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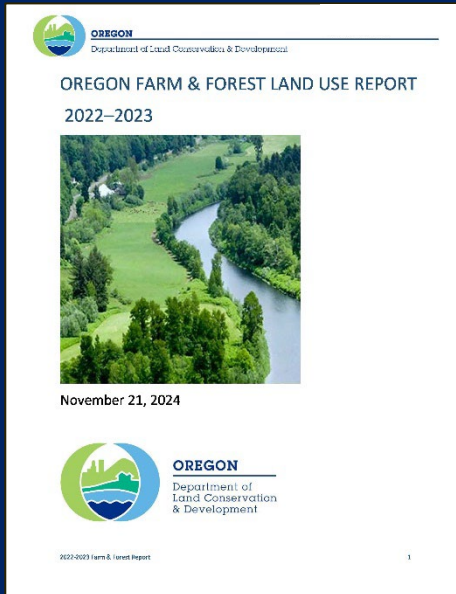


Farm Forest Report 2022-2023

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Farm and Forest Land Use Report 2022-2023



1. Overview of the Farm and Forest Conservation Program
2. Benefits of Protecting Working Lands
3. Conversion of Working Lands
4. EFU Land Use Approvals 2022-2023 and Historically
5. Forest Land Use Approvals 2022-2023 and Historically
6. Detailed Data Tables & Appendices

Oregon Agriculture

- Over 225 commodities produced
- \$28.9 billion economic footprint
- \$22.9 billion in sales of goods and services
- 15% of Oregon's economy
- 12% of jobs or 1 in every 8 jobs
- Farm gate value over \$5 billion

