



Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program

House Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and
Water Committee

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Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program

Four Grant Programs

- Conservation easements/covenants
- Conservation management plans
- Technical assistance
- Farm transfer assistance



OAHP Timeline

2017-2019

2022 Short Session

2023 -2025

2023 Legislative Session

2024 Short Session

2017: Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program Signed into Law



Oregon Legislature Funds OAHP at \$5M

Leverages \$6.7M immediately in federal investment

OWEB Budget includes \$10.8M OAHP Funding Request

April 2023: OWEB distributes first grants; protects 12,480 acres

July 2023: OAHP NOT FUNDED in Oregon Legislature



Funding Request: \$10.8M for OAHP grants & administration

Received \$5.161M

Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program Stats

First Grant Cycle

- Leveraged **\$6.7M** from NRCS (1,100% increase)
- **7** easement projects protecting **12,480 acres**
- **2** conservation management plans

Current Status

- 2024 funding grant cycle closed this summer
- 10 applications (\$8.9M requests)



OAHP Grant Recipient

Rainshadow Organics
Sisters, OR

Partner: Deschutes Land Trust

"We got our NRCS funding and we needed to come up with our match. And the OAHP is THE state match. Most states have something like this and Oregon needs more of it to protect more agricultural land!"

- Sarahlee Lawrence, Rainshadow Organics



OAHP Grant Applicant

Carman Ranch
Wallowa, OR

Partner: Wallowa Land Trust



OAHP Project Demand 2025-2027



25 projects



40,981 acres



\$32.5 million

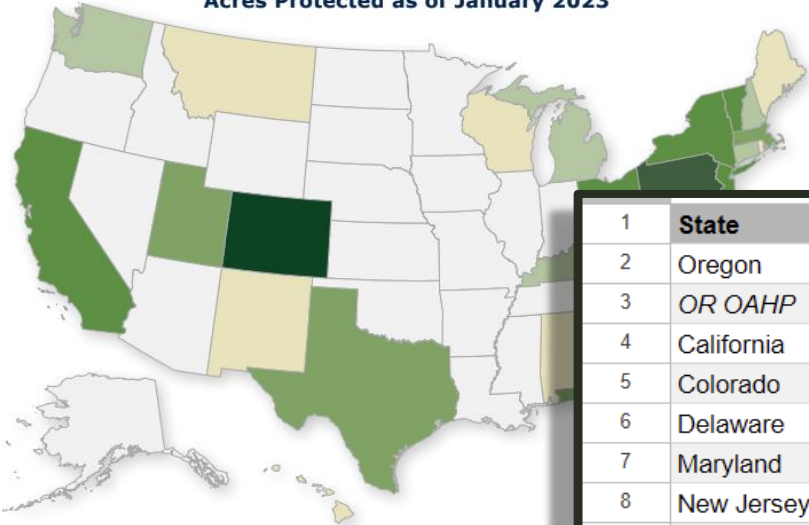


2025 Funding Request

\$17.3 Million

OAHP Grants & administration

Acres Protected as of January 2023



American Farmland Trust
FARMLAND INFORMATION CENTER

(800) 370-4879
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				percent protected
1	State	acres protected w/ PACE	total state ag acre	0.00%
2	Oregon	0	24,129,	0.05%
3	<i>OR OAHP 2022</i>	12,480		0.60%
4	California	211,702	35,133,	1.83%
5	Colorado	875,727	47,872,	27.24%
6	Delaware	144,584	530,	22.18%
7	Maryland	466,334	2,102,	32.13%
8	New Jersey	247,953	771,	8.05%
9	Pennsylvania	619,285	7,693,	0.22%
10	Washington	39,407	18,160,	13.53%
11	Vermont	170,830	1,262,	

Oregon is lagging behind other states protecting working lands!