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Oregon House Committee on Rules
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Representative Barreto
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Representative Kennemer
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Distinguished Members:

I am writing in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 19 designating the Marionberry Pie as the official pie of the State of Oregon. While I certainly have enjoyed eating Marionberry Pie, I believe that the designation of an official pie should go to a fruit that has had more of an impact on the economy of the State of Oregon.

According to the Oregon Department of Agriculture's August 2016 Facts & Figures brochure, Blueberries have had a must larger crop production than Blackberries. Blueberry production in 2015 was 100,000,000 lbs. with a value of \$104,307,000 while Blackberry production was 51,250,000 lbs. with a value of \$38,036,000. Even Apples have a larger production and value than Blackberries.

If Oregon is to have an official pie, it should be reflective of a crop that has a larger impact within the State of Oregon. Therefore, I respectfully request that you do not designate the Marionberry Pie as the Official Pie of the State of Oregon and that you change this HCR to recognize the Blueberry Pie as the Official Pie of the State of Oregon. Please do not designate Apple Pie as the Official Pie, I don't like cooked apples.

Respectfully,



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Value of Oregon agriculture: Crop production, 2015

Crop	Acres	Production	Value
Field crops			
Barley (bu)	37,000	1,924,000	\$6,061,000
Corn, grain (bu)	30,000	5,640,000	\$23,688,000
Hay, alfalfa (tons)	370,000	1,554,000	\$323,232,000
Hay, all other (tons)	690,000	1,518,000	\$280,830,000
Hops (lbs)	6,600	10,668,000	\$34,564,000
Oats (bu)	11,000	968,000	\$4,888,000
Peppermint (lbs)	21,000	1,995,000	\$45,885,000
Potatoes (cwt)	38,900	21,784,000	\$176,450,000
Sugarbeets (tons)	7,700	297,000	\$13,365,000
Wheat (bu)	828,000	39,195,000	\$217,532,000
Seed crops¹			
Alfalfa (lbs)	4,980	3,954,000	\$6,959,000
Bentgrass (lbs)	6,330	2,897,000	\$8,669,000
Bluegrass (lbs)	15,940	18,183,000	\$24,729,000
Fescue (lbs)	138,640	192,428,000	\$142,397,000
Annual ryegrass (lbs)	121,290	220,398,000	\$63,915,000
Perennial ryegrass (lbs)	95,380	126,609,000	\$106,352,000
Fruits and nuts			
Apples (lbs)	5,000	125,400,000	\$44,383,000
Blackberries (lbs)	6,900	51,250,000	\$38,036,000
Blueberries (lbs)	9,690	100,000,000	\$104,307,000
Cherries, sweet (tons)	13,000	38,700	\$67,571,000
Cranberries (bbls)	2,900	562,000	\$14,375,000
Grapes for wine (tons)	19,000	65,000	\$147,550,000
Hazelnuts (tons)	30,000	31,000	\$86,800,000
Pears, Bartlett (tons)	3,700	57,500	\$35,760,000
Pears, other (tons)	10,900	170,500	\$116,737,000
Prunes & plums (tons)	1,300	4,220	\$2,075,000
Raspberries, red (lbs)	1,100	4,825,000	\$7,099,000
Strawberries (lbs)	1,400	15,500,000	\$13,255,000
Vegetables			
Corn, sweet (tons)	21,200	198,610	\$27,818,000
Onions, storage (cwt)	18,500	13,037,000	\$125,273,000

¹ 2015 Oregon State University estimate

Value of Oregon agricultural exports: 2014

Commodity	Value
Seeds, oilseeds, other horticulture	\$955,269,000
Fruits and nuts	\$365,571,000
Wheat	\$209,411,000
Vegetables	\$141,183,000
Dairy products	\$93,662,000
Beef and veal	\$85,732,000
Other animal products	\$40,010,000
Feed and fodders	\$68,203,000
Grain products	\$34,765,000
Hides and skins	\$26,572,000
Poultry products	\$16,578,000
Broiler meat	\$10,660,000
Corn	\$6,611,000
Total	\$2,054,227,000

Oregon commercial fish landings: 2015

Type of fishery	Pounds	Value
Pink shrimp	53,408,945	\$40,338,316
Dungeness crab	8,223,333	\$33,900,000
Groundfish	41,374,963	\$32,787,945
Salmon	3,139,248	\$11,834,181
Albacore tuna	7,564,196	\$9,220,220
Whiting	94,906,949	\$7,146,621
Other	1,333,375	\$1,463,080
Total	209,951,009	\$136,690,363

