



# OPPOSE LIMITS ON LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION

## SB 85 & -1 Amendment

This legislative session, several bills aim to restrict our current livestock operations in the state. These bills look to limit or ban the expansion and creation of additional responsible, highly-regulated, and ethical livestock operations throughout Oregon.

The bills directly impact family-owned farms and feedlots that produce beef, dairy, chicken, eggs, and pork for Oregonians and beyond. Our family farms are already struggling in lieu of new taxes, regulations, labor challenges, and increasing input costs, with no ability to recoup those costs.

**Further restrictions on livestock operations may detrimentally impact our family owned farms/ranches, thus limiting access to locally produced protein.**

### THESE BILLS WOULD...

- Magnify the strain on our food supply chain, further driving up costs for milk, chicken, eggs, beef and pork.
- Accelerate the loss of Oregon family farms and local food production.
- Cease the replacement of existing facilities with more efficient, sustainable systems.
- Expand our reliance on out-of-state production, resulting in a net increase in carbon emissions for food production.



### BACKGROUND...

Oregon has one of the country's most robust regulatory programs for livestock feeding operations, a program which has been recently enhanced, with support from the agriculture industry, ensuring protection for our environment and food supply.

Each of these farms or feedlots hold a Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit; a program partnership between the Department of Environmental Quality and administered by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The CAFO permit provides oversight to protect Oregon's water quality. In addition to a CAFO permit, family farms are regulated for food safety, animal health and welfare, employee health and welfare, water quantity and land use.

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