



Oregon Farm Bureau (503) 399-1701 www.oregonfb.org

About Oregon Farm Bureau

- Farm Bureau is an independent, grassroots, nonprofit organization working for the benefit of Oregon's farming, ranching, and natural resource industries.
- With about 8,000 members professionally engaged in agriculture, Oregon Farm Bureau is the state's largest general ag organization, representing all 250 commodities.
- All Oregon Farm Bureau policies originate from individual agriculture producers, and are only adopted and advocated for after working their way through an open, democratic process.
- The agriculture industry is unique in that nearly every aspect of public policy directly impacts farmers' and ranchers' ability to produce food, fiber, fuel, and foliage. This is why Farm Bureau's presence at the local, state, and national legislature is so critical.
- About 98% of Oregon's agriculture operations are operated by family farmers and ranchers. Less than 2% of Oregon farms are non-family corporate entities.
- 1,144 Oregon family farms and ranches are recognized for being in business for more than 100 years, and 25 are honored for at least 150 years of operation within the same family.

Oregon Agriculture & the Economy

- Oregon is a specialty-crop state with more than 250 recognized commodities. Oregon agriculture production is valued at \$5.3 billion, making it the second-largest industry in the state.
- Agriculture's direct economic impact in Oregon adds up to 10% of the state's total sales and 7% of its value-added activity.
- About 12% of all jobs in Oregon are directly or indirectly connected to farming and ranching.
- About 80% of Oregon's ag production leaves the state, with about 40% leaving the country, thereby bringing in "new money" to the state.
- There are 38,800 Oregon farms and ranches, occupying about 16.4 million acres.

Oregon's top commodities by dollar value:

1. Greenhouse & nursery - \$742.5 million
2. Hay - \$726 million
3. Cattle & calves - \$609.1 million
4. Milk - \$530.5 million
5. Wheat - \$530 million
6. Grass seed - \$341 million
7. Potatoes - \$179.7 million
8. Blueberries - \$116.8 million
9. Corn, grain & silage - \$108.8 million
10. Christmas trees - \$99.2 million

Oregon is #1 for U.S. production for:

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| Blackberries | Dungeness crab |
| Hazelnuts | Christmas trees |
| Loganberries | Potted florist azaleas |
| Black raspberries | |
| Ryegrass seed | |
| Orchardgrass seed | |
| Sugarbeets for seed | |
| Crimson clover | |
| Fescue seed | |
| Red clover seed | |
| Boysen & youngberries | |