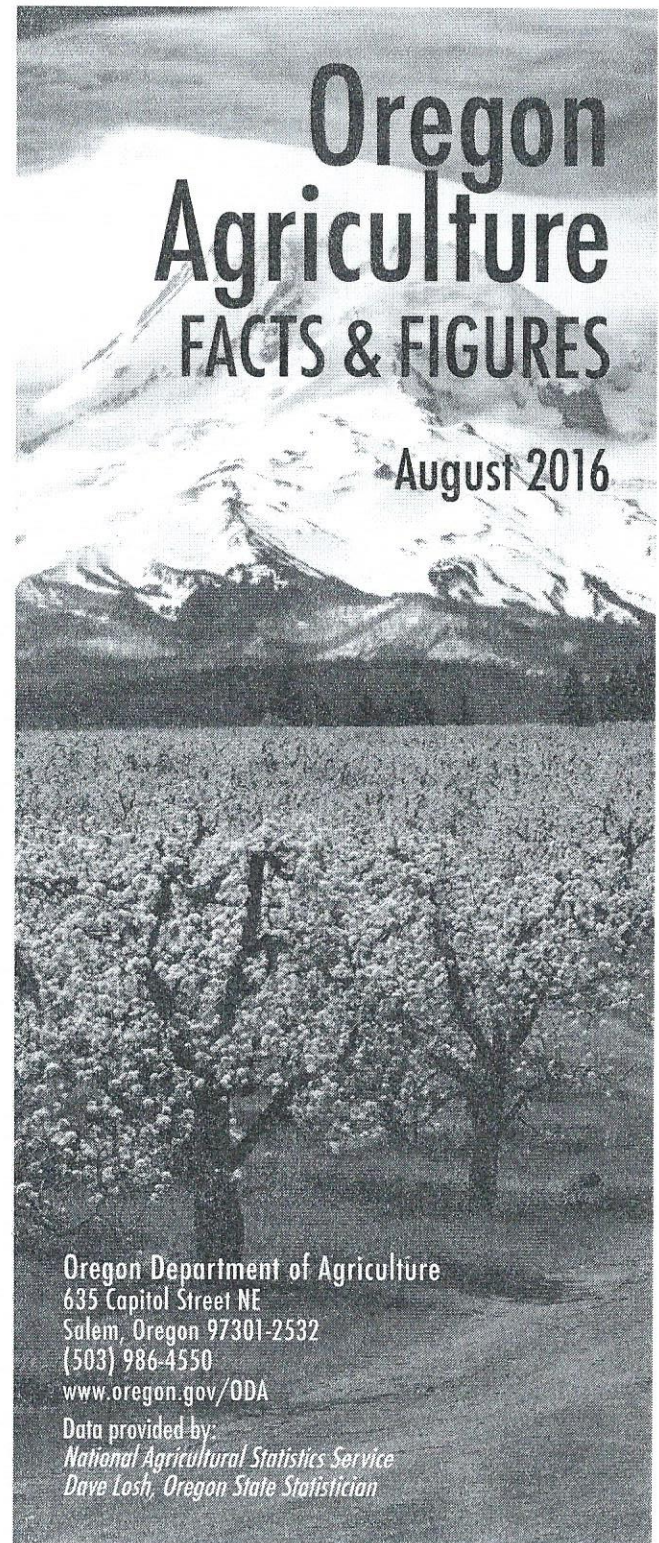
Source: Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

Oregon's record high production for years 1980-2015

Crop	Amount	Unit	Year
Apples	102,500	tons	1987
Blueberries	96,900,000	lbs	2015
Grapes, wine	58,000	tons	2014, 2015
Hay	3,624,000	tons	2004
Hazelnuts	49,500	tons	2001
Onions, storage	16,214,000	cwt	2007
Pears	258,000	tons	1994
Potatoes	30,683,000	cwt	2000
Prunes & plums	33,000	tons	1980
Ryegrass, annual	266,460,000	lbs	1999
Strawberries	1,014,000	cwt	1988
Sweet cherries	60,000	tons	1988
Sweet corn	452,330	tons	1995
Wheat	77,400,000	bu	1980

Unit key:

bbls – barrels cwt – hundredweight
bu – bushels lbs – pounds



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