

## Who we are:

Our Family Farms Coalition (OFFC) is a non-profit coalition of family farms and individuals that are committed to protecting farmers growing traditional crops from contamination and other impacts from genetically engineered crops. We believe that a key part of protecting traditional crops and seeds that have not been genetically engineered is the creation of GMO-free zones such as the one we helped create in Jackson County, Oregon.

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## Our Precedent-setting Win:

In May of 2014 OFFC led the successful ballot measure campaign in Jackson County, OR that banned the cultivation of genetically engineered crops. First proposed by local seed farmer Chris Hardy, our ballot measure was approved by 66% of county voters with strong bi-partisan support. At the same time, neighboring Josephine County passed a similar ban helping create one of the largest contiguous GMO-free zones in the United States.

OFFC brought together a diverse grassroots coalition to support the measure and won despite a \$1 million opposition campaign by Monsanto and the other chemical giants that own a majority of the patents on genetically engineered crops. In May of 2015 OFFC won a major court victory defending the measure when Oregon's Federal District Court found that the measure complied with Oregon's Right to Farm Act since it was for the purpose of protecting family farmers.

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## What We Do:

OFFC works at the local, state and national levels to protect family farmers growing traditional crops that are not genetically engineered.

**Locally:** we are continuing to defend the passage of Jackson County's ban on genetically engineered crops and to help farmers take advantage of the new opportunities from growing in a county without the risks of GMO contamination.

**Statewide:** In 2015 OFFC took the lead in stopping two Monsanto-backed bills in Oregon's legislature that were intended to overturn our GMO ban in Jackson County and create special rights for GMO growers. OFFC is quickly expanding our statewide membership and organizing farmers and people who value local agriculture into a statewide political force needed to make the voice of farmers growing traditional crops heard at the statewide level.

**Nationally:** OFFC is working to stop the Congressional attempt to undermine the rights of state and local governments to protect family farmers from genetically engineered crops. Through education, organizing, and advocacy OFFC is mobilizing opposition to preserve the ability of family farmers to protect our selves from the threats of genetically engineered crops.

## How you can help:

To learn more and **find out how you can support OFFC and become a member**, please visit our website at **[OurFamilyFarmsCoalition.org](http://OurFamilyFarmsCoalition.org)**. Our goal for 2016 is to have farmer representatives in half of Oregon's counties and have farmer representatives in every county by 2017. If you are interested in learning more, contact us at **[info@ourfamilyfarmscoalition.org](mailto:info@ourfamilyfarmscoalition.org)**.

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