

## Cribbins Taylor

---

**From:** Living Earth Farm <livingearthfarm@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 6:38 PM  
**To:** SENR Exhibits  
**Subject:** LC 19 / SB 1530 – Oregon agriculture in favor of strong climate action

**Categories:** Taylor

I started the Living Earth Farm in 2007 on 15 acres just west of Eugene. Our farm has employed 13 people and produced vegetables, fruit (orchard and berries), eggs, milk, honey, and meat (pork, lamb, goat, duck and chicken). Our gross annual income has reached \$61K. But climate change is already wreaking havoc in our business. Successful farming is all about timing, but our weather is changing so unpredictably now that it is difficult for farmers to plan when to do what. Our farm has already experienced losses from lack of rain, severe ice storms, unpredicted snow, high winds, and unusually hot weather. These problems are only going to get worse as we experience the cumulative impacts of the carbon that has already been put into the atmosphere. For our farms and our food supply to survive, we must immediately start reducing the amount of carbon going into the atmosphere.

There are many voices in rural Oregon supporting strong climate policy. Over [250 agriculture stakeholders have signed on in support of cap and invest legislation](#).

I urge your leadership in passing legislation that 1) puts a limit and price on greenhouse gas emissions 2) provides incentives for climate-friendly agricultural practices, and 3) helps our communities prepare for the impacts of a changing climate.

Cap and Invest legislation is critical to ensuring that Oregon limits climate pollution and can provide resources to support agricultural practices that mitigate climate change and create resiliency in the face of climate change.

Sharon Blick, Farmer, Lane County