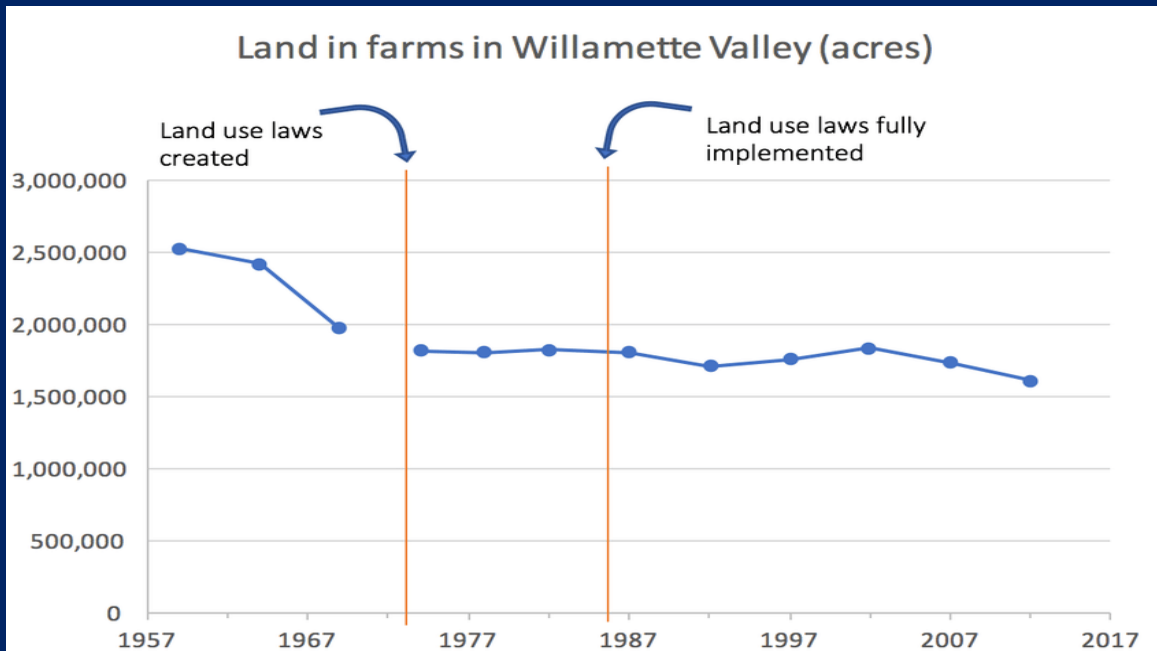


Goals 3 and 4 protect the land base required to support our resource industries



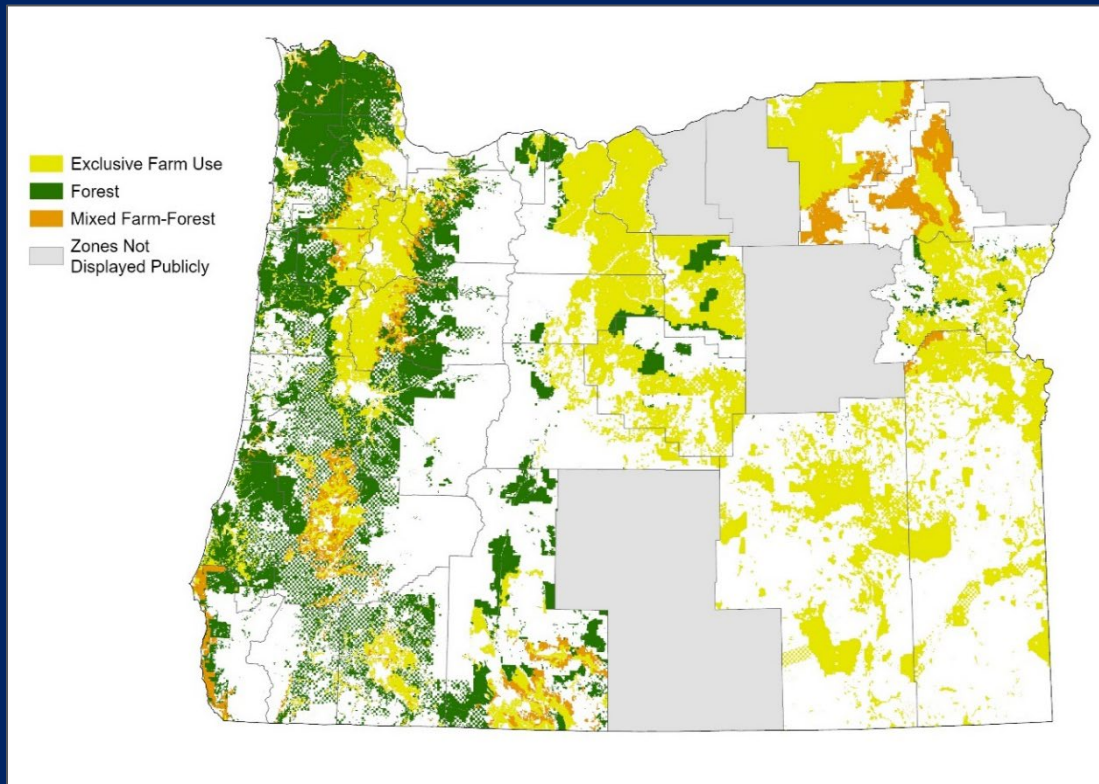
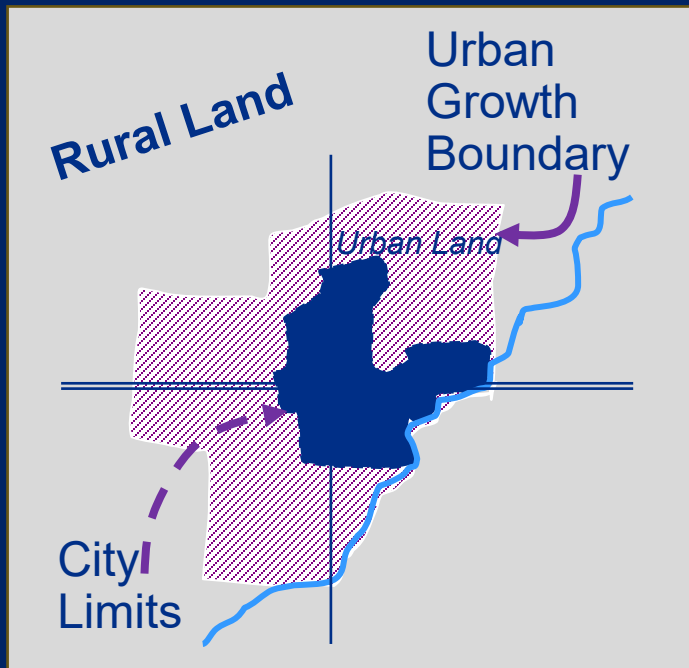
- Oregon's lumber output of 6.1 billion board feet in 2021 accounted for about 16.5% of total U.S. production
- Oregon plywood mills accounted for ~28% of total U.S. plywood production in 2021

Historical Context for Farmland Preservation

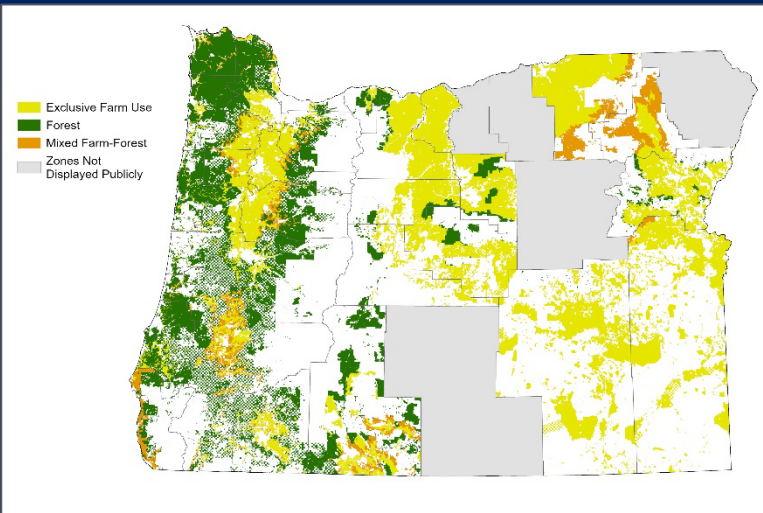


Year	Milestone
1899	Oregon legislature declares 30 miles of beach as a public highway from Columbia River to south line of Clatsop County.
1913	Legislature amends 1899 law, and declares all beaches as a state highway.
1919	Legislature permits city to zone private land.
1947	Legislature permits counties to zone private land.
1961	Legislature allows special farm tax assessment program
1963	Legislature creates Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zone (ORS Chapter 215).
1971	Oregon Legislature adopts Senate Bill 10. Most cities and counties do not develop plans.
1973	SB 100 approved creating LCDC and DLCD. SB101 creates statewide protections for farmland by further amendments to the EFU zone (ORS 215).

