

GRASS SEED INDUSTRY INFORMATIONAL HEARING



OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE

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

September 30, 2025

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- UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR THE SEED INDUSTRY
- BRINGS TOGETHER GROWERS, DEALERS, BROKERS, RESEARCHERS, AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE INDUSTRY

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A LITTLE ABOUT OUR INDUSTRY



- \$639,100,000 PRODUCTION VALUE
- 1,300 GRASS, LEGUME, AND SPECIALTY SEED GROWERS
- 2025 RECIPIENT - OREGON CONSULAR CORPS GLOBAL TRAILBLAZER AWARD

<https://youtu.be/InYmWeiEl6k>

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OSA MEMBERS MARKET AND DISTRIBUTE
OREGON'S RENOWNED AGRICULTURAL SEED
TO OVER 120 COUNTRIES ON 6 CONTINENTS.

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OREGON EXPORT STRAW ASSOCIATION



- SUPPORTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION
- FACILITATES COLLABORATION AMONG MEMBERS RELATING TO THE EXPORT AND PROMOTION OF OREGON STRAW

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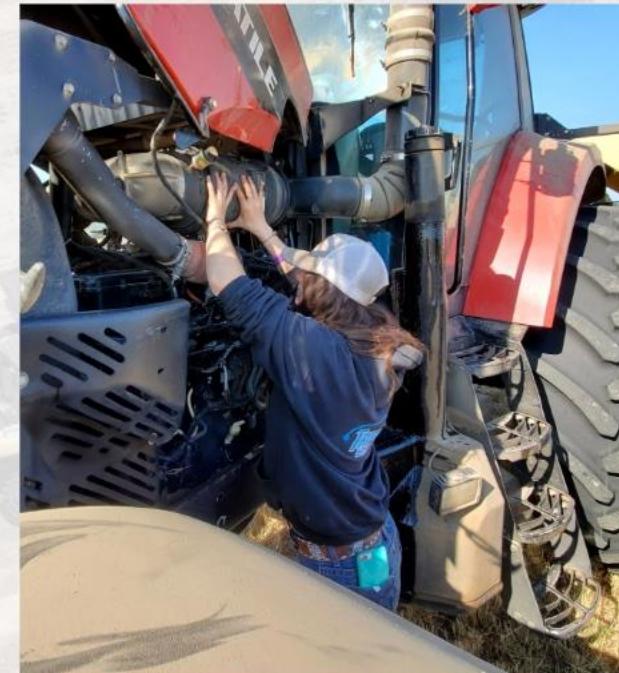
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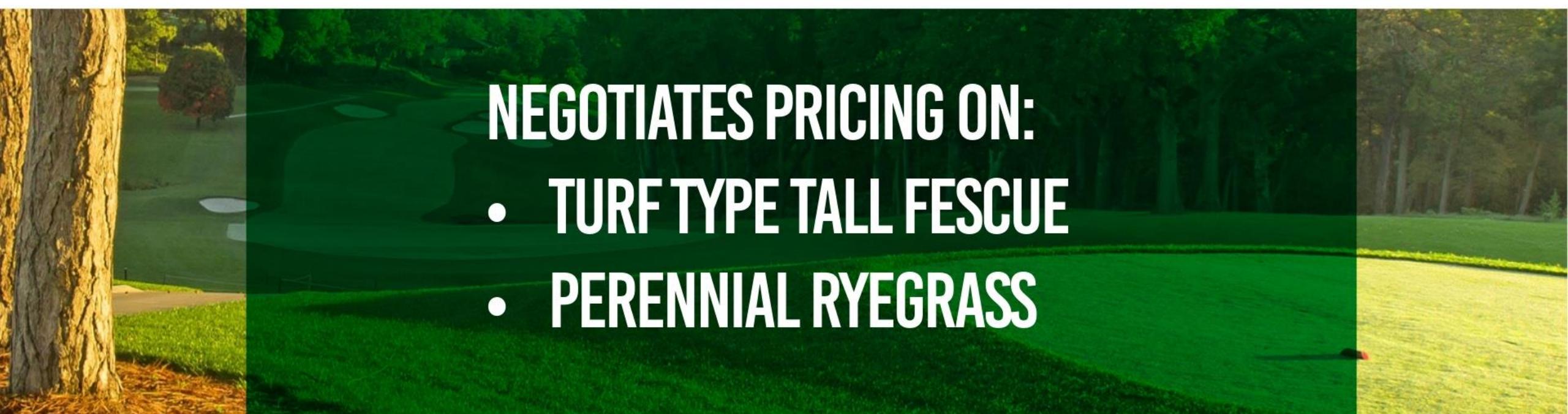
TEE-2-GREEN

A wide-angle photograph of a golf course. In the foreground, a well-maintained putting green is visible, with a single white golf ball on the surface. Beyond the green, a small pond with lily pads stretches across the middle ground. The background features a lush green fairway and a line of trees under a clear blue sky.

BENTGRASS.
IT'S ALL WE DO.

GARRETT HIGHTOWER

OREGON GRASS SEED BARGAINING ASSOCIATION

A photograph of a golf course. On the far left, the trunk of a large tree is visible. The middle ground shows a well-maintained green fairway with a path leading towards a green. The background is filled with dense green trees. The entire image is framed by a dark green border.

NEGOTIATES PRICING ON:

- TURF TYPE TALL FESCUE
- PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

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RYEGRASS COMMISSION



FORMED IN 1965 THE COMMISSION:

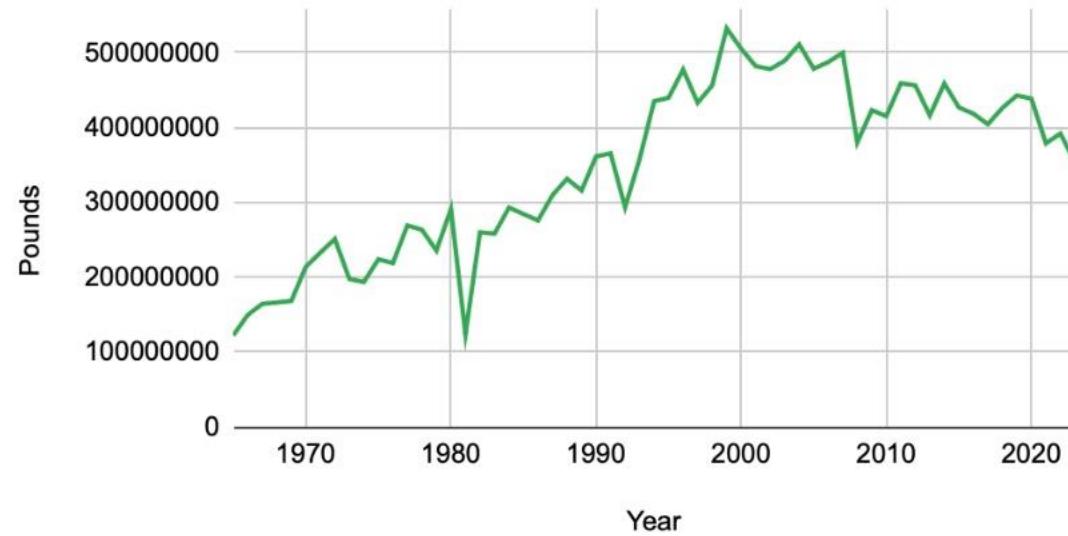
- SETS POLICY AND DIRECTION
- PROMOTES OREGON-GROWN RYEGRASS
- SUPPORTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

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RYEGRASS COMMISSION



Ryegrass Movement by Year (LBS)



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FINE FESCUE COMMISSION

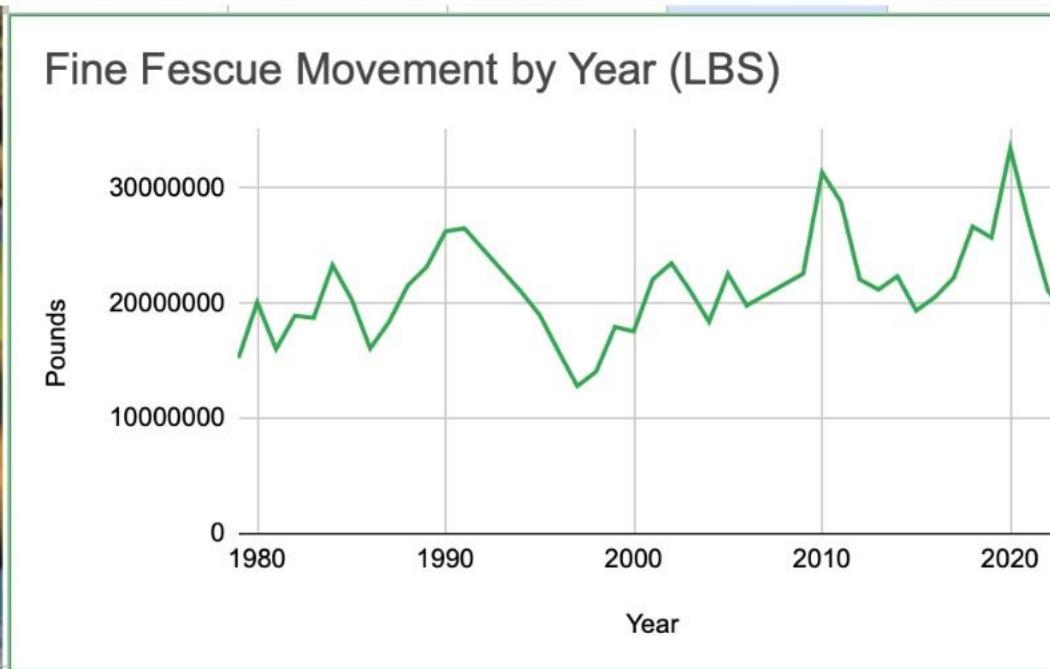


FORMED IN 1955, THE COMMISSION:

