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FROM SHAMPOO TO BASEBALLS: BRINGING AG TO LIFE AT THE OREGON STATE FAIR

By Bethany Woodall, Eastern Oregon Chapter President

The Oregon Women for Agriculture (OWA) both at the 2025 Oregon State Fair had volunteers from every chapter in the state! Over 55 members, relatives, and friends showed up to share Agriculture and OWA with attendees.

This year we challenged fairgoers on their knowledge of agricultural crops in everyday items. It was a fun activity that could be tailored to the knowledge level of the participants. Many comments were received about how you never think of agriculture being in many of the items such as shampoo, lotion, baseballs, etc.

New in the booth this year was a TV playing an agricultural presentation on a continuous loop. Thank you to the Public Relations Committee for the idea and funding to make that happen.

The Promotional Committee



The OWA booth was featured in a prominent location in Columbia Hall during the 11 days of the Oregon State Fair.

supplied the booth with very popular wooden rulers, bookmarks, stickers, magnets, and temporary tattoos. We also had Play-Doh and SourPunch Straws to hand out along with "Almost Everything Starts on a Farm or Ranch" bumper stickers.

The Farmer Feeds display returned to the state fair this year, located directly across from our main

booth. The Lane County Chapter did a beautiful job of decorating and setting it up. It is a powerful display that shares the important message of how many people one farmer feeds each day.

Thank you to everyone who helped this year, it was a great success and because of all of you we were able to share so much information!

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SARAH PULS

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As summer winds down and most fairs have come to a close, I hope you take a moment to reflect on the busy season we've shared and the vital role you continue to play in Oregon agriculture. From harvest activities to community outreach, your efforts make a lasting impact across our state. With fall quickly approaching, we also look ahead to new opportunities and challenges that the season brings.

This summer reminded us of the importance of visibility and outreach. County fairs, festivals, and community events offered valuable opportunities to share the story of agriculture with our neighbors, communities, and beyond. Every conversation and interaction highlighted the essential role farming and ranching play in our daily lives.

I especially want to recognize the great work of our chapters at the Oregon State Fair. The Eastern Oregon Chapter did an outstanding job with the State Fair booth, showcasing the connection everyday products and items have to agriculture and how almost everything starts on a farm or ranch. The Lane Chapter also deserves a big thank you for the beautiful display they created for the One Farmer Feeds exhibit—it was an eye-catching and meaningful way to share the story of agriculture with thousands of fairgoers.

I want to encourage all of our members to stay connected and engaged at both the chapter and state levels. Your time, energy, and ideas are what fuel the strength of OWA. Whether it's volunteering at an educational booth, helping organize a local event, or attending a state meeting, every contribution adds to our collective voice and impact.

As we move into fall, let's continue to celebrate our successes, support one another, and ensure that Oregon Women for Agriculture remains a strong advocate for the future of farming. I am grateful for each of you and the unique skills and perspectives you bring to this organization.

Wishing you a safe, productive, and meaningful fall season.

~ Sarah

OWA Photo Contest

Do you take lots of pictures of your farm, animals, and crops? Three winners will be chosen and the top photo will be mounted on canvas and sold in the 2025 OWA Auction. Honorable mentions will also be displayed at the auction.

Photos should be submitted with name, address, email, and a description. Contact [Kristi Miller](mailto:Kristi.Miller@dswebnet.com) with questions.

**SEND SUBMISSIONS TO
MILLERK@DSWEBNET.COM
BY NOVEMBER 1.**

**OWA WELCOMED ONE NEW
MEMBER DURING THE LAST
QUARTER.**

**JOIN US IN WELCOMING HER TO
OUR ORGANIZATION.**

**LINN-BENTON
TRISHA WILFONG**

OWA AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year, OWA recognizes two individuals who have made an incredible impact on the organization and/or the agricultural industry.

LEAVEN AWARD

The LEAVEN award recognizes those who have faithfully served OWA and have positively influenced the organization and its members.