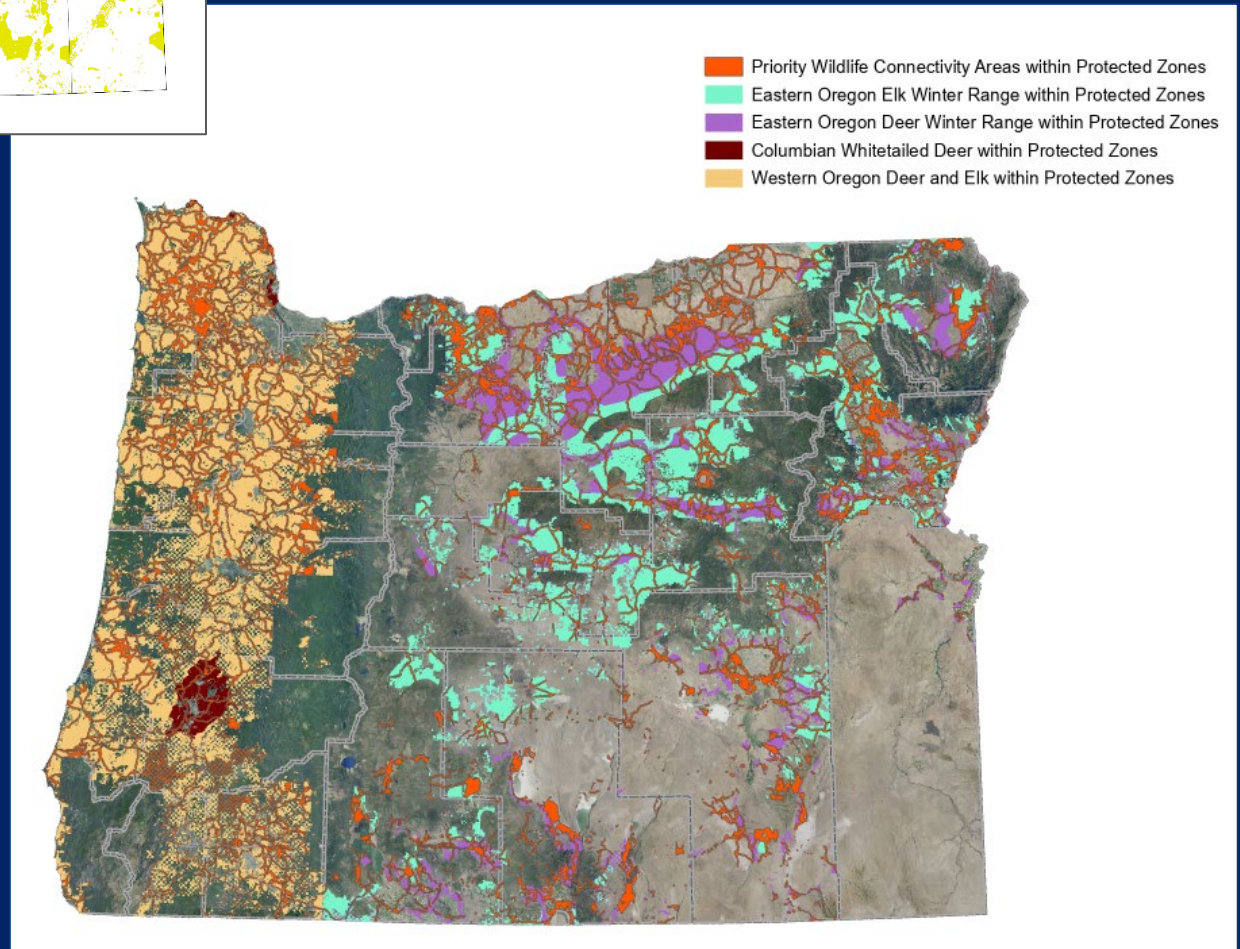
Farm and Forest lands are primarily identified based on sound, scientific soils data



There are several co-benefits of preserving working lands



“There is distinct value in maintaining the integrity and functionality of the region’s resource lands to ensure that the benefits they provide persist. This interest is challenged as significant regional population growth threatens to fragment resource lands and disrupt the continuity requisite to their ecological health, productivity, and functionality.” 2020 Oregon Department of Forestry

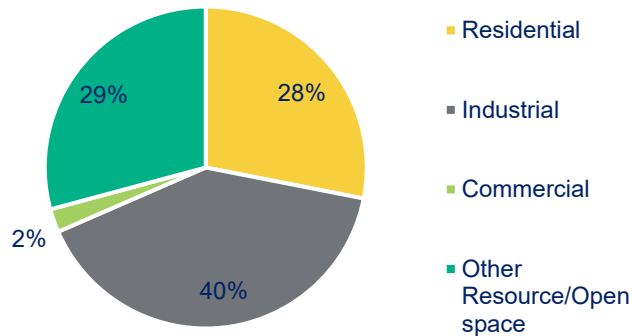


To assess conversion of resource land, the Report looks at:

1) land *zoned* farm and forest

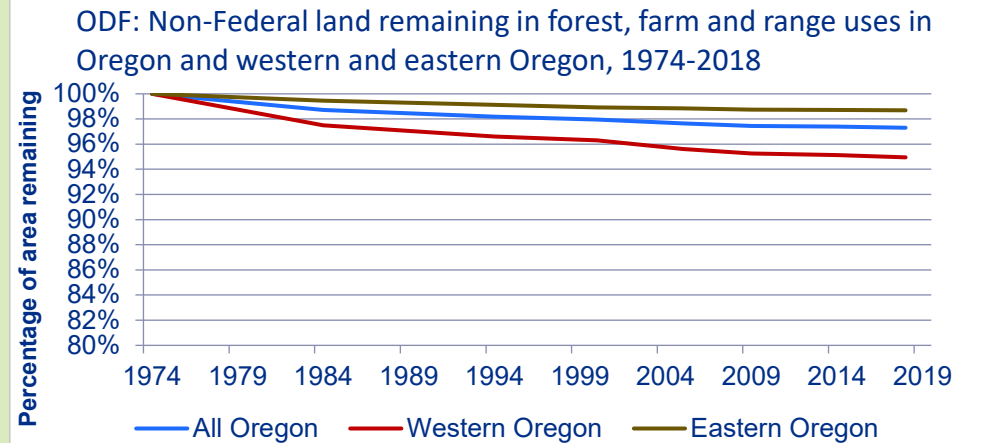
43,000 acres removed from farm *zoning* and 10,000 acres removed from Forest *zoning* since 1987

