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Central Oregon landowners oppose SB 747

As common knowledge to farmers, growers, ranchers and crop production researchers, fertilizer rates vary widely based on crop and soil type, crop production, weather patterns and multiple other factors. Rates alone cannot determine overapplication, and there is no standardized guidance on rates based on the variety of factors that impact nutrient needs and uptake. Agronomic rates vary even between different varieties of the same crop.

The concept as drafted reflects a lack of scientific understanding of both crop nutrition science and groundwater impacts and 200 acres is an arbitrary number with no connection to data or evidence to even imply fertilizer applications throughout the State.

SB 747, as presented, is a mockery to all responsible agricultural producers in Oregon.