

Support Food System Resilience YES on HB 2979

Our small farms and ranches, food hubs, and farmers markets are a key part of making our state resilient to changes and breakdowns in the centralized food system, but these small farm businesses and the hubs and markets that work with them are also on the front lines of the changing climate, worsening natural disasters, and extreme weather.



HB 2979 renews the state's investment in community food system resilience:

- \$3.5M for OCFSN's Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program
- \$2M for OCFSN's Food Hub Climate Resilience & Worker Safety Grant Fund
- \$2.5M for OFMA's Farmers Market Climate Resilience Grant Fund and grants to farmers markets for costs associated with acceptance of SNAP benefits

Eligible Projects Include:

Farmers:

- Irrigation modernization & soil health projects for drought resilience
- Shading & cooling for heat waves
- Wildfire evacuation equipment and planning

Farmers Markets:

- Market cooling interventions (mistifiers/shading) for heat waves
- Heaters for winter markets
- PPE for wildfire smoke protection

Food Hubs:

- Refrigeration equipment to take in more food when markets close
- Worker safety equipment like fatigue mats
- Food safe transportation to pick up and deliver local food

Join us in supporting this crucial investment in a resilient future
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Support HB 2979: Invest in Resilient Food Systems

Dear Oregon Lawmakers:

Oregon's small farms and ranches, and the outlets where they market their products, are increasingly threatened by extreme weather events and wildfires. Supporting the Food Systems Resilience Programs in HB 2979 means investing in climate resilience, disaster preparedness, conservation and stewardship, rural economic development, and thriving small businesses all over our state. These investments benefit not just farmers and local food outlets but entire communities by fostering access to healthy, local food, creating hubs for community engagement and expanding nutrition incentive programs.

"Extreme weather events such as heat domes, drought, and wildfire smoke are putting Oregon's farms and ranches at risk. Farmers and ranchers are resilient, but they need financial support to invest in equipment, infrastructure and resources for irrigation efficiency, shading and cooling, and soil health. This relatively small investment in funding by the Oregon state legislature helps protect crops and livestock and makes Oregon's small farms and ranches more resilient as wildfires and extreme weather events increase," said Megan Kemple, Executive Director of Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network.

"Farmers' markets play a crucial role within their local economies, providing a platform for small-scale vendors to sell their produce while fostering community connections. But, when wildfires, storms, or extreme heat disrupt market operations, producers suffer--unable to get their products to market, or worse, when their perishable produce is ruined," explained Anna Curtin, Co-chair of the Oregon Farmers Markets Association.

"This funding represents a collaborative effort to help our state's small and midsize, highly diversified and local market farmers adapt to the ongoing effects of the climate crisis. We are so proud to be a part of this coalition of forward thinking food system advocates, farmers, and policy makers who made this happen. Oregon is so lucky to still have a thriving small scale farming community. Our farmers are on the front lines of climate change and this funding helps those who need it most," said Alice Morrison, Co-Executive Director of Friends of Family Farmers.

Oregon's small farms, farmers' markets, and food hubs strengthen our communities and deserve your continued support in the face of increasing wildfires and extreme weather events. We urge you to prioritize funding for HB 2979 in the 2025 legislative session to ensure the continuation of these critical programs.

Sincerely the undersigned:

Community Groups:

1. Farmers Market Fund
2. Oregon Farm to School Network
3. Avid gardener of food stuffs
4. PNW Packaged Food & Beverage Group
5. Oregon Farm to School Network
6. Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon
7. Fertile Ground
8. Oregon Food Hub Network Coordinator
9. Fertile Ground
10. Cook First Portland
11. High Desert Food and Farm Alliance
12. Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County
13. Rogue Valley Food System Network
14. Oregon Rural Action
15. Visit McMinnville
16. Elderberry Wisdom Farm
17. North American Climate, Conservation and Environment(NACCE)
18. Oregon Coast Visitors Association
19. Oregon Organic Coalition
20. Growing Gardens
21. Tigard Chamber of Commerce
22. Oregon Food Bank - Tillamook County Services
23. Friends of Family Farmers
24. Oregon CLimate and Agriculture Network
25. Oregon Farmers Market Association
26. Oregon Community Food System Network

Farmers Markets

1. Tigard Farmers Market
2. McMinnville Downtown Farmers Market
3. Whiteaker Community Market
4. Adelante Farmers Market
5. Hillsboro Farmers' Markets
6. Hillsboro Farmers' Markets
7. Lane County Farmers Market
8. Hillsboro Farmers' Markets, Inc
9. Hillsboro Farmers' Markets
10. Spencer Creek Community Growers Market
11. Hillsboro Farmers Markets
12. Hillsboro Farmers' Markets
13. Woodlawn Farmers Market
14. Hillsboro Farmers' Market
15. Gresham Farmers Market
16. Woodstock Farmers Market
17. South Waterfront Farmers Market
18. Beaverton Farmers Market
19. Cave Junction Farmers Market
20. Hoodland Farmers Market
21. Klamath Falls Farmers Market
22. Oregon City Farmers Market
23. Tigard Farmers Market
24. Bend Farmers Market
25. Florence Farmers Market
26. Bonanza Farmers Market
27. Bonanza Farmers Market
28. Montavilla Farmers Market
29. Lake Oswego Farmers' Market
30. Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) Farmers Market
31. Cedar Mill Farmers Market
32. Ontario Saturday Market
33. Sutherlin Farmers' Market, LLC
34. Gresham Farmers Market
35. Uppertown Farmers Market
36. Applegate Evening Market
37. Rogue Valley Growers & Crafters Market
38. Klamath Falls Farmers Market Assoc.
39. People's Farmers' Market
40. Newport Farmers Market
41. Madras Saturday Market
42. Lincoln City Sunday Market
43. Hollywood Farmers Market
44. Veneta's Downtown Farmers' Market
45. Newport Farmer's Market
46. Lass farm
47. Dallas area Chamber of Commerce/Dallas, OR Farmers Market
48. South Wasco Farmers Market
49. Portland Farmers Market
50. Hillsdale Farmers' Market
51. Simnasho Tribal Market
52. Veneta Downtown Farmer's Market
53. Scio Saturday Market
54. Manzanita Farmers Market
55. Umpqua Valley Farmers Market
56. Sellwood Moreland Farmers Market
57. Woodstock Farmers Market
58. Fox Run Farm
59. Florence Farmers Market
60. South Valley Farmers Market
61. Oregon City Farmers Market Inc
62. Mount Hood Farmers Market
63. Bountiful Backyard, Philomath Farmers' Market, Mud Oven Pizza
64. Rogue Valley Farmers Market

Farms/Ranches:

1. Farnsworth's Hobby Farm
2. Out of Ashes Farm
3. Zajac Farms
4. Edible Stories Market Garden
5. Jackson Road Farm LLC & Penttilla Lane Farm LLC
6. Low Tide Farms
7. Hollyhock Hollow
8. La Creole Orchards (farm) and Willamette Valley Olive Orchard (olive oil label)
9. The Roost Farm & Garden
10. Deschutes Canyon Garlic
11. Brice Creek Croft
12. Pepper's Family Farm
13. Good Rain Farm
14. Lilliputopia Farm
15. Bee Loved Farm
16. Laughing Rabbit Farm
17. Goodfoot Farm
18. Lil Starts
19. Fog Hollow Farm LLC
20. Grassward Dairy
21. Flying Coyote Farm
22. Slice of Heaven Farm
23. PK Pastures
24. Kasama Farm
25. Tanager Farm
26. Clastic Fruit LLC
27. Bryant Family Farm, LLC
28. Wild Grown Farm
29. Lord-Cranmer Farm
30. Harbinger Farm
31. Michael's Garden
32. The Urban Acre Homestead
33. Moon River Farm
34. Storybook Farm
35. The Farm Up Lost Creek LLC
36. Good Rain Farm
37. Formosa flower farm
38. Daytrip Farm Collective
39. EST Wines
40. Jackson Road Farm LLC & Penttilla Lane Farm LLC
41. M&M Ranch
42. Wayfinder Farm
43. Mama knows best naturals
44. Walking Whale Flower Farm
45. Broken Top Farm
46. Meander Farm
47. Daily Blessings Farm
48. Blue Raven Farm
49. Wild Roots Farm, LLC
50. Abby's Greens LLC
51. Danish Honey Farms LLC
52. Wild earth family farm
53. Belle Mare Farm
54. Uphill Farm
55. Black moon farms
56. Lilliputopia Farm
57. Terringer Farm
58. Frog Eagle Farms
59. Farmer
60. Rainbow Acres Community Farm
61. Big Lick Farm
62. Flora
63. Moomaw Family Farm
64. Full Cellar Farm
65. Shimanek Bridge Farm
66. Bee Easy Farm LLC
67. Shimanek Bridge Farm
68. Good Food Easy
69. In Situ Farms LLC
70. The BIPOC Rise Moor Healing Center
71. Sweet Union Farm
72. Verdant Hare
73. DD Ranch
74. Happiness Family Farm
75. Orange Pippins
76. Willow & Oak Farm
77. Mahonia Gardens LLC
78. Low Tide Farms
79. Casad Family Farms
80. La merenda farm
81. Daydream Farm
82. Our Mothers Gardens
83. Nella Mae's Farm
84. Bunchgrass Land & Livestock
85. Lazy Mule Farm
86. The Plantworks, LLC
87. Cabral Livestock & 29 Branded Beef
88. Side Yard Farm & Kitchen
89. Tara Anam Cara Farm
90. Hedge Rose Farm
91. Windy Hill Farm
92. Elemental Acres and Eats
93. Great Harvest Hydroponic Produce
94. Howl and Whistle Flower Farm
95. Signing as a community member not a business representative.
96. Gentle Rain Farm
97. Empowered Flowers LLC
98. Mora Mora Farm
99. Squirrely Jane
100. Jubilee Valley
101. Starry Sky Farm
102. Sweet water farm
103. Crossroads Farm
104. Cracklin Acres
105. Sunbow Produce
106. Edible Stories Market Garden
107. Farm-zilla
108. Sister Garden Flower Farm
109. Olde Moon Farm LLC
110. Bee Cheeks Flower Farm
111. Sweet Leaf Organic Farm
112. Idyl-Oak Ranch, Dark Side of the Moo Beef
113. Twig & Bloom Flower Farm
114. KwaSha Enterprise LLC
115. Uproot Meats
116. Black Food Sovereignty Coalition
117. Uproot Meats LLC
118. And The Plot Chickens
119. Groundswell Farm
120. CrossEyed Cricket Farms
121. Groundswell Farm, Valley Flora Farm
122. Emerald Acre Fibre and Farm

Food Hubs

1. Good Groceries LLC
2. Central Cost Food Web
3. Josephine County Farm Collective
4. Bohemia Food Hub
5. Josephine County Farm Collective
6. Feed'em Freedom
7. Willamette Local Food Connection
8. Klamath Grown
9. Hummingbird Wholesale
10. Chef Kristen Catering / Jefferson Farm Kitchen
11. Sisterhood Kitchen Collective
12. Gresham Community Partner
13. A Greater Applegate
14. Columbia Bar, LLC
15. Clatskanie Farmer Collective
16. Westfir Oakridge Community Farmers Market
17. Umpqua Valley Farm to School and Umpqua Valley Farmers Market

Farmers Market

Vendors (food businesses), Community Members and Farm Service Providers

1. Bolt
2. Shawn Linehan
Photographer
3. Hapa PDX Ramen &
Whiskey
4. Hot Winter Hot Sauce
5. Natalia gonzalez
6. KLiK Concepts
7. Alder Street Consulting
8. Cam Wolff
9. Hummus Hang LLC
10. To Go Paleo, LLC
11. Grip N Grub Food Truck
12. Sweet shire farm
13. Marcy's Sourdough & Sweet
14. Ensoterra, LLC
15. Barbara Danko
16. Christina Day
17. Laurie Terrall
18. Anna Curtin