SERVICE TO AG AWARD

This award seeks to recognize an individual outside of the organization who has been committed to advocated for and promoting agriculture.

Email info@owaonline.org for nomination forms.

Nominations due January 16.



Lane Chapter member, AshlyAnn Lemhouse at the Oregon State Fair booth in August.

First Auction Meeting

The first auction meeting will be held on October 20 at 6 PM via Zoom. Email Bethany Woodall for more information or to ensure you are on notification email lists for meetings this year, auction@owaonline.org.

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Please contact your chapter president for the most up to date information on upcoming chapter meetings.

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All members welcome at state board meetings. [See page 14](#) for details!

CHAPTER UPDATES FROM ACROSS THE STATE

CENTRAL OREGON

We were at our last first Thursday event in Madras where we had a booth. Thank you to Carole and Bill for setting up and taking down this month. August's hot and sunny weather brought a great turn out of people to share our OWA story along with agriculture information. We handed out several coloring contest papers and our water bottle stickers are a huge hit with all.

Carole attended the OWA State Fair Booth and had an amazing time spreading the word about where your food comes from. She enjoyed all the activities and the new power point presentation. The question was asked if OWA could have the Tea Towels for sale for the public to purchase? Central Oregon Chapter will look into how to make this happen. But, the best part is the Oregon Dairy Women's ice cream for working a shift. Yum!

Central Oregon's chapter was back in session from a summer break and held a meeting on Aug. 9th at Carole's house. We are working with members to put together ideas for our Smith Rock Pumpkin Patch booth/room. This event draws thousands of families from all over Oregon.

Carole is working with Heather from the Central Oregon Chapter to put together information for other chapters and booth chairs to see what has been created and is available to order for their chapter booth, or State event. My thought is this will be located on the Members only part of the OWA website.

Carole Richards
Central Oregon Secretary/Treasurer



Lane Chapter representing at the Oregon State Fair. Members Jenifer Skiles (center), with Dana and Ethan Bowers-Brock and nephews Asher and Elias Bowers.

EASTERN OREGON

The Eastern Chapter has had a busy summer. Our chapter co-chaired the OWA booth at the state fair for the very first time. It was a fun experience and we were glad to share our Ag activity and knowledge. We will be setting up our informational booth at a favorite local Sunflower Festival and a few Harvest Festivals this fall.

We have awarded out our 2025 scholarships and are deep into tickets sales for this year's scholarship fundraiser. We are very excited to announce our prize package this year is for a Hawaiian vacation! The trip includes lodging for up-to 6 people on the Kauai Coast from November 18th – 26th and a \$4,000 Delta gift card.

Unfortunately we were not able to get a wagon for this year's Westward-Ho parade at the Pendleton Round-Up. We did attend the Cowboy Breakfast, watch the parade, and attend the Governor's Luncheon before hosting the September State meeting.

Bethany Woodall
Eastern Oregon Chapter President

LANE

Lane County is excited to be gearing up for starting OWA, after a summer break. We're looking forward to scholarship applications from our local FFA chapters, a fall social, and being involved with ag all around our county.

Our members served at the state fair booth, which was fun and easy to do. I also had the privilege of designing and putting together the table scape for the Farmer Feeds display, using plants such as wheat and thistles gleaned from our fields and artificial flowers that are grown here in Oregon. It is impactful to see 168 plates set up, signifying how many people one farmer feeds in a day.

Our chapter continues to look forward to serving our local and state communities through OWA and many other avenues.

Dana Bowers-Brock
Lane Chapter President

LINN-BENTON

After taking July and August off, the Linn-Benton Chapter gathered on September 10 at the home of Debbie Prouty. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious garden-grown meal!

Over the summer, Herdsmanship Awards were presented to 4-H and FFA chapters at the Benton and Linn County Fairs, including the trial launch of a new rotating banner award at Linn County. We look forward to seeing how this new tradition develops.

