

THE OSU STATEWIDES

EXTENSION SERVICE – AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION – FOREST RESEARCH LABORATORY

OSU'S STATEWIDE PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS HELP OREGON THRIVE

Under Oregon State's land-grant mission of learning, discovery, and engagement, the Statewides serve Oregonians by (1) identifying emerging issues, (2) discovering research-based solutions, and (3) applying new discoveries through engaged learning.

OSU Extension Service

With a presence in every county, more than **630 employees** and **13,000 volunteers** provide practical, research-based information and engage learners, partners, volunteers, and **109,000 youth** in communities across Oregon.

Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station

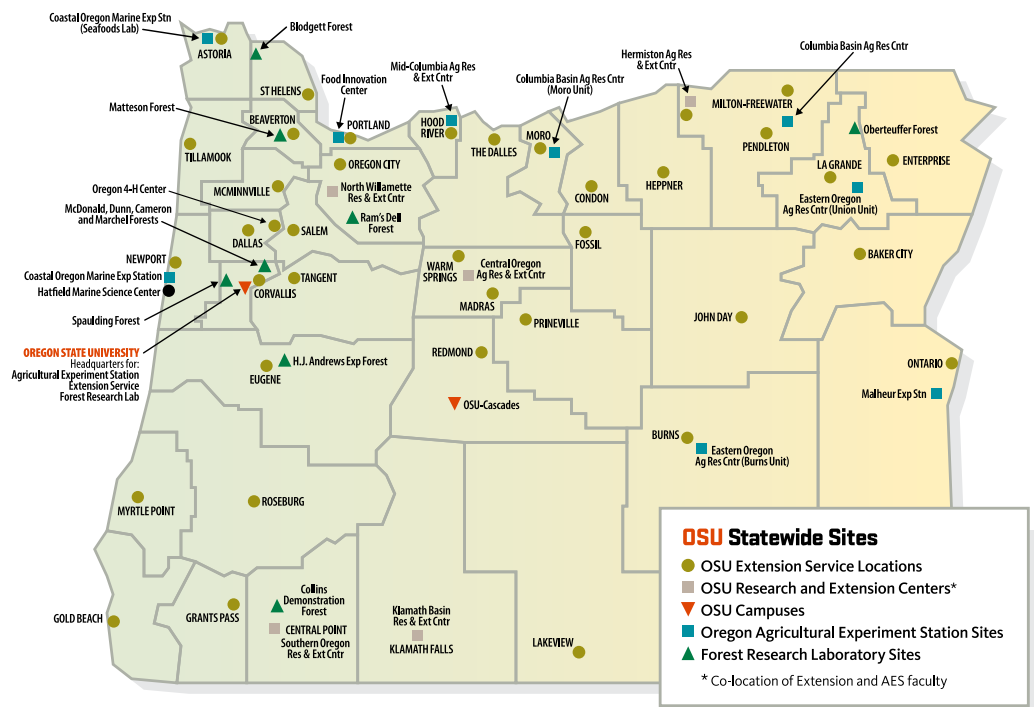
A network of over **400 scientists** in **28 academic disciplines** at **14 locations** strive to improve quality of life, environmental sustainability, and economic development in rural and urban communities.

Oregon Forest Research Laboratory

Students, scientists, and collaborators develop adaptive forest management techniques that integrate social, ecological, and economic objectives to improve forests, ecosystems, and communities.

OUT THERE: SERVING OREGON

With research stations, research forests and Extension offices located across Oregon's diverse landscapes and communities, we learn with and from those who are most impacted by Oregon's most pressing issues



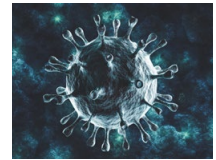
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PANDEMIC AND WILDFIRE RESPONSE

The Statewides work in collaboration with a broad range of constituents to address critical needs and emerging opportunities facing our state and ensure that programs and services are aligned with and responsive to community-identified needs.

In the 2019-21 biennium, Oregon legislature made investments that provided for the Statewides to maintain and expand work in key areas. In 2020, those investments enabled the Statewides to respond quickly and collaboratively in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and September wildfires while continuing ongoing work.