- SETS POLICY AND DIRECTION
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TALL FESCUE COMMISSION

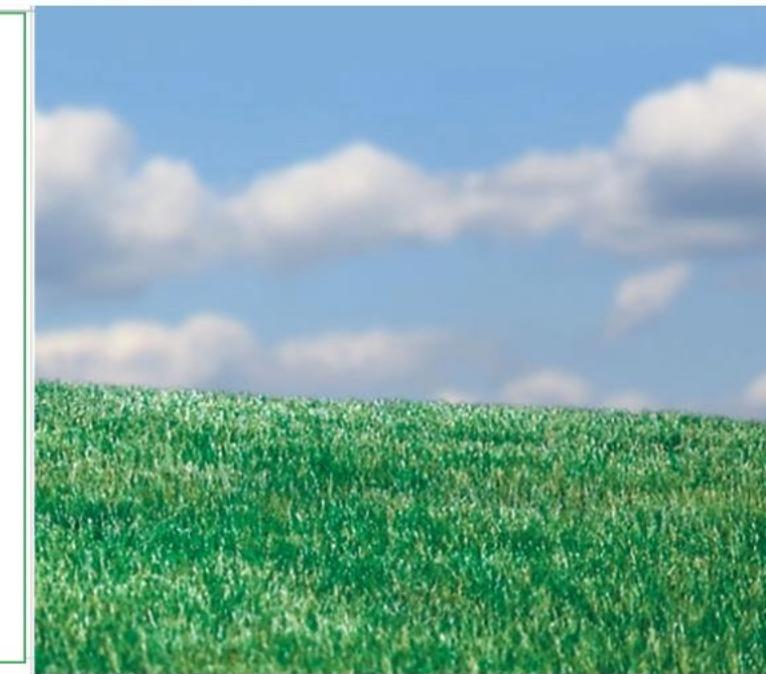
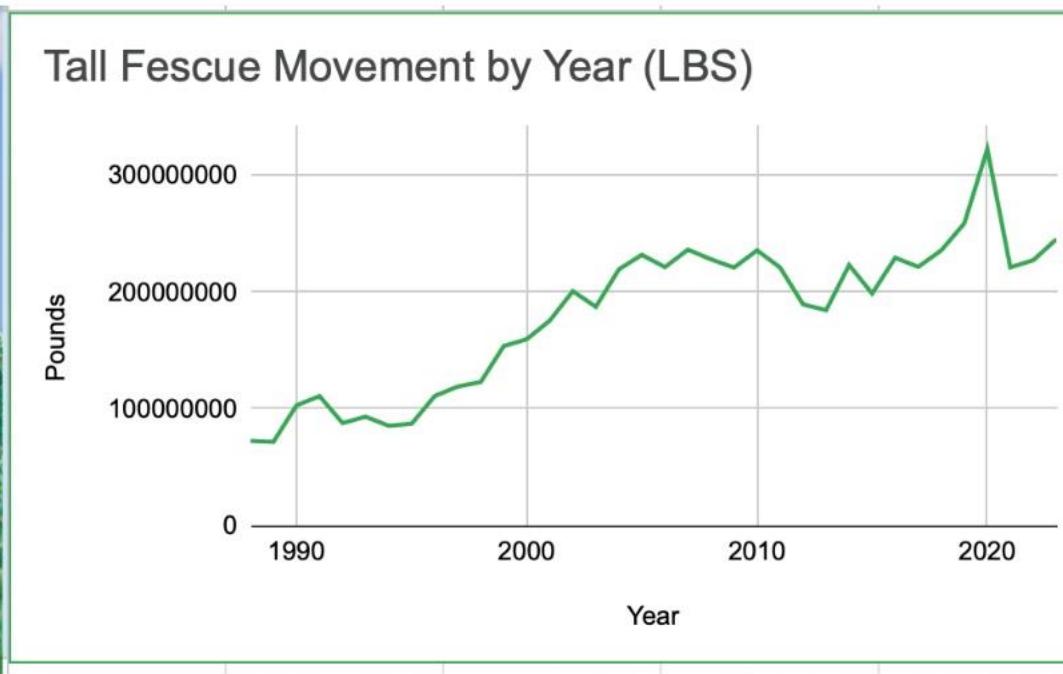


FORMED IN 1969, THE COMMISSION:

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BRENDA FRKETICH

TALL FESCUE COMMISSION



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THANK YOU



- PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR SEED INDUSTRY
TOUR ON OCT. 2