Chapter members also tackled a storage unit clean-out, with several signs and displays set to be donated to Oregon FFA for their 100th anniversary celebration in 2028. Reports were shared on the Oregon State Fair booth, Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom, and an overview of the June State Board meeting. We are also preparing for chapter officer transitions in February with openings at Vice President and Corresponding Secretary.

Looking ahead, we are looking forward to hosting the October Board meeting at Henricks Seed in Halsey and members are preparing to volunteer at the Willamette Valley Ag Show in November. Wishing everyone a wonderful fall!

Jessica Jansen
Linn-Benton Chapter Member

MARION-CLACKAMAS

Tracy Duerst will continue as Treasurer, the chapter is looking to fill the following offices: President, Vice President and Secretary. The chapter sponsored Master Showmanship awards were sponsored at the Clackamas County Fair.

POLK

We continued to meet monthly during the summer months. We provided 200 AITC Living Necklace kits for the Polk County Fair in August, for the Polk County OSU Extension booth.

Karen Sanks, General Manager for the Itemizer Observer, attended our July monthly meeting to brainstorm ideas for Constitution Day. Last year she helped us put together a two-page ad with great information for kids to learn more about the Constitution, including a coloring page. Karen left her position mid-August so unfortunately, we could not do the same ad as last year, but Carol Marx provided a letter to the editor instead with a link to great information, that will publish right around Constitution Day, September 17th.

We congratulated PCWA member Sarrah McMaster for receiving the Rich Wolcott Award from the Dallas Chamber of Commerce! Sarrah works closely with the chamber and has suggested several new opportunities for our chapter to join.

We committed to providing kid-friendly activities during the Dallas Chamber, Big Foot event on September 28th. We will manage the booth for four hours and provide coloring sheets and Living Necklaces for children to experience.

We are currently accepting names for our next Stop the Bleed class. It will be held on Thursday, October 9th at the Polk County OSU Extension office in Dallas from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

PCWA meetings are on the second Monday of each month at Westside Pacific Family Restaurant in Rickreall, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. All are welcome to join us!

Diann Washburn
Polk Chapter President

YAMHILL

Happy fall from Yamhill County! We hope everyone is enjoying having a little more moisture in the forecast and the cooling temperatures. We met through the summer this year to work on the planning to host state Convention. A vision is starting to come together, and we are looking forward to gathering with you all in March to learn, socialize, and collaborate. This special project will be our chapter's focus for many meetings to come.

In August, a few from our chapter were able to join in womaning the Oregon State Fair booth. The Eastern Oregon chapter did a beautiful job creating the booth this year! We are also beginning to source Yamhill County products and produce for our holiday gift pack fundraiser. As usual, these will be available at Newberg and McMinnville Wilco Farm Stores around Thanksgiving.

We hold chapter meetings the third Saturday morning of each month and we are always happy to have new faces around our table.

Tara Lomacz
Yamhill Chapter President

EASTERN OREGON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Eastern Chapter of Oregon Women for Agriculture has awarded scholarships to five outstanding students who are each pursuing a career in agriculture.

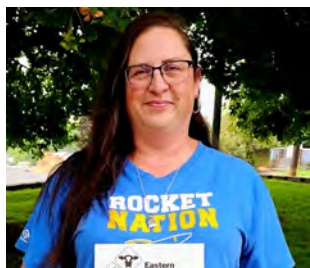
Each recipient wrote an essay about challenges facing agriculture today and how they plan to be a part of the solution. Funds for the scholarships are raised from an annual raffle.



Ashten Helms from Union was the fourth-place winner and awarded a scholarship of \$700. Ashten is majoring in Ag Science and Animal Science at Eastern Oregon University.



Casen Cunningham from Enterprise was the fifth-place winner and awarded a scholarship of \$500. Casen is majoring in Ag Economics and Law at University of Idaho.



