



View from Mount Harris, La Grande, Oregon

**UNION COUNTY - JOHN DAY UMATILLA SNAKE RIVER BASIN
LA GRANDE, Oregon
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INTRODUCTION

Land ownership in Union County, Oregon, reflects a diverse blend of private holdings, public lands, and agricultural properties. The county, known for its rich natural resources and scenic landscapes, includes significant tracts of land managed by federal and state agencies, as well as extensive private farms and ranches. This mix of ownership types supports a range of uses, from conservation and recreation to agriculture and residential development, contributing to the county's unique character and economic vitality.

Union County is situated at the base of the Blue Mountains in Northeastern Oregon and is surrounded by picturesque landscapes, including forests, parks, and mountains. The nearby Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, US Forest Service, Catherine Creek State Park, and Mount Emily Recreation Area provide diverse natural settings for outdoor enthusiasts to explore. The county has extensive forested areas, particularly within the Blue Mountains. These forests are managed for recreation, timber production, and wildlife habitat. The U.S. Forest Service oversees much of this land, including parts of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

The economy of Union county is primarily driven by agriculture, with local farms producing a variety of crops, including wheat, barley, alfalfa, and other hay, as well as livestock such as cattle and sheep. Many farms are family-owned and have been passed down through generations, preserving traditional farming practices and contributing to the local economy. Union county is one of eight counties in Eastern Oregon with a population of 26, 177 according to the 2022 census. The county's population centers, including La Grande, Island City, and Union occupy a smaller portion of the land. These areas are characterized by residential, commercial, and industrial uses, supporting the local economy and community services.

Producers and land managers in Union County and across the country are experiencing extreme climate conditions on their operations through shifting weather patterns and increasingly frequent and severe storms, high wind events, floods, droughts, and wildfires. These producers play a key role in administering climate smart agriculture through the implementation of voluntary, conservation practices.

NRCS NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Climate change presents real threats to U.S. agricultural production, forest resources, and rural economies. As the nation's private lands conservation agency, NRCS plays an important role in helping producers address climate change. Recent efforts include locally administering USDA's conservation programs, such as the Farm Bill and Inflation Reduction Act legislation, which is providing billions of dollars over several years to support mitigation benefits of climate-change. Below are some examples:

- Emphasizing climate-smart agriculture in projects funded through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program, Regional Conservation Partnership Program and Conservation Innovation Grants
- Implementing a climate adaptation plan
- Announced new opportunities to expand soil carbon monitoring
- Supporting Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities

Equity

NRCS is committed to advancing a culture that operates with a value for equity, justice, and equal opportunities for all. Remote and underserved communities have experienced significant barriers to equity, equality, and justice in agency programs and policies. To remove these barriers, the NRCS has established the Equity Division, which will advocate for and better align equality into the workplace and all practices. The NRCS will ensure every customer, partner, and employee is put in a position to succeed in our diverse world and notably feel inclusivity within all agency programs and services. The NRCS prioritizes projects based on resource concerns not anything else.

NRCS is continuing to implement its commitment to equity by taking steps that include:

- Reviewing and modifying programs, practices, and policies to address historic and structural barriers
- Ensuring fair and equitable treatment.
- Prioritizing funding for projects that support underserved producers within their communities
- Continuing to support community based organizations, the historically underserved, and partners that are instrumental in the development of communities on behalf of NRCS through conservation outreach.
- Investing in training, program outreach, and partnerships to expand access to NRCS assistance for underserved communities and producers.

- Committing to comprehensive delivery of technical service and clear, straightforward, and effective communications to all customers to ensure we are reaching underserved communities and producers.

Demographic Data Highlighting Historically Underserved Populations

Oregon Statewide and Local County Demographic data

Report images can be found at the end of this Long Range Plan, below is a link to the NASS portal for state and county data. Some producer data may be too small to break down and could potentially violate some of the anonymity that the survey promised, so has not been included in this plan.

- https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2022/Online_Resources/Race,_Ethnicity_and_Gender_Profiles/Oregon/

Bilingual staff are able to help Hispanic and underserved communities as needed.