Zone change from resource to type, 2018-2023



2) land in farm and forest *cover*

ODF: **182,000 acres** of farm and range *land cover* were converted, and 172,000 acres of forest *land cover* were converted 1984-2014



3) land reported in farm *use*

USDA: the amount of land in *farm use* in Oregon has decreased by **2.4 million acres** 1997-2022

Over 60 non-farm commercial, industrial and public uses are allowable in farm zones

Farm Use

Sub-1 Uses

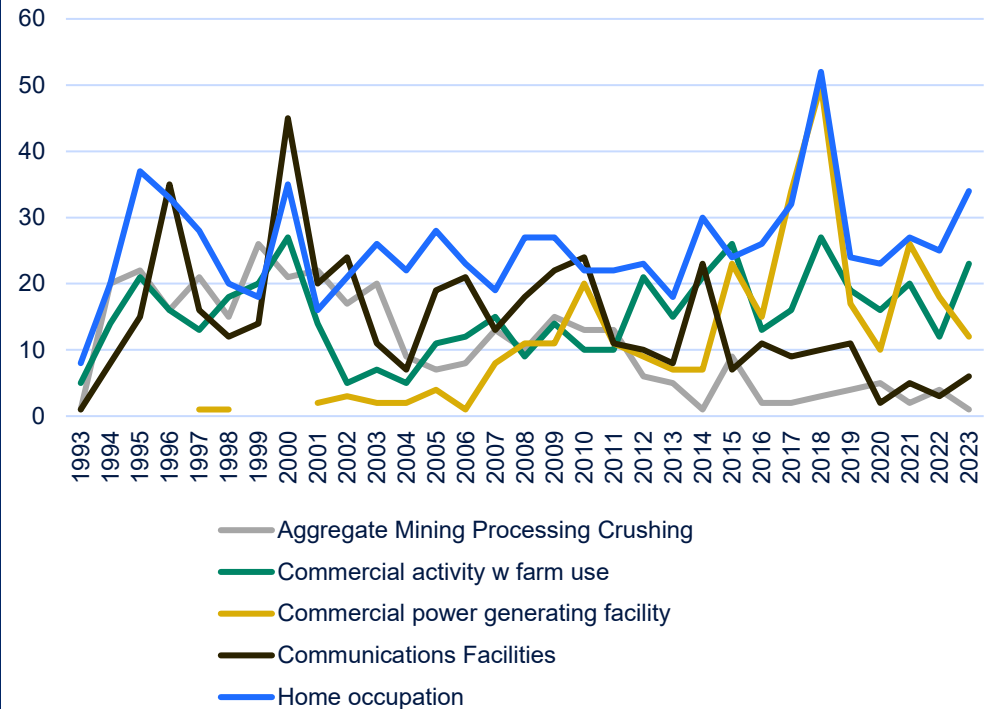
Farm-related or compatible
Must allow with no added standards

Sub-2 Uses

Must Determine no impacts
May be more restrictive or not offer

Limited 'Other Uses'
e.g. Agri-Tourism Events and
Log Truck Parking

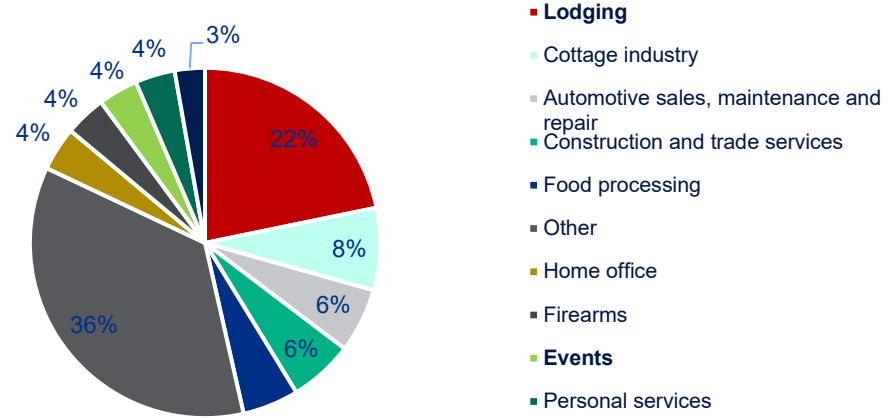
Top five nonfarm, nonresidential approvals on EFU 1993-2023



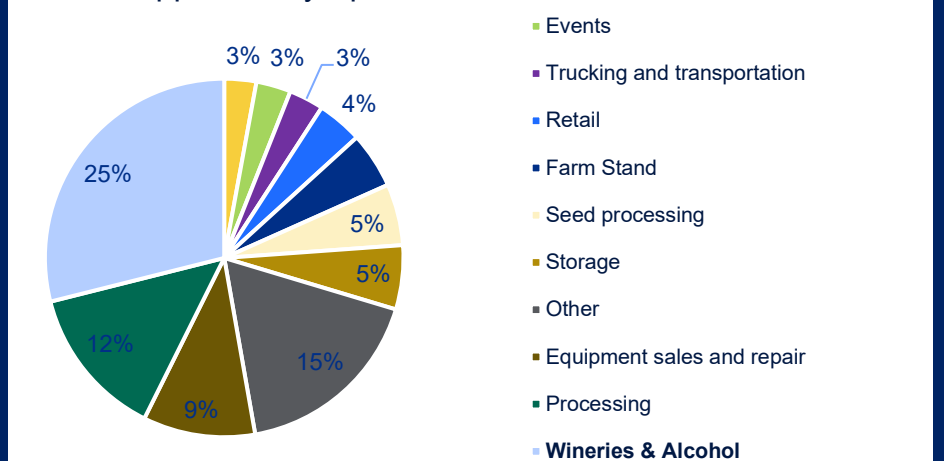
Examples of uses approved through various permitting paths in EFU zones

Use Type	Chapter 215	CACFU	Home Occupation
Wineries	201	76	9
Cideries	6	7	1
Breweries	1	7	6
Farm Stand	112	21	3
Events	103	13	29

Home Occupation by Specific Use, 1993-2023



CACFU Approvals by Specific Use

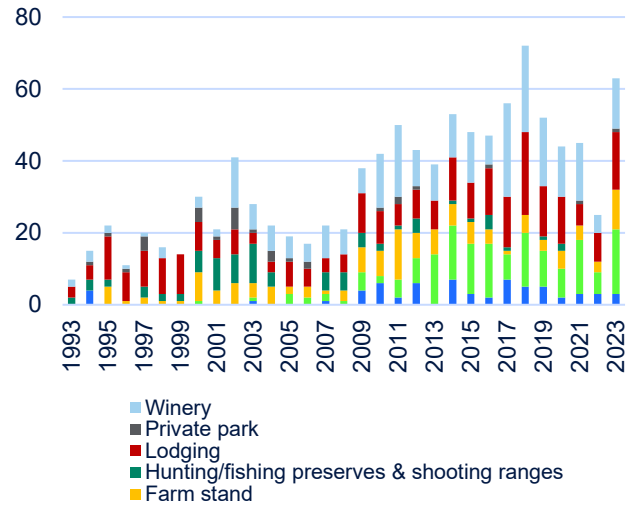


Uses are often permitted as Commercial Activities in Conjunction w Farm Use (CACFU) and Home Occupations when they do not meet standards for a specific use in statute

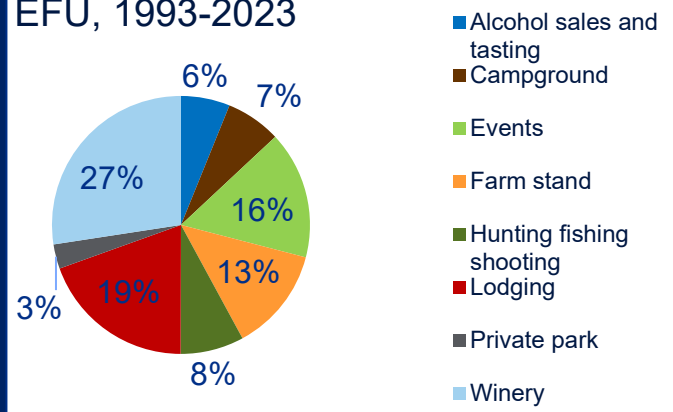
Table 19, non-exhaustive examples of agri-tourism uses allowed on EFU *without* a farm impacts test

		Allowable Use				
Type of Activity	Farm Use	Dog testing Trials	Farm Stands	Outdoor Mass Gathering or Temporary Use Permits	Expedited AT Events Permit	Wineries, Breweries & Cider Businesses
	ORS 215.203	ORS 215.283(1)(x)	ORS 215.283(1)(a)	ORS 433.735 to 433.770	ORS 215.283(4)(b)	ORS 215.449, 215.541, 215.452, 215.453
Recreation				Open-ended		
Education	Farm tours, demonstrations		Farm product demonstrations and classes	Open-ended	Farm skills classes	Wine, beer or cider tasting, tours
Agri-tainment	Horse training clinics and schooling shows	Dog Trials	Corn mazes, hay rides, harvest festivals, petting zoos, etc.	Open-ended	Seasonal festivals & farm-related events	Open-ended: concerts, dances, etc. up to 18 days at small winery, up to 25 days at large winery
Food Service			Farm-to-fork dinners, tastings	Catered food	Farm-to-fork dinners	Some food service for events and tasting rooms. 2 meals for B&B guests
Lodging						B&B
Sales	Products grown and harvested on-site: U-picks, U-cuts, CSA pick-up		Raw & processed farm products, limited other retail sales			Wine, beer or cider and incidentals
Celebratory Events			Farm-themed birthdays or picnics	Concerts, festivals, fairs, carnivals, etc.		Weddings, retreats, concerts, etc.