Sara Hinkle from Pilot Rock won the first-place scholarship of \$5,000. Sara is majoring in Ag Education at Oregon State University.



Jayda Cant from Imbler was the second-place winner and awarded a scholarship of \$3,000. Jayda plans to major in Animal Science at Montana State University.



Katie Spivey from Heppner was the third-place winner and awarded a scholarship of \$800. Katie plans to major in Animal Science at University of Idaho.

Scholarship Fundraiser Raffle

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2 Bedroom Villa (sleeps up to 6 People)

Prize Includes Lodging and \$4,000 Delta Gift Card

Drawing 11/01/2025

\$20 per Ticket

Scan for Tickets

Eastern Oregon Women for Agriculture

QR code for ticket purchase

2025 PENDLETON ROUND-UP

By Gina Gray, Eastern Oregon

The 2025 Pendleton Round-Up has concluded, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended. The day began with the Cowboy Breakfast, where attendees enjoyed delicious pancakes and live entertainment. Governor Tina Kotek made an appearance, enjoying a hearty breakfast and mingling with participants.



OWA members at the Governor's Luncheon.

At 10:00 am, the Westward Ho! Parade, a highlight of the Pendleton Round-Up, took place in downtown Pendleton. This unique parade, which celebrates the Old West and Native American heritage, featured no motorized vehicles. Instead, it showcased covered wagons, Native Americans in ceremonial dress, numerous horses, and marching bands, making it a must-see event every year.

Following the parade, the Governor's Luncheon, organized by the Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition, was held. This year, OWA was a sponsor of the luncheon, adorning tables with bumper stickers and other items.

The day concluded with the State Board Meeting, generously hosted by Blue Mountain Community College in one of their classrooms.

The 2025 Pendleton Round-Up was a day filled with tradition, community, and celebration, leaving attendees eagerly anticipating next year's event. Let' R Buck!

Volunteer Opportunity



We need volunteers to help at the OWA booth during the Willamette Valley Ag Expo, November 11–13 at the Linn County Expo Center. This is a great chance to share OWA's mission and connect with the ag community. Help is also needed with booth setup on November 10.

Click or scan the QR code to [access the sign up form](#).

SIGN UP HERE



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

By Jade Davidson, Oregon AITC & Linn-Benton



Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom is excited to ring in the new school year with plenty of exciting new

educational opportunities offered all fall long! Plus, don't miss out on our upcoming Fall Harvest Dinner and Auction.

Programs Overview

We had a busy summer full of agriculture, of course! We presented at both Summer Agriculture Institute in Corvallis as well as Cultivating the Next Generation in Medford. Both groups of teachers were wonderfully engaged and so excited about bringing agriculture into their classrooms. We look forward to staying connected with these teachers this school year.

We launched our 2025-2026 school year calendar at our annual calendar art reception at the Oregon State Fair. Twelve of the 13 calendar art winners joined us for this special event, each sharing what they learned about Oregon agriculture. We were even featured in the Capital Press for this event! If you would like a copy of this year's calendar, head [over to our website to order yours today.](#)

We are excited to start up programming again! This fall, we will visit Eagles Nest Reserve for a viticulture/viniculture Careers in Ag Virtual Field Trip. We are also featuring Beef Northwest Feeders in Boardman for a special grades K-5 Virtual Field Trip.



February Calendar Art Contest Winner, Samvida, with AITC Board Members Helle Ruddenklau and Liz Nielson

We are working on our 2026 Literacy Project, which will feature Oregon berries (sneak peeks available at the Fall Harvest Dinner)! This past year, we reached 799 classrooms and just over 18,000 students! Thank you, Oregon Women for Agriculture members, for your volunteer efforts. We could not have done this without you!

Annual Fall Harvest Dinner

We are excited to host our annual Fall Harvest Dinner and Auction at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center at Oregon State on October 4, 2025! This year, we have 15 awesome sponsors as well as tremendous, continued support from Oregon Women for Agriculture. Thank you all for your generosity toward our program!