Urban and Small-Scale Agriculture

Community gardens, rooftop farms, hydroponic, aeroponic and aquaponic facilities, and vertical production are all examples of urban agriculture. Based on community interest, in order to assist producers with the county's resource concerns, financial assistance could be allocated based on available programs. NRCS is committed to working with farms of all sizes and in all locations. Urban agriculture includes the cultivation, processing, and distribution of agricultural products in urban and suburban areas. Tribal communities and small towns may also be included. NRCS provides urban producers with conservation assistance, and works with other USDA agencies to support urban farms in providing access to healthy local food, jobs, and green space.

Recent efforts include:

- Leading USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (OUAIP).
- Providing grants for urban agriculture and innovative production.
- Awarding cooperative agreements for composting and food waste reduction
- Reinvigorating the People's Garden program.



UNION COUNTY BACKGROUND

Union county has a total area of 2,039 square miles, of which 2,037 square miles is land and 1.9 square miles is water. The United States Forest Service manages 47% of the land in the county. A significant portion of Union County's land is publicly owned and managed by federal and state agencies. This includes national forests, wildlife refuges, and state parks, which provide recreational opportunities and conservation benefits. Large portions of Union County are designated as rangeland, used primarily for grazing livestock. These areas are critical for supporting the local ranching industry and maintaining the rural character of the county.

Union County is involved in various conservation efforts to protect its natural resources and preserve green spaces, resulting in curtailing the urban sprawl. Maintaining common boundaries is beneficial to both urban living and rural agriculture, fostering a balanced and sustainable pattern of development. Conservation programs focus on sustainable land management practices, habitat restoration, and protecting watersheds to ensure the long-term health of the land and residents.

Priority Resource Concerns

- Source water depletion - Inefficient irrigation water use
- Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution
- Fire Management - Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation
- Degraded Plant Conditions - Plant productivity and health
- Air Quality Emission - Emissions of greenhouse gas GHGs
- Soil Quality Limitation - Organic matter depletion
- Aquatic Habitat - Aquatic habitat for fish and other organism

CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES - PROJECTS

STATEWIDE INITIATIVES

Climate-Focused Sustainable Livestock Production in Oregon

Resource Concerns

Livestock production limitation

Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution

Degraded plant condition

Plant structure and composition

Practices Offered

Critical Area Planting (342)

Fence (382)

Prescribed Grazing (528)

Spring Development (574)

Livestock Pipeline (516)

Pumping Plant (533)

Watering Facility (614)

Structure for Water Control (587)

Water Well (642)

Joint 20-Year Landscape Resiliency Strategy

The Oregon Department of Forestry leads the 20-Year Landscape Resiliency Strategy to improve forests and rangelands to reduce wildfire risk. ODF developed the plan with private, local, state, and federal partners to target about 13 million high-risk acres.

VISION: Healthy and resilient landscapes that support Oregon's social, economic, and ecological needs for future generations.

The plan uses many tools like thinning forests, prescribed burns, removing invasive species, and restoring lands after fires. The work aims to help economic development and steward lands that can endure extreme fire, drought, and pests.

The partners use a shared stewardship model – large scale, cross-boundaries, joint priorities – to align federal, state, and private investments. It requires long-term

commitment to succeed. The model will sustain partner engagement and include more voices.

The plan sets criteria for priority landscapes using:

- Forest and wildland health symptoms and high wildfire risk indicators.
- Wildland-urban interface (WUI).
- Local knowledge and experts.

Using this information, ODF and the partners created the state's priority landscape map. Partners will use the map to align priority actions and investments to the places of greatest need. 20 yr landscape resiliency strategy [2023 Landscape Resiliency Booklet \(anyflip.com\)](#)

Basic Forest Management Plan (BFMP)

The BFMP is required for NRCS payment.

Full funding for ODF forester or Wallowa Resources consultant to produce the plan.

Great landowner resource!

