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I live on a small family farm in rural Multnomah County. I am concerned about any conventional factory farms coming into Oregon and want the Legislature to be very firm in their investigations toward any CAFO operations. In my vicinity I am worried not only about land use issues but also water safety. We have so much water here. And it all runs downhill. If we allow large animal operations in this area we are asking for troubled waters. I grew up in the Midwest and know the stench of the stockyards on a summer evening, and that was before operations got as big as they now are. I drive back to Nebraska through Idaho and have to choose inside air when driving by the very large dairy operations that are allowed there. I know that folks who live near to these outsized farming operations can't even open their windows on a summer evening because the pervading stench makes them want to throw up. Oregon has beautiful air, except for the smoke which is becoming a season of its own, and we face the challenges of a growing urban center in the midst of amazing farmland. Don't sell out Oregon to corporate interests who don't care about our environment, our culture and our history. Promote family farms and operations of size that can fit into our landscape, even helping to sequester carbon and produce fertilizer, without the overwhelm that a factory farm would produce. Thank you.