[For additional information, please](#)

[visit our website.](#) This is sure to be a fun-filled night – we hope to see you there!



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

and Fields & Forests Gala

Thursday, October 30th 2025

Salem Convention Center

We have been busy making plans for the 4th annual OFS Conference & Fields & Forests Gala. It will be held on Thursday, October 30th at the Salem Convention Center.

Here's a look at what we have on the agenda:

- Keeping Up with MAHA: Policy and Communication Trends That Shape Our Work - Brian Glenn, American Farm Bureau Federation
- Machine Learning and Unmanned Aerial Systems in Forestry and Agriculture - Jason McCorkle, AeroTract
- Analyzing Oregon's Pesticide Stewardship Partnership Data: Recommendations and Improvements - Isabella Nelson, Oregon State University
- Environmental Law Update: A Look at Recent Federal and State Developments and What They Mean for Agriculture and the Natural Resource Sector - Brigit Rollins, National Agriculture Law Center
- Natural Resource Legislative and Policy Panel - Panelists TBD, Moderator - Rocky Dallum, Tonkon Torp (a look at top issues for the 2025 – 2026 session)

The Fields and Forests Gala begins as the conference concludes with a reception and dinner, and an opportunity to engage further with other OFS members.

Tickets are available for only the Conference, or only the Gala, but we hope you'll seize the opportunity and join us for the afternoon and evening with a combo ticket!

Tickets and sponsorships are available until October 24.

Approved credits:

Certified Crop Advisor: 2 CEU credits
OR Professional Logger: 5 OPL-CE credits
Society of American Foresters CFE: 4.5 Cat. 1
Contact Hours

WSDA credits requested
2 ODA CORE credits requested

Here's the link to the Conference site: [OFS Annual Conference & Gala](#)

We look forward to seeing you in October!

Katie, Delani, Diann & Dani

OFS will also be hosting 4 CORE credits at the Willamette Valley Ag Expo **November 12 & 13!**



For more information visit:

ofsonline.org/trainings

FOR AG. FOREVER: PROTECTING OREGON'S WORKING LANDS

Editor's Note: During a recent conversation with an Oregon Women for Agriculture member, President Sarah Puls shared information about the work of Oregon Agricultural Trust. We agreed their program is both exciting and offers many opportunities our members could benefit from. The article below, provided by Sal Lopez, Communications Manager at Oregon Agricultural Trust, shares more about their efforts.

[Oregon Agricultural Trust](#) (OAT) is a statewide, nonprofit agricultural land trust with a mission to partner with farmers and ranchers to protect agricultural lands for the benefit of Oregon's economy, communities, and landscapes. As the only organization working statewide and exclusively with farmers and ranchers to protect agricultural land, we address three interconnected challenges: the difficulty of passing land to the next generation, the rapid loss of farmland to fragmentation and development, and the need to safeguard the habitat and community benefits tied to agricultural land.

The urgency of this work is clear. According to the 2022 USDA Census of Agriculture, Oregon lost 660,000 acres—4 percent—of its farmland in just five years. Nationwide, 20 million acres of farmland disappeared between 2017 and 2022, an area the size of Maine. Oregon's strong land use laws help slow this trend, but they are not enough to guarantee farmland will

remain farmland.

Founded in 2019 and incorporated in 2020, OAT emerged from extensive input from farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. Today, our women-led, 11-person organization delivers programs that keep working lands in production and supports those who steward them.

Through our Land Protection program, [we've protected nearly 31,000 acres](#) through five working land conservation easements, with 67 more easements in progress. These lands span the state and reflect the diversity of Oregon agriculture: organic and conventional farms, vineyards and orchards, small direct-market operations and expansive ranches. In each case, the landowners shared a common goal—to ensure their land remains in agriculture forever and to make it more affordable for the next generation

And our Ag Business Support program is on track to educate nearly 1,000 producers and service providers this year through workshops on succession and business planning. Our recently launched one-on-one [business and succession advising program](#) is filling a much-needed gap in support for farm and ranch families facing complex financial and generational transitions.