BASIN INITIATIVES - [Basin Map](#)

Drought and Wildfire Watering Strategy

Primary Resource Concerns

Livestock production limitation - Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution

Degraded plant condition - Plant structure and composition

Project Description

The goal of this project is to increase the availability of livestock water on private and tribal grazing lands in the John Day, Umatilla, and Snake River basins of Eastern Oregon. Reliable water developments will be used to improve management and increase flexibility in grazing systems. Preference will be granted to projects that provide adequate quantities of water in strategic locations to support fire management.

Conservation Practices Offered

Critical Area Planting (342)

Fence (382)

Livestock Pipeline (516)
Prescribed Grazing (528)
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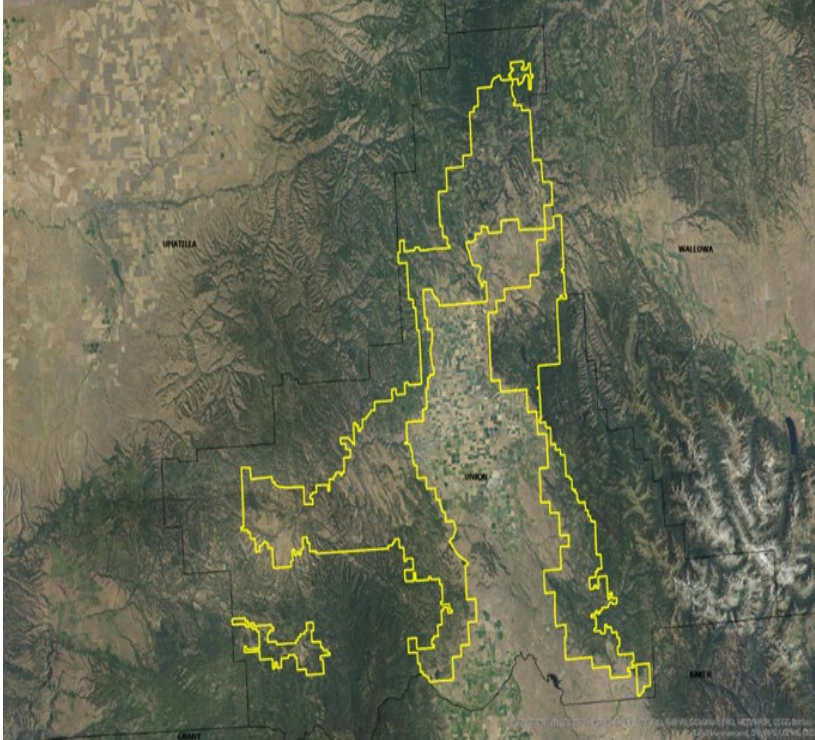
East Oregon Forest Restoration - Regional Conservation Forest Partnership (RCPP)

Resource Concerns

Degraded plant condition - Plant productivity and health, plant structure and composition
Fire management - Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation
Long term protection of land - Loss of function and values
Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms
Weather resilience - Naturally available moisture use, drought susceptibility

Project Description

The Oregon Department of Forestry and nine partners propose to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and improve water quality and stream habitat in the Northern Blues area of Eastern Oregon.



Project area Cove, OR (2023/2024)

Practices Offered

Forest Stand Improvement (666) hand tool heavy, heavy mech

Fuel Break (383)

Woody Residue (384)



Sage Grouse Initiative - Oregon Strategy (WLFW)

Resource Concerns

Terrestrial habitat - Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates

Livestock production limitation - Feed and forage balance

Degraded plant condition - Plant productivity and health

Project Description

This Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) program offers financial incentives and technical assistance to help private landowners remove invasive conifers such as western juniper, address invasions of annual grasses such as medusahead and cheatgrass, improve wet meadow and riparian habitat, and address other threats to sage grouse on their land. Practices available through the program promote overall rangeland health in sage grouse habitat and also address resource concerns including wildlife habitat, irrigation efficiency, water quality/quantity, wildfire risk reduction, and more.