For more examples from across the state, visit ourimpact.oregonstate.edu



Community Economic Development, Health, and Resilience

- ▶ In four major pushes from May through November, Extension **partnered with the Oregon Department of Agriculture** to **distribute about 1.5 million face coverings for Oregon agricultural workers**.
- ▶ In partnership with ODA and industry partners and organizations, we provided continual **updated information about workplace and food safety protocols**, including for seafood, tree fruit, wheat, wine, potato, and a variety of Oregon's other agricultural commodities.
- ▶ In Lincoln County, where the COVID-19 pandemic was disproportionately affecting members of the Latino and Indigenous communities, Extension educators **convened listening sessions and partnered with local organizations** to **develop urgent culturally relevant communications** to help mitigate the spread of the virus.
- ▶ In response to wildfires, Extension coordinated statewide hay donation and distribution to **help farmers impacted by the destruction**, and 4-H youth members and adult volunteers **helped coordinate safe temporary housing for animals**.



Natural Resources Science and Stewardship

- ▶ During the September wildfires, the **new legislatively funded Extension Fire Program mobilized** with its state and federal partners to **develop and implement a post-fire recovery campaign**. The program provided Oregonians with a listening session, educational materials, and webinar series on a variety of post-fire topics.
- ▶ Our scientists and educators are collaborating with agencies and partners to **conduct research on prescribed burning versus suppression approaches** and initiating activities to improve forest health and keep communities safe.
- ▶ During and after the wildfires, OSU's wine researchers shifted to **provide the industry critical information** about the **impacts of smoke on wine grapes** during harvest.



Sustainable agriculture, food, forest, and fisheries production

- ▶ Early in the pandemic, Oregon Sea Grant Extension faculty **initiated an online survey of Oregon's seafood industry**. The results provide a snapshot of an industry facing a potential crisis and **helped guide Sea Grant Extension's response** to the emergency.
- ▶ OSU scientists are assisting in post-fire forest planting and planning, **including addressing and discussing questions around seed availability** and appropriate seed zones, climate mitigation, and availability of seedlings.
- ▶ OSU's agricultural scientists actively worked during the pandemic to develop **new pest management approaches** that improve crop quality, reduce cost of production and environmental impact.
- ▶ Staring down a potential health and economic crisis, Extension educators in the Columbia Gorge worked with state and local agencies to **ensure a successful cherry harvest in Wasco County**.



2021-23 FUNDING REQUEST

The Statewides are seeking \$158.5 M in operational funding for the 2021-23 biennium. This includes a 7.42% continued service level increase. Within this request is \$4.4M for Statewides facilities support to be moved from the Public University Support Fund to the Statewides budget per changes in the HECC's funding allocation model.

Continued support will protect the state's investment, ensuring the Statewides can maintain important progress on strategic issues important to Oregonians and that current programs continue in the next biennium at a level sufficient to meet inflationary cost increases.

Statewide Public Service	2019-21 Legislatively Approved Budget*	2021-23 Base Funding Request**
Agricultural Experiment Station	\$74.2 M	\$84 M
OSU Extension Service	\$54.6 M	\$61.9 M
Forest Research Laboratory	\$11.1 M	\$12.6 M
Total	\$139.9 M	\$158.5 M

* Includes 2.5% cuts made during 2020 Special Session.

** Includes restoration of 2020 Special Session cuts, 7.42% CSL increase, and \$4.4 M for Statewides facilities support moved from the Public University Support Fund per changes to the HECC's funding allocation model.

Now, more than ever, the Statewides are playing a key role in helping Oregon's people, economies, and environments thrive.

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There is no other network of community-based statewide leaders in Oregon that can meet the needs that the Statewides are able to address. Because of that, we are continually being tapped as a resource for reaching diverse communities with critical needs, without the additional infrastructure, resources or support to meet those growing demands. The fact is, we are the best investment for the broadest reach to the most diverse populations in the state. We have always been invested in Oregon's people and our collective future.

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