



## PROTECTING OREGON'S AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### SUPPORT SB 1513A

In every part of our state, Oregon dairy farmers are proving modern farming practices are good for Oregon's environment and rural Communities. SB 1513A includes common sense regulations that reinforce current best practices, promote stewardship of water resources, ethical treatment of livestock and commitment to workers.

More specifically, SB 1513A:

- Requires new confined animal feeding operations to demonstrate a secured, legal source of water to meet the conditions of the permit before a permit is issued.
- Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to inspect new, large confined animal feeding operations to ensure it meets the State's rigorous regulatory demands before animals are brought onto site.
- Ensures that the Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Quality can clean up a vacated or abandoned CAFO when there is a potential or imminent threat to the environment and recover the costs for that cleanup.

Agriculture has been a foundation to Oregon's economy and progressive environmental stewardship. The provisions of SB 1513A are important to ensuring new CAFO owners and operators follow the same high standards of environmental stewardship as set by generations of Oregon farmers, dairyman, and cattleman.

We respectfully urge your **support for SB 1513A.**