Practices Offered

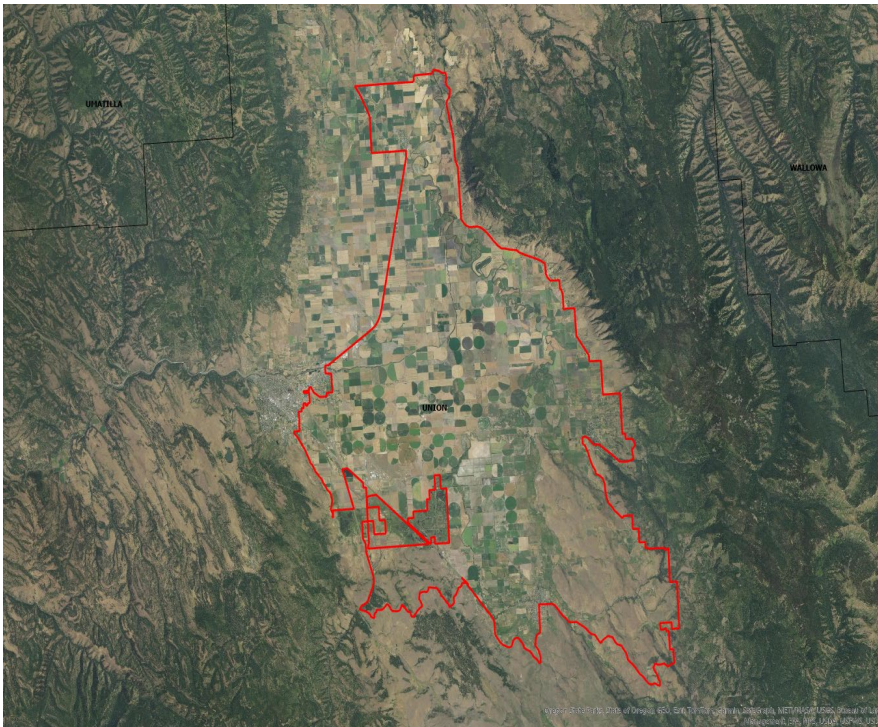
Brush Management (314)
Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315)
Conservation Cover (327)
Prescribed Burning (338)
Cover Crop (340)
Critical Area Planting (342)
Pond (378)
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation (380)
Fence (382)
Fuel Break (383)
Woody Residue Treatment (384)
Irrigation Field Ditch (388)
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
Firebreak (394)
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
Wildlife Habitat Planting (420)
Irrigation Pipeline (430)
Irrigation System, Micro Irrigation (441)
Sprinkler System (442)
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443)
Irrigation Water Management (449)
Access Control (472)
Mulching (484)
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)

COUNTY INITIATIVES

Catherine Creek Mid-Elevation Irrigation Efficiency CIS

Resource Concerns

- Source water depletion - Inefficient irrigation water use
- Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution



Project Area (FY 2025)

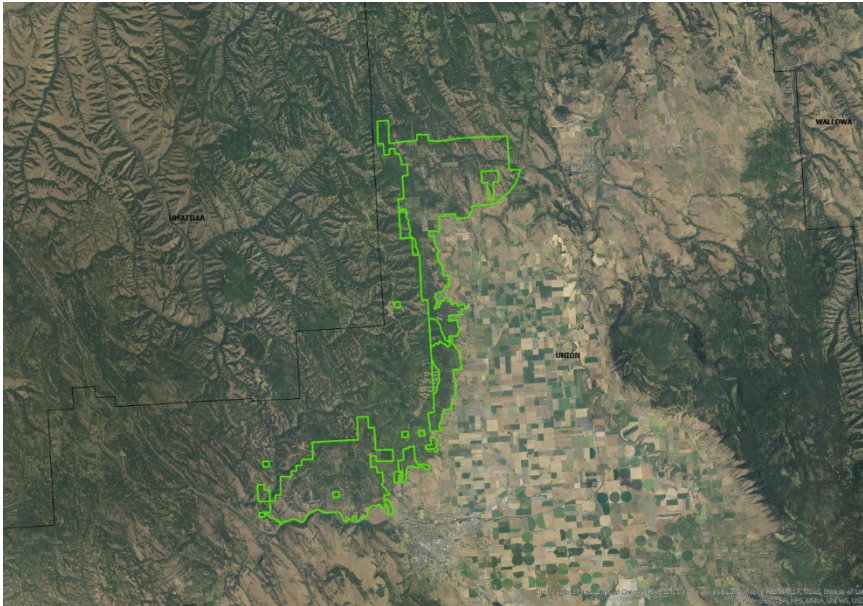
This project started in 2022, and since then we have doubled the boundary to include more landowners and water uses. The primary goal is to improve irrigation efficiency.

