



Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program



OAHP Work Group Background

A coalition with a common desire to support agriculture and natural resource values in Oregon

- ▶ Six state-wide agriculture and conservation organizations
- ▶ Two private landowners
- ▶ Bi-weekly meetings since November 2015
- ▶ Facilitator in April 2016

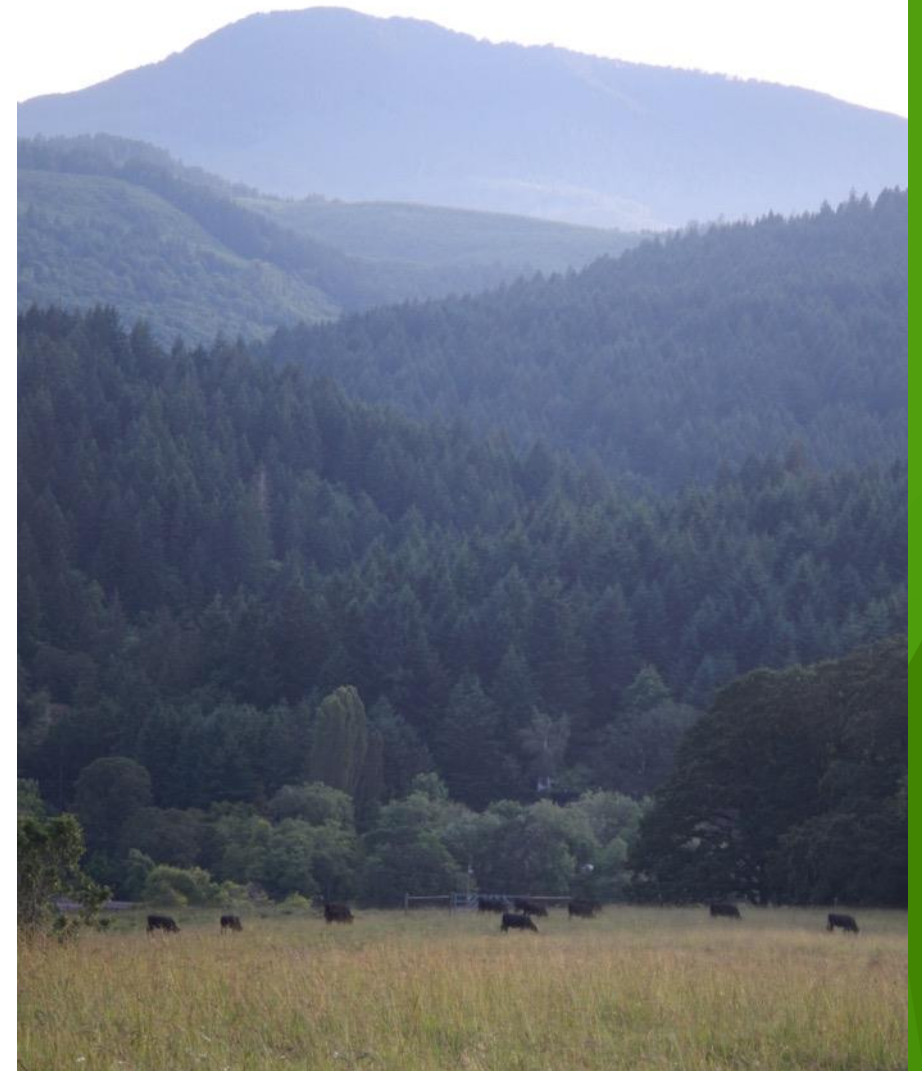


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Why Focus on Working Lands?

- ▶ State's second-largest *economic* driver - \$5.4 billion.
- ▶ Agricultural lands support valuable *fish and wildlife habitat* and enhance other *natural resources*.
- ▶ Cornerstone of state's *rural communities*.
- ▶ State's land use *laws are not enough* to protect farms and ranches from fragmentation.



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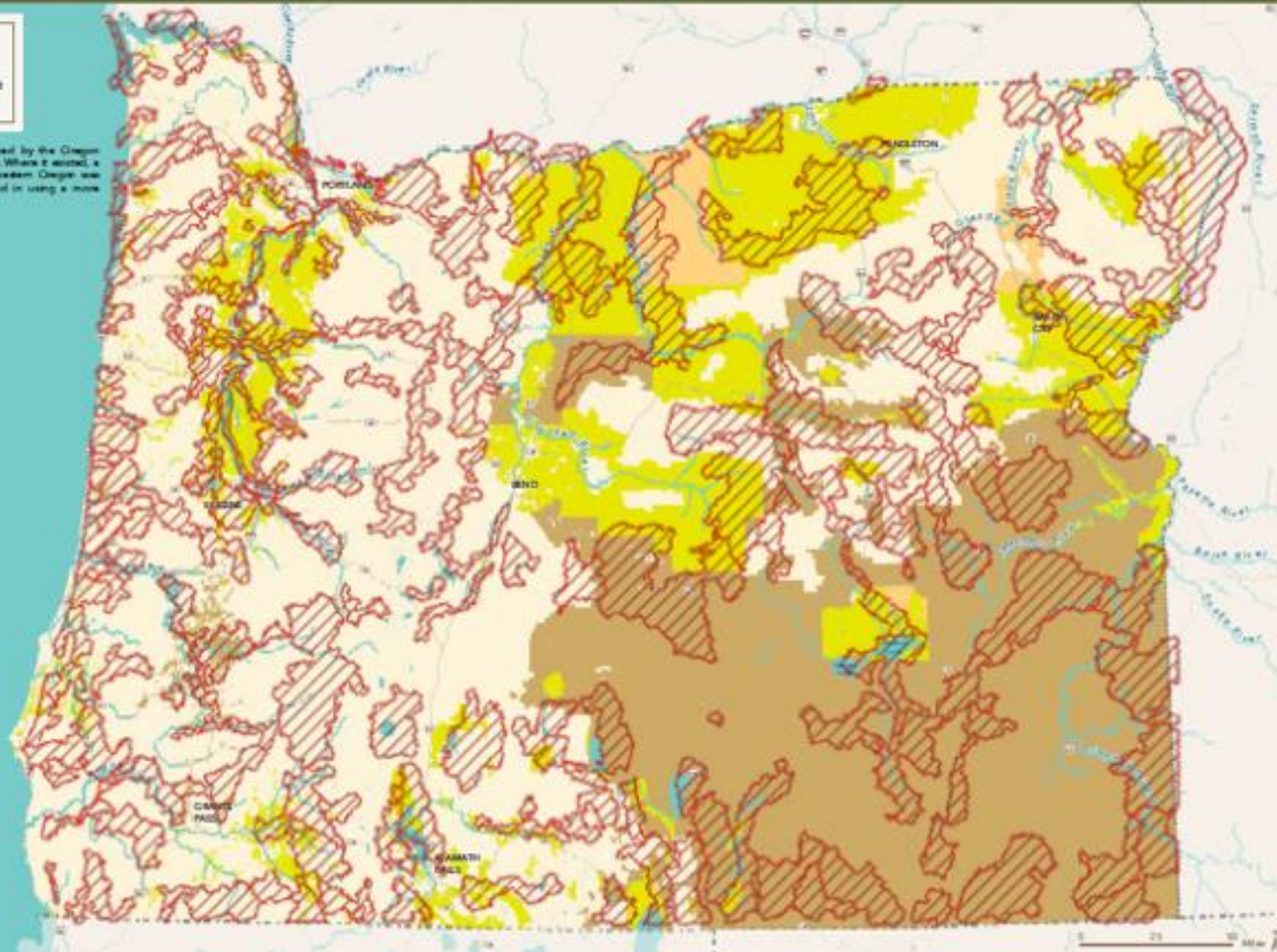
OREGON WORKING LANDS DATA BANK

Areas Zoned for Agriculture and Rangeland

Zoning Designation *

- Agricultural EFU
- Other Agricultural Type
- Rangeland

* Zoning data compiled using two datasets produced by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. Where it existed, a more precise dataset for 156 local jurisdictions in western Oregon was used. Areas not covered by this dataset were filled in using a more generalized dataset that covers eastern Oregon.



HB 3249- Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program

1. Provides funding to support:

- ▶ landowners with succession planning
- ▶ permanent working land conservation easements and termed conservation covenants
- ▶ development and implementation of conservation management plans
- ▶ technical ability for those organizations holding easements and agreements

2. Establishes ranking criteria for identified grant programs

3. Study tax-related and other financial barriers to farm and ranch land transfer

How does it work?

1. Establishes **Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund** for a variety of grant programs
2. Establishes **Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission** to oversee investments



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