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Life for small farmers is a very tenuous. They have little to survive on if the crops are poor. Allowing them to help survive, they need to be able to create other activities to support their farm. Roadside stands and farm stores date back to the first farmers in Oregon and is a universal practice throughout the United States. It is amazing and appalling to me that there are groups that want to box farmers into only surviving on crops, while they themselves have little to no stake in farming. They just think it should be the way that they have imagined: bucolic, altruistic, and straight out of a fairy tale. It is just plain selfish, and wrong. They are in a fantasy world supported by their non-farm incomes.

Help the small farmers survive don't punish them.