Practices Offered:

Micro-irrigation (441)
Sprinkler System (442)
Irrigation Pipeline (430)
Irrigation Water Mngt (449)
Livestock Pipeline (516)
Pumping Plant (533)
Spring Development (574)
Watering Facilities (614)

Fence (384)
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
Prescribed Grazing (528)
Water well (642)
Water Control Structure (527)

West Valley Forest Management Conservation Implementation Strategy



Project Area West Valley, OR

Resource Concern

Fire Management - Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation
Degraded Plant Conditions - Plant productivity and Health

Practices Offered

Forest Stand Improvement (666), hand tool heavy, heavy mech
Fuel Break (383)
Woody Residue (384)

ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES...

In addition to the local projects above, producers may also apply for statewide programs such as the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Organic Initiative, Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative, On Farm Energy Initiative, and conservation easement programs. Visit with your local District Conservationist for more information on these and other programs, or visit the [NRCS Programs webpage](#).

APPENDIX

NASS/CENSUS DATA

UNION COUNTY SUMMARY

UNION COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

OREGON STATEWIDE SUMMARY REPORT

2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE County Profile



Union County Oregon



Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	806	-2
Land in farms (acres)	342,913	-11
Average size of farm (acres)	425	-9
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	74,790,000	+31
Government payments	1,906,000	-30
Farm-related income	6,044,000	+10
Total farm production expenses	80,501,000	+40
Net cash farm income	2,238,000	-72
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	92,792	+33
Government payments ^a	13,910	+11
Farm-related income ^a	20,841	+6
Total farm production expenses	99,878	+43
Net cash farm income	2,777	-71

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	57
Livestock, poultry, and products	43

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	96,005
Pastureland	156,812
Woodland	81,341
Other	8,755

Acres irrigated: 32,848

10% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	20
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	315	39
\$2,500 to \$4,999	87	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	98	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	85	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	77	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43	5
\$100,000 or more	101	13

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	176	22
10 to 49 acres	283	35
50 to 179 acres	128	16
180 to 499 acres	95	12
500 to 999 acres	55	7
1,000+ acres	69	9



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Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	74,790	22	36	1,645	3,078
Crops	42,963	21	36	1,401	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	14,550	7	32	1,406	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	3,616	16	33	484	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	756	21	33	691	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,197	23	34	895	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	57	17	24	376	1,274
Other crops and hay	22,786	15	36	143	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	31,828	18	36	1,436	3,076
Poultry and eggs	168	16	36	1,162	3,027
Cattle and calves	29,477	11	36	605	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	23	27	(D)	1,770
Hogs and pigs	132	12	34	827	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	813	12	36	238	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	619	13	36	457	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	19	25	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	491	13	35	391	2,909

Producers ^d	1,496	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex			
Male	847	Have internet access	87
Female	649		
Age		Farm organically	(Z)
<35	161		
35 – 64	788	Sell directly to consumers	9
65 and older	547		
Race		Hire farm labor	20
American Indian/Alaska Native	25		
Asian	6	Are family farms	96
Black or African American	2		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1		
White	1,440		
More than one race	22		
Other characteristics			
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	18		
With military service	157		
New and beginning farmers	535		

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	238
Cattle and calves	33,358
Goats	1,583
Hogs and pigs	432
Horses and ponies	1,487
Layers	3,396
Pullets	249
Sheep and lambs	877
Turkeys	118

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.

