seeds.
- b. Promoting a better understanding and closer relationship between the various interested agencies and associations.
- c. Developing and putting into effect the policies and program upon which the various agencies and associations represented may come to an agreement.

Members include Oregon Ryegrass Growers Seed Commission, Oregon Tall Fescue Commission, Oregon Fine Fescue Commission, Oregon Orchardgrass Seed Producers Commission, Oregon Clover Seed Commission, Oregon Seed Association, Oregon Seed Growers League, Feed & Grain Association, Pencross Bentgrass Association, Oregon Ag Fiber Association, Turfgrass Breeders Association, Meadowfoam Growers and Willamette Valley Specialty Seed Association.

The above groups consist of approximately 1200 farmers, seed dealers, straw balers and researchers.

In 2011:

Oregon produced and marketed 662 million pounds of grass and legume seed which is more than 50% of the annual worldwide demand for cool season grass seed.

Grass and legume seed production was Oregon's 6th largest commodity with a \$341 million farm gate value.

Grass and legume seed production encompassed more than 420,000 acres, 95% grown in the Willamette valley. Other primary production areas are Central Oregon, Columbia Basin and Grande Ronde Valley.

Nearly all of the grass seed produced in Oregon is sold outside of the state.

Historically, 12-15% of the seed has been exported internationally to about 60 countries. Since 2009, exports have been increasing and in 2011 approximately 30% of the grass seed produced was exported, with China being the largest international customer importing more than 45 million pounds of seed.



Oregon Blueberry Facts and Statistics

- There are 332 Oregon Blueberry Growers with the typical farm size of approximately 10 acres.
 - Blueberry production acreage has doubled in the past ten years and is now more than 7,500 acres.
 - Oregon blueberries are exported to: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan and the United Kingdom
 - Oregon Blueberries in 2011:
 - Were Oregon's 8th largest commodity
 - Had a farmgate value of \$116.8 million
 - Of a total harvest of 65.1 million pounds:
 - ◆ 32.3 million pounds of blueberries were sold in the fresh market
 - ◆ 28.6 million pounds were sold for processing
 - ◆ 4.2 million pounds were sold via on-farm sales
 - Fresh blueberries were imported in 2012 to South Korea. Oregon blueberries were the first and only fresh berries allowed by South Korea.
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Oregon Dairy Farmers Association (ODFA)

ODFA works with regulatory agencies to create science-based regulation and encourages legislators to pass thoughtful legislation in an effort to create an environment that will continue to allow Oregon dairy farmers the opportunity to provide a safe, local source of food for all of Oregon's families.

ODFA also supports credible research efforts and communicates the scientific findings to Oregon dairy farmers to ensure that the best available information is available for the dairy farmer when it comes time to make decisions.

ODFA has been representing Oregon's dairy farming families since 1892.

Currently, ODFA represents Oregon's 280 dairy farms and 118,000 dairy cows.

In 2011 milk was Oregon's 4th largest agricultural commodity with a farm gate value of \$530.5 million.
