

Oregon agriculture is a dynamic, complex mix of many issues, challenges, and opportunities facing our farm, fishing, and ranch communities. People and business rely on a healthy farm sector to sustain the Oregon way of life. As a representative of this great and diverse enterprise, the State Board of Agriculture recognizes this report cannot address all issues and developments. But the board has focused on a list of key factors that it feels are the highest priorities and essential steps towards a brighter future for Oregon agriculture.

You will see at least three constant themes throughout this report: Oregon agriculture's diversity and complexity, agriculture's dedication to sustainability, and the direct relationship agriculture has with all Oregonians. We hope that this report fosters a better understanding and appreciation of Oregon agriculture, and a chance for all Oregonians to join together to address key issues.

Oregon growers demonstrate ingenuity and innovation, dedication to the communities they live in, stewardship of natural resources, and a commitment to produce quality products.

We commend Oregon's farmers and ranchers for their contributions to our state.

13 Key Policy areas are discussed with policy recommendations.

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