

# OrCAN

## Oregon Climate & Agriculture Network

**OrCAN's mission** is to advance climate resiliency on farms in Oregon through collaboration, education, and policy advocacy.

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We work with farmers, researchers, technical assistance providers, non-profits, and policy makers.

# Practices with the potential to sequester carbon in the soil

- no till and reduced tillage
- cover cropping
- strip cropping
- compost application
- mulching
- rotational grazing
- conservation crop rotation
- hedgerow and riparian plantings
- silvopasture and agroforestry

## Governor's Executive Order on Climate (EO 20-04)

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Directs the Oregon Global Warming Commission, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and other state agencies to:

Propose state goals *for carbon sequestration and storage by Oregon's natural and working landscapes, including agriculture*, based on best available science by June 30, 2021

# OrCAN's Policy Recommendations

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- Expand education and technical support to farmers
- Build on ODA's planned [Soil Health Baseline Assessment](#) and other existing tools to guide policy and program priorities
- Create a sustained source of funding for research on climate mitigation strategies on Oregon's agricultural lands
- Adopt Healthy Soils legislation to create a Soil Health Grant Program for farmers

# OrCAN's Policy Recommendations

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- Facilitate multi-stakeholder collaboration both public and private, to advance these recommendations. Ensure the inclusion of BIPOC farmers in decision-making in program development and implementation, including access to any funding.

# Oregon Climate Action Plan Coalition's Policy Recommendations

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- Support expansion of technical assistance
- Build on ODA's planned Soil Health Baseline Assessment and other existing tools to guide policy and program priorities
- Encourage the Oregon Legislature to adopt Healthy Soils Legislation to create a Soil Health Grant Program or other incentive programs

# Oregon Climate Action Plan Coalition's Policy Recommendations

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- Develop and periodically update a Climate Resiliency and Mitigation Plan for Oregon Agriculture
- Support Oregon's Land Use Planning Program and other efforts to protect Oregon's agricultural lands

# OrCAN and OCAP's Budget Recommendations

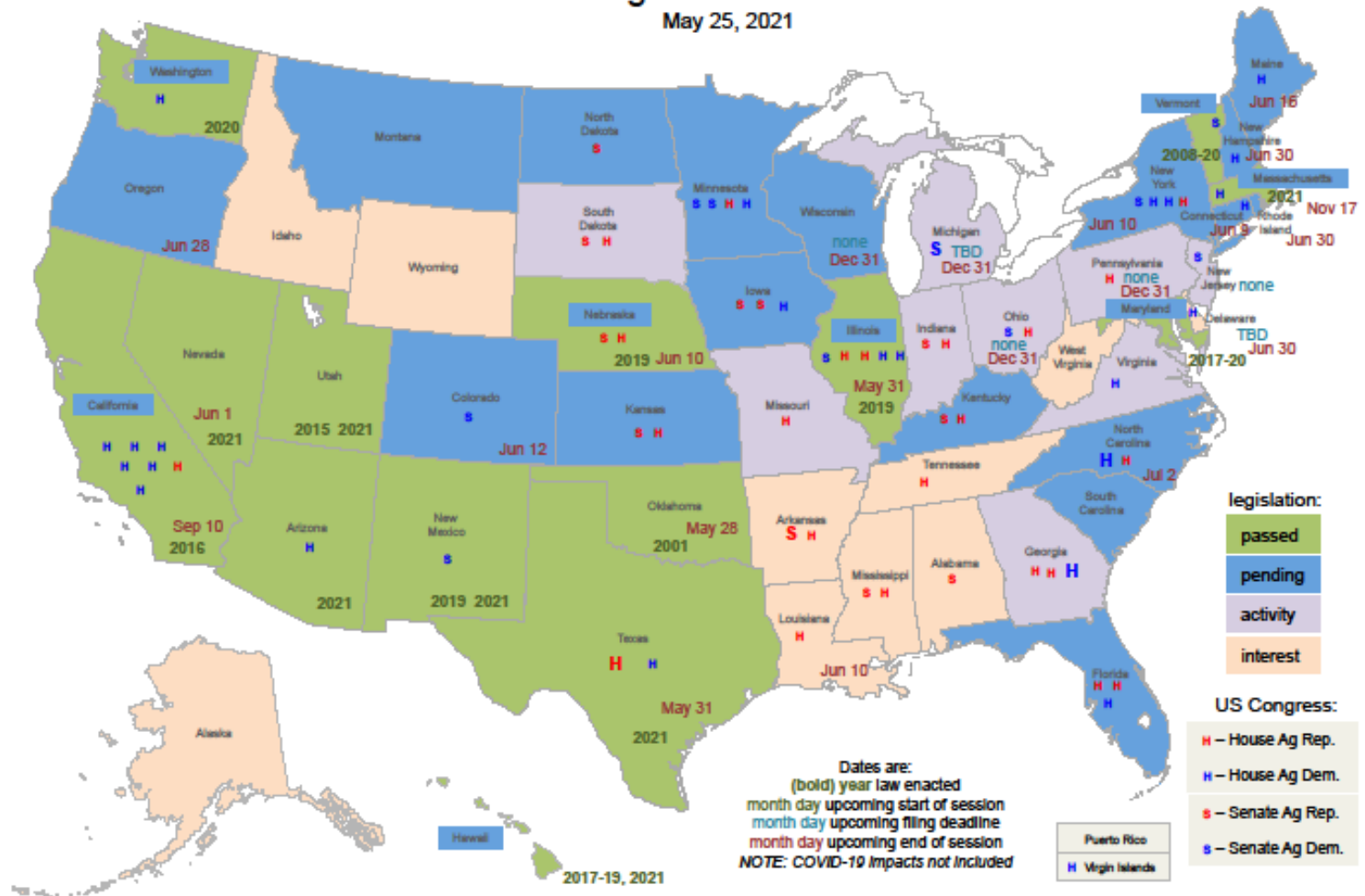
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- Secure funding for ODA's requested Soil Health Position
- Fund ODA's requested Soil Health Baseline Assessment
- Provide additional funding in ODA's budget for the agency to develop a strategic "Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Plan for Oregon Agriculture"



# Healthy Soils legislative status

May 25, 2021



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