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About Oregon Farm Bureau

- Established in Oregon in 1919, Farm Bureau is an independent, grassroots, nonprofit organization working for the benefit of the state’s farming, ranching, and natural resource communities.
- With about 7,000 members professionally engaged in agriculture, Oregon Farm Bureau is the state’s largest general ag organization, representing all 220+ commodities.
- All of OFB’s public policy positions originate from individual family farmers and ranchers, and are only adopted and advocated for after working their way through an open, democratic process.
- The agriculture industry is unique in that nearly every aspect of public policy directly impacts farmers’ and ranchers’ ability to produce food, fiber, fuel, and foliage. This is why Farm Bureau’s presence at the local, state, and national legislature is so critical.
- Only about 1% of Oregonians are farmers or ranchers. Over 98% of Oregon’s farms and ranches are family owned and operated.
- OFB helps keep Oregon agriculture sustainable. 1,175 Oregon family farms and ranches are recognized for staying in business within the same family for more than 100 years, and 33 are honored for at least 150 years of operation within the same family.

Oregon Agriculture & the Economy

- Oregon is a specialty-crop state with more than 220 recognized commodities. Oregon agriculture production is valued at \$5.4 billion, making it the second-largest economic driver in the state.
- Agriculture is directly and indirectly linked to about \$50 billion in sales of goods and services, which is more than 13% of the statewide total of sales involving all industry sectors. Oregon agriculture is responsible for \$22.9 billion or 10.6% of the net state product.
- Oregon agriculture directly or indirectly supports more than 326,000 full or part-time jobs, making up almost 14% of total jobs in the state.
- About 80% of Oregon’s ag production leaves the state, with about 40% leaving the country, thereby bringing in “new money” to the state. Oregon agriculture ranks first in volume of exported products and third in value of exported products.

Oregon’s top commodities by dollar value:

1. Cattle & calves - \$922 million
2. Greenhouse & nursery - \$829.9 million
3. Hay - \$703 million
4. Milk - \$656.6 million
5. Grass seed - \$449 million
6. Wheat - \$302 million
7. Potatoes - \$164.7 million
8. Hazelnuts - \$129.6 million
9. Pears - \$127.3 million
10. Grapes for wine - \$118.3 million

Oregon is #1 for U.S. production for:

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| Blackberries | Onions (storage) |
| Boysenberries | Christmas trees |
| Hazelnuts | Potted florist azaleas |
| Black raspberries | |
| Ryegrass seed | |
| Orchardgrass seed | |
| Sugarbeets for seed | |
| Crimson clover | |
| Fescue seed | |
| Red clover seed | |



Farm Bureau: Locally grown & growing strong

Oregon Farm Bureau is the state's largest general agriculture organization, representing about 7,000 family farmers and ranchers who raise everything from cattle to hazelnuts, wine grapes to pumpkins. Farm Bureau is also proud to have many more members who are not directly involved in agriculture.

Through **OFB's discount programs**, Farm Bureau members can easily save more than the cost of their annual dues. Member benefits include discounts with General Motors/Chevy, Grainger, CAT, Polaris, Choice & Wyndam Hotels, CAT, Case-IH, a prescription discount program, Amerigas, Avis, ClearValue Hearing, and Life Line Screening.

Every year, Farm Bureau members also receive:

- The award-winning **Oregon's Bounty calendar** (\$15 value)
- A printed copy of **Oregon's Bounty farm stand guide** (\$5 value), a magazine highlighting agriculture and family farmers and ranchers, and including the state's largest and best directory of public ag ventures like farm stands, u-picks, on-farm festivals, pumpkin patches, etc. (Also check out Oregon's Bounty online at oregonfb.org for regional or product searches and driving directions.)
 - Farmer members also receive the printed **OFB Newsletter** and **Annual Report**

So what is Farm Bureau, exactly?

First established in Oregon in 1919, Farm Bureau is a grassroots, nonprofit organization that represents the interests of family farmers and ranchers in the public and policymaking arenas. Our goals are to keep agriculture thriving for future generations, expand its economic opportunity and viability, and educate society about why agriculture is essential to our lives and so important to Oregon's economy, culture, landscape, and quality of life.

As a grassroots organization, the OFB Board of Directors and all county Farm Bureaus are comprised of volunteer leaders — family farmers and ranchers who take time away from their field or livestock to make a difference for their livelihood, rural community, and way of life. All of our policy and political priorities develop from a time-tested, democratic process that begins with an individual's concerns at the county level. Positions, ideas, and initiatives then make their way to the OFB Annual Meeting, where Farm Bureau members from around the state meet to discuss and vote upon the organization's goals for the coming year.

Oregon Farm Bureau also:

- Connects the public with agriculture through the Oregon's Bounty guide and at oregonfb.org, the state's biggest and best listing of where to buy food and foliage directly from family farmers and ranchers.
- Offers leadership development, networking, social, and travel opportunities for young farmers and ranchers.
- Connects farmers with the Farm to School program, and charities like Farmers Ending Hunger and the Ronald McDonald House.
- Preserves Oregon's agricultural heritage through the Century Farm & Ranch Program.
- Provides about \$65,000 per year in scholarships to students from across the state.
- Educates teachers about agriculture through the Summer Ag Institute, and provides opportunities and resources for kids and families to learn about Oregon agriculture.
- Helps farm and ranch families keep the land, water, and production tools they need to remain sustainable, viable, and thriving.

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