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Hi,

I farm with my family east of Salem. We are trying to find alternative crops to grow between our grass crops to help clean up the ground of weeds and undesired grasses. Canola would be a great crop for us to use. Right now, we are limited by different entities telling us we cannot grow near other special crops. We are also limited by how many acres we can grow in total in the Willamette Valley. For example, we have a field that we grew Canola on that was 140 acres, but we were only allowed to grow it on half. So, we had to split the field in two and grow another crop on the other half. We usually keep that field all in one type of crop. We were limited by the regulations in place of growing what, how much, and where to grow our crops. So now we are looking at wanting to grow Canola in 2 fields next crop year. Those two fields will be a total of 275 acres, but we are regulated 500 acres allowed in all of the valley. So more than likely we will only be able to get a small part of the acres to grow Canola. Please allow us to not be regulated like this, allow us to grow what we need to help produce the best seeds in the world. Thanks