We find that it is often women who initiate succession conversations. But no matter how the conversation starts, it can be helpful to have someone

by your side who is an expert on farm financials and succession structures as well as how to handle the interpersonal struggles and feelings that often come up during succession planning. Our Farm and Ranch Succession Advisor, Tess Baker, is a former ag lender and the manager of a multi-generational agricultural operation in Paisley, Oregon. Tess brings both deep business expertise and a keen understanding of the emotional dynamics at play, helping families navigate succession with confidence.

With every farm and ranch protected, and every family supported through succession, OAT is helping ensure that farmland remains in production for generations to come. Join us in supporting the farmers and ranchers who keep Oregon's agricultural economy alive and thriving.

Interested in business and succession planning? Reach out to tess@oregonagtrust.org

For questions about working land protection, you can reach out to tara@oregonagtrust.org.

And to support OAT, please visit oregonagtrust.org/donate



\$500 Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarships for spring term!



Eligible applicants are former Oregon FFA members who are undergraduates or Ag. Ed. Master's students majoring in agriculture at an Oregon college.

See applications on the Oregon FFA website for complete details.
<https://oregonffa.com/scholarships-2/>

Due February 3, 2026.



The summer months were busy with fair booths in Clatsop and Douglas counties. Union county held their 23rd Annual Benchwarmer's golf classic to raise funds for their chapter. Lane county participated in the Philomath Frolic

and the Landing chapter managed two weekends at the end of July and first weekend in August, at the Great Oregon Steam-up in Brooks.

The Portland and Douglas County chapters are each holding their own social event this month and plans are underway for our annual auction in February.

OWIT's Talk About Trees program ended the school year teaching over 61,000 participants. Our contract with OFRI was renewed for another two years and we plan to hire 2-3 new facilitators.

October is Forest Products Month. OWIT will celebrate with radio ads, television ads with KEZI, movie theater ads, and distributing coffee sleeves and coasters with fun forest facts printed on them. It's a month long celebration to bring awareness on how we use our forests.

For more information about OWIT and TAT please visit OWIT's website at www.owit.org , on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Diann Washburn
OWIT State Treasurer

Agriculture Youth Mini Grant Program



**Oregon Women
for Agriculture**

Funding
available for
agriculture
related youth
programs and
projects.



Schools



**Clubs and Youth
Programs**



**Non-profit
Organizations**

Eligible entities and projects must:

- Be agriculturally related projects or initiatives
- Benefit students, student organizations, non-profit organizations, classrooms, clubs, etc.
- Be located within the state of Oregon
- Directly benefit youth (up through college-age)
- Align with Oregon Women for Agriculture's mission "Working Together to Communicate the Story of Today's Agriculture"

Timeline

Application Deadline: October 15, 2025

Projects must be planned for completion anytime between January 1, 2026 and September 1, 2026

Application and Additional Information

Visit owaonline.org/projects/mini-grant for complete application and program information including previous recipient summaries.



For more information:
owaonline.org/mini-grant
grants@owaonline.org

HONORING A LEGACY: PHOENIX SCHOOL'S 2024 OWA MINI-GRANT PROJECT

This past year, Oregon Women for Agriculture's Mini-Grant Program touched a school community in an especially meaningful way. The [Phoenix School in Roseburg](#), a public charter school, received a \$1,000 grant to expand their farm and garden program, a project envisioned by their teacher, Emily Hopfer, who tragically passed away in a hiking accident shortly after submitting the application.

With the grant, students and staff purchased lumber, topsoil, and fruit trees. The lumber was used to build raised planter boxes, providing accessible growing space for students to learn about planting, cultivating, and harvesting produce. These boxes were then filled with nutrient-rich soil to teach principles of soil health while supporting strong plant growth. Finally, a small orchard was planted on campus, giving students the opportunity to learn about perennial crops, pollination, pruning, and seasonal care.



