

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3141

Ordered by the House March 6
Including House Amendments dated March 6

Sponsored by Representative BREESE-IVERSON; Representatives DRAZAN, LEVY B, OWENS, RESCHKE, SCHARF, Senator NASH (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes the third Tuesday of March of each year Oregon Farmer and Rancher Day. (Flesch Readability Score: 79.5).

[Digest: The Act makes October 12 of each year Oregon Farmer and Rancher Day. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).]

Designates *[October 12]* **the third Tuesday of March** of each year as Oregon Farmer and Rancher Day.

[Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.]

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Oregon Farmer and Rancher Day; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas from the fertile Willamette Valley to the rolling hills of Eastern Oregon, farmers and
4 ranchers are the heart and soul of agriculture in Oregon; and

5 Whereas rain or shine, drought or frost, Oregon's hardworking farmers and ranchers rise to the
6 challenge, shepherding the land, the livestock and the natural resources in their charge to provide
7 the food, fiber and fuel that Oregonians, and indeed all Americans, rely on every single day; and

8 Whereas Oregon farmers and ranchers remain optimistic, innovative and adaptable in an un-
9 predictable, ever-changing world, using climate-smart agricultural practices to increase
10 sustainability, protect and conserve natural resources and ensure that the soil they toil in will be
11 healthy, fertile and ripe with possibility for the future; and

12 Whereas Oregon farmers and ranchers' unparalleled pride for their product has elevated the
13 status of this state's great agricultural products across the country and around the globe, and that
14 commitment to quality leads consumers throughout the United States and beyond to seek out
15 Oregon-grown blackberries, blueberries, hazelnuts, peppermint, cranberries, rhubarb, grass seed and
16 countless other crops; and

17 Whereas Oregon's agricultural industry is truly homegrown, with 96 percent of the more than
18 35,000 farms and ranches in Oregon being family-owned and operated, 1,247 of which have remained
19 in the same family for over a century and 47 of which have been in operation for 150 years or more;
20 and

21 Whereas Oregon's farmers and ranchers are business owners, marketers, agronomists, climate
22 scientists, mechanics, breeding specialists, pest experts, purchasing officers, market forecasters,
23 water administrators, accountants, human resources leads, risk analysts, partners, parents and
24 leaders in their communities; and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Whereas Oregon's farmers and ranchers are an indispensable part of the fabric that binds to-
2 gether the people of the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 SECTION 1. **The third Tuesday of March of each year is designated as Oregon Farmer**
5 **and Rancher Day.**

6 SECTION 2. **This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
8 **on its passage.**

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