Select tourism, hospitality & agri-tourism use permits on EFU, 1993-2023

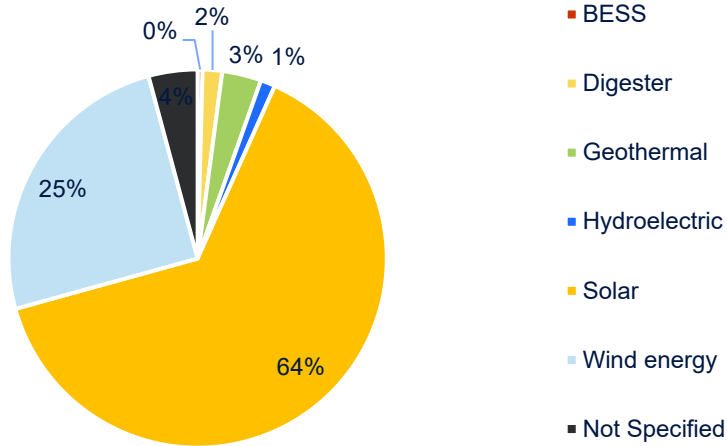


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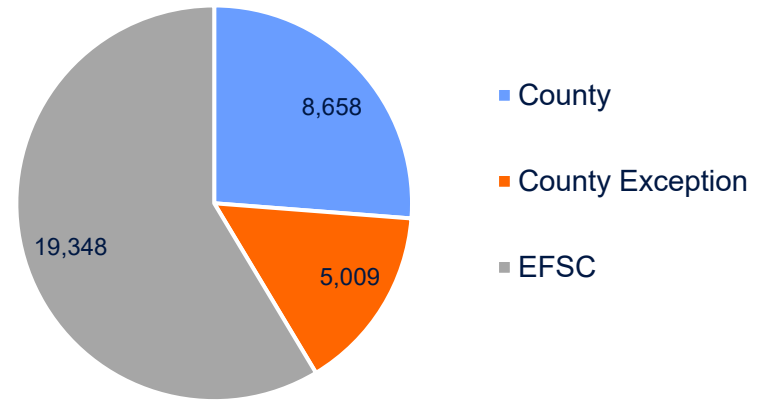


33,015 acres of farmland permitted for solar since 2011

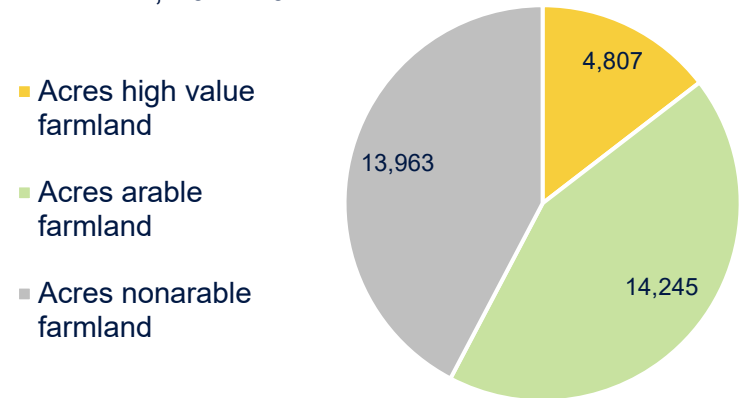
Local commercial power generating approvals on EFU by type, 1993-2023



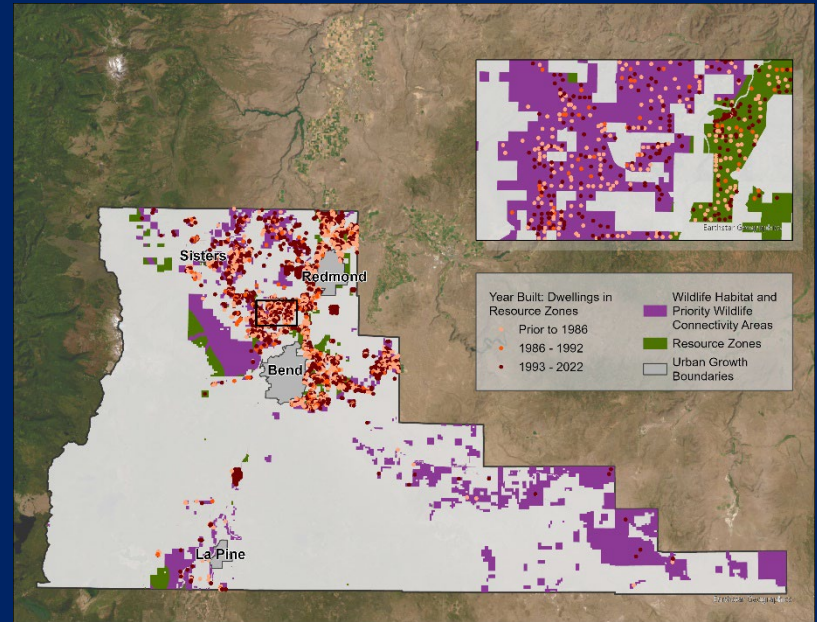
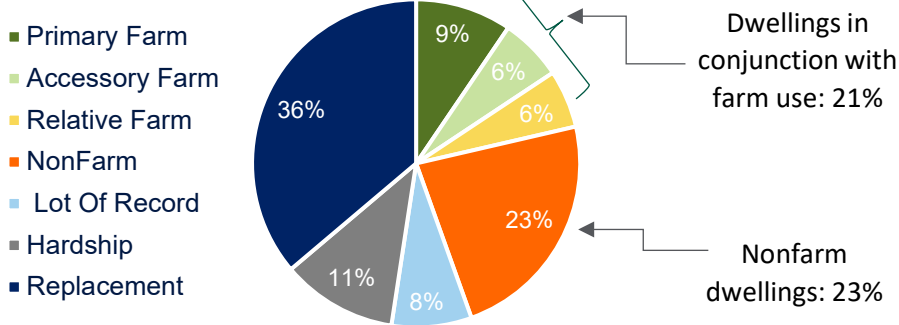
Solar acres permitted on EFU by jurisdiction



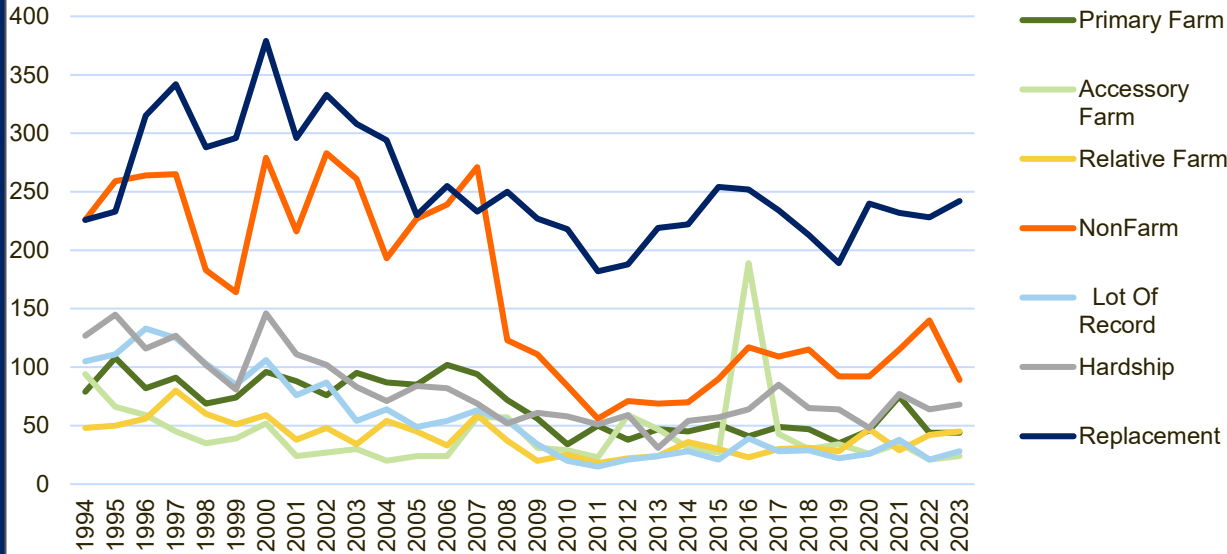
Solar Acres Permitted on EFU by Farmland Classification, 2011-2024



EFU dwelling approvals, 1994-2023



Dwelling approvals on farmland by type, 1994-2023

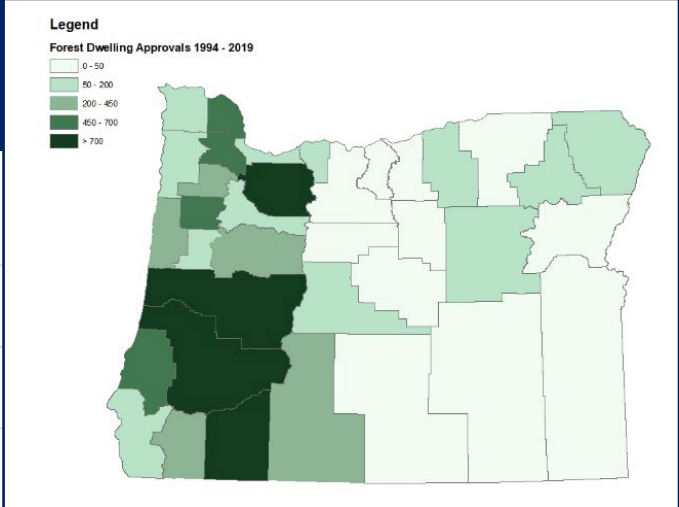
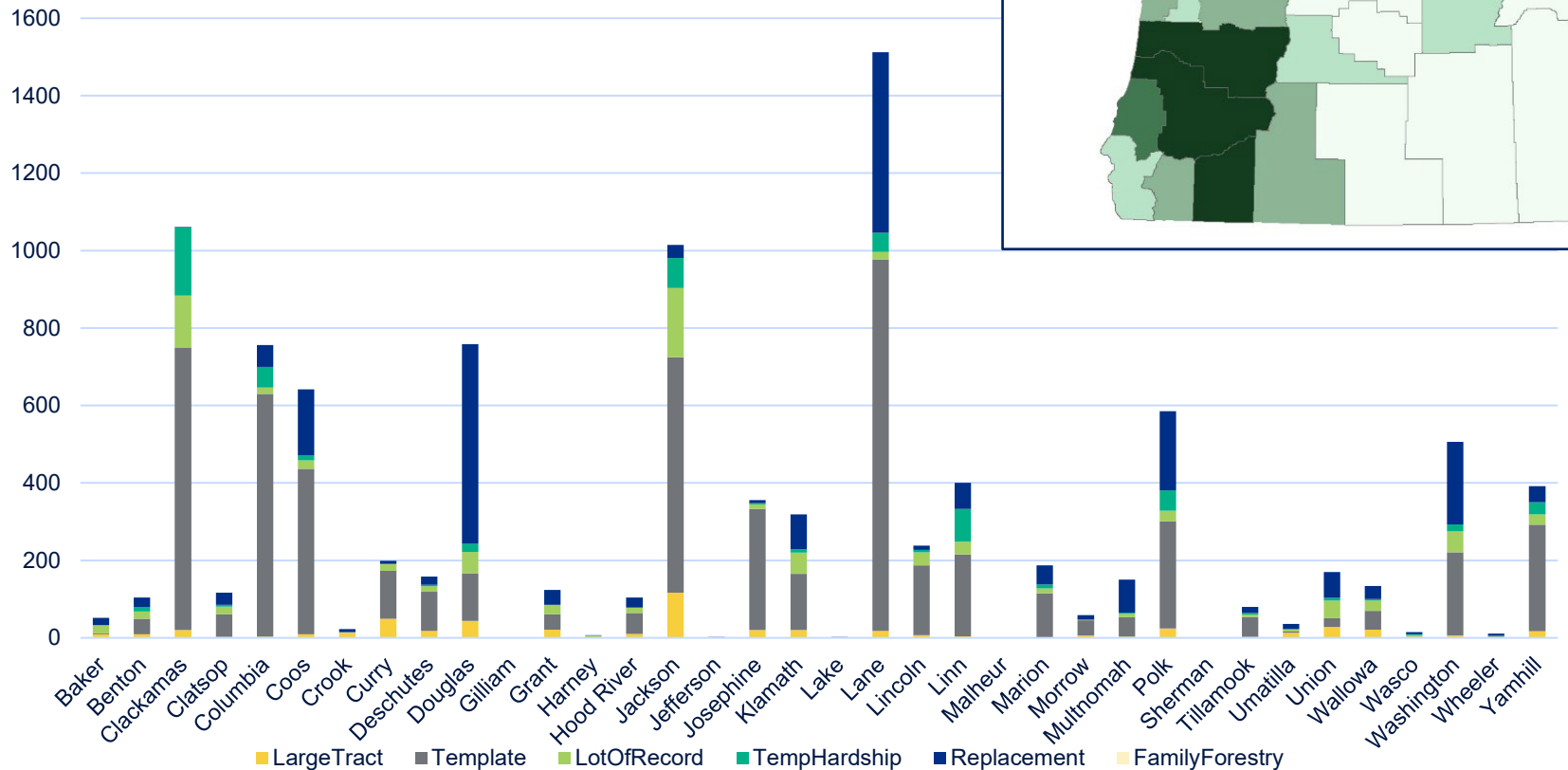