2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE Race/Ethnicity/Gender Profile



Union County, Oregon Farms with American Indian or Alaska Native Producers^a

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022

	Farms with American Indian/Alaska Native Producers	All Farms
Number of farms	33	806
Land in farms (acres)	6,826	342,913
Average size of farm (acres)	207	425
Total	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	640,000	74,790,000
Government payments	78,000	1,906,000
Farm-related income	(D)	6,044,000
Total farm production expenses	925,000	80,501,000
Net cash farm income	-95,000	2,238,000
Per farm average	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	19,400	92,792
Government payments ^c	9,696	13,910
Farm-related income ^c	(D)	20,841
Total farm production expenses	28,030	99,878
Net cash farm income	-2,867	2,777

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	62
Livestock, poultry, and products	38

Land in Farms by Use (%)^b

Cropland	16
Pastureland	47
Woodland	35
Other	2

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	21
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent ^b
Less than \$2,500	11	33
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5	15
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10	30
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2	6
\$25,000 to \$49,999	-	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2	6
\$100,000 or more	3	9
Total	33	100

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent ^b
1 to 9 acres	5	15
10 to 49 acres	9	27
50 to 179 acres	7	21
180 to 499 acres	6	18
500 to 999 acres	5	15
1,000 + acres	1	3
Total	33	100



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Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold			Total Producers ^d	
	Sales (\$1,000)	No. of Farms		
Total	640	33	Sex	42
			Male	27
			Female	15
Crops	398	18	Age	
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	-	-	<35	12
Tobacco	-	-	35 – 64	29
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	65 and older	1
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	12	3		
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	12	3	Primary occupation	
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	Farming	11
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	Other	31
Other crops and hay	374	14		
Livestock, poultry, and products	242	16	Days worked off farm	
Poultry and eggs	(D)	2	None	8
Cattle and calves	120	5	1 to 199	15
Milk from cows	-	-	200 +	19
Hogs and pigs	(D)	2		
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	2	Other characteristics	
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	113	5	Hispanic/Latino/Spanish	4
Aquaculture	-	-	With military service	4
Other animals and animal products	(D)	2	New and beginning farmers	26
			Average age (years)	45.1
Top Crops in Acres ^e	Percent of farms that:		Owned & Rented Land in Farms	
Forage (hay/haylage), all	732	Have internet access	100	
Vegetables harvested, all	(D)	Farm organically	■	
Land in berries	2			
Garlic	(D)			
Walnuts, English	(D)			
Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)		Sell directly to consumers	9	
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	-	Hire farm labor	27	
Cattle and calves	252	Are family farms	82	
Goats	-			
Hogs and pigs	(D)			
Horses and ponies	(D)			
Layers	(D)			
Pullets	(D)			
Sheep and lambs	(D)			
Turkeys	-			
			Tenure	
			Full Owners	farms 28 acres (D)
			Part Owners	farms 1 acres (D)
			Tenants	farms 4 acres (D)

See [2022 Census of Agriculture](#), U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a This race alone or in combination with other races. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Average per farm receiving. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.

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Union County, Oregon Farms with White Producers^a

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022

	Farms with White Producers	All Farms
Number of farms	799	806
Land in farms (acres)	338,770	342,913
Average size of farm (acres)	424	425
Total	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	74,514,000	74,790,000
Government payments	1,863,000	1,906,000
Farm-related income	6,035,000	6,044,000
Total farm production expenses	80,100,000	80,501,000
Net cash farm income	2,313,000	2,238,000
Per farm average	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	93,259	92,792
Government payments ^c	13,803	13,910
Farm-related income ^c	21,028	20,841
Total farm production expenses	100,250	99,878
Net cash farm income	2,895	2,777

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	58
Livestock, poultry, and products	42

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^b

Cropland	28
Pastureland	45
Woodland	24
Other	3

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	10
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	20
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent ^b
Less than \$2,500	315	39
\$2,500 to \$4,999	85	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	96	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	85	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	76	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43	5
\$100,000 or more	99	12
Total	799	100

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent ^b
1 to 9 acres	175	22
10 to 49 acres	279	35
50 to 179 acres	128	16
180 to 499 acres	95	12
500 to 999 acres	54	7
1,000 + acres	68	9
Total	799	100



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Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold			Total Producers ^d		1,462
	Sