

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Bobby Levy, and I proudly represent House District 58, which encompasses many of the producers and rural communities that are the heart of Oregon's agricultural economy. I am pleased to submit my strong support for House Bill 3141, which designates the third Tuesday of March each year as Oregon Farmer and Rancher Day.

Oregon's farmers and ranchers do more than grow food—they anchor rural economies, preserve open spaces, and sustain our communities through their hard work, innovation, and deep-rooted stewardship of the land. In districts like mine, their contributions are not abstract—they are visible in every field, every fence line, every farmers market, and every family-run operation.

Recognizing these contributions with a designated day is not only appropriate—it's meaningful. The new date, the third Tuesday in March, aligns well with the national observance of National Agriculture Day, and offers an opportunity for Oregonians to reflect on the value and resilience of our food producers at the beginning of the growing season.

HB 3141 is a simple bill, but it sends an important message: that we see, appreciate, and stand behind the people who feed, clothe, and sustain Oregon.

I urge your full support for this measure.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Levy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Representative Bobby Levy
Oregon House District 58