27,600
dwellings
approved on
farmland
1984-2023

More than 10,200 dwellings have been approved in forest zones since 1994.

The largest increase in built structures in rural western Oregon in the past 20 years has occurred in wildland forest environments.

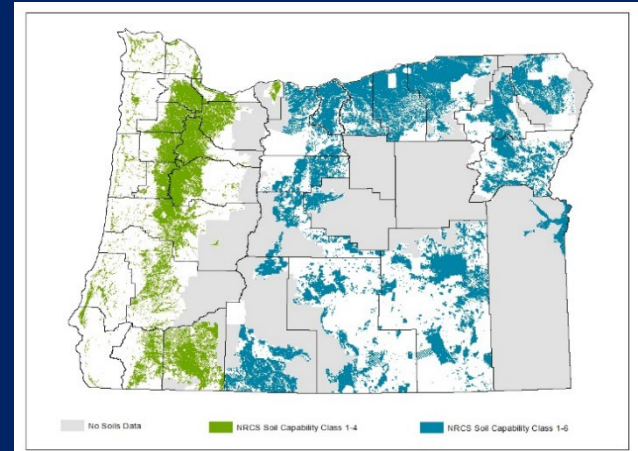
Dwelling approvals on forest land by county, 1994-2023



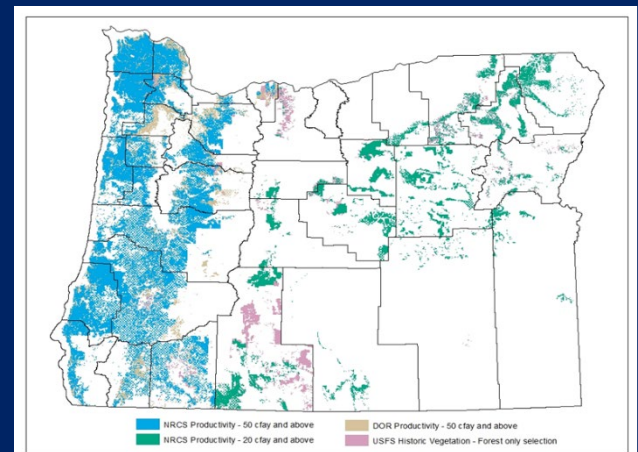
Non-Resource Lands

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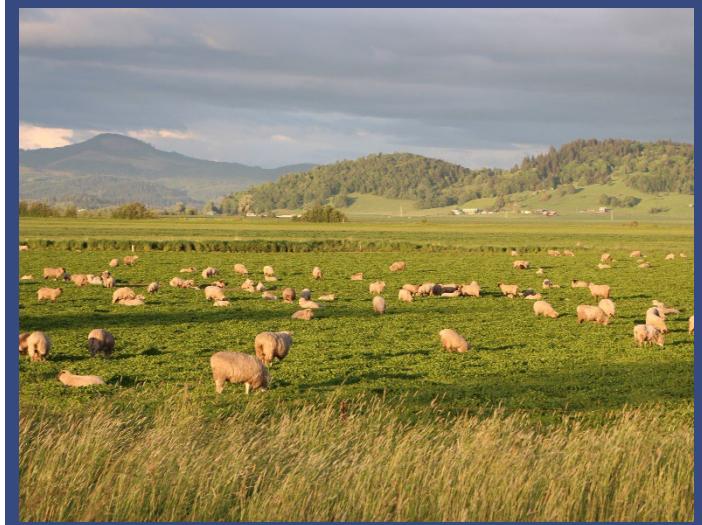
- Carrying capacity
- Infrastructure requirements
- Availability/cost of water and other public services
- Transportation
- Environmental factors
- Habitat impacts
- Hazards
- Rural character and open space



Agricultural lands OAR
660-033-0020(1)



Forest lands
OAR 660-006-0010(2)



Thank you!

Farm and Forest Report:

https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/FF/Documents/Farm_Forest_Report_2022_2023.pdf



Presentation to LCDC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EFZ6hhzSKk&t=5780s>



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