Students at Phoenix School of Roseburg work to plant fruit trees funded by the mini-grant program.

The project has already created a lasting resource, encouraging agricultural literacy, healthy eating habits, and workforce development skills. By expanding the growing season and creating a “living laboratory,” students are able to connect lessons in science, math, and sustainability with real-world practice.

Grant Coordinator Joy Whitcomb shared, “This project was especially dear to Emily’s heart, and we know she would be proud to see the planter boxes filled, the fruit trees taking root, and students engaging with the farm and garden program she helped envision. Your support has allowed us to carry forward her work and continue empowering youth to understand the importance of agriculture in their lives and community.”

Perhaps most importantly, the project stands as a tribute to Emily’s vision and passion. She was a dedicated teacher and role model who inspired her students to see agriculture as both a food source and a meaningful career path. Though she is deeply missed,



Emily Hopfer, pictured above on the school farm, was a graduate of Oregon State University.

her legacy continues to grow in the farm project and students she inspired.

Oregon Women for Agriculture is honored to have supported this project and to help carry forward Emily’s work through hands-on agricultural education.



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OREGON WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE • FOUNDED IN 1969

OWA seeks to help educate the public about issues critical to agriculture. We look to stay active in legislative issues important to ag and natural resources, promote OWA and agriculture through social media, involve our members in committees and events, and support ag education programs that promote awareness to both children and adults.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our organization, please see the form on the next page.

OUR PURPOSE

- To educate and inform our members and the public about the importance of agriculture to the economy and to the environment.
- To engage all facets of Oregon agriculture having mutual concerns.
- To do everything possible to see that agricultural interests are heard and dealt with fairly.
- To support and encourage research that will benefit agriculture.

WHO WE ARE

- Individuals from all walks of life who realize the importance of agriculture.
- Teachers, students, professionals, farmers, ranchers, business owners, and more.
- Caring farmers and farm families who manage our land wisely to contribute to America's bountiful food supply.
- Working tirelessly on the issues that concern agriculture.

2025 State Board Meetings

**OCTOBER 17, 9 AM- LINN-BENTON, HENRICKS SEED LAB,
HALSEY**

**DECEMBER 5, 9AM-2 PM- STATE BUDGET MEETING, OREGON
FARM BUREAU HERITAGE CONFERENCE ROOM, SALEM**

Contact info@owaonline.org to request
more info for each meeting or visit the
members area of the website.

Upcoming Events

- October 15- Youth Mini Grant Applications Due
- October 17- State Board Meeting
- November 1- Photo Contest Entries Due
- November 11-13- Willamette Valley Ag Expo, Albany
- November 6-9- AAW National Convention, Kansas City
- December 5- State Board Meeting/Budget Meeting, Salem
- December 15- Winter Cultivator Content Deadline

For a full calendar of upcoming events and meetings visit owaonline.org/events.

SAVE THE DATE OWA State Convention

March 5-7, 2026

Hosted by Yamhill
County Chapter

Publication Information

The Cultivator is published four times per year.

To submit content contact:

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**TO GUARANTEE YOUR SUBMISSION BE INCLUDED,
PLEASE SUBMIT CONTENT BY: THE 15TH OF MARCH,
JUNE, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER.**

OWA Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

County: _____

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Student*

Check any areas of interest:

- ☐ Education
- ☐ Legislative
- ☐ Marketing/PR
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Promotional Items
- ☐ Social Media/Website
- ☐ School/Farm Tours
- ☐ Ag Expo/Ag Fest Booth
- ☐ Auction
- ☐ Scholarships
- ☐ State Fair Booth
- ☐ Other _____



DUES ARE \$45 PER YEAR

***\$30 FOR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**

Year runs from March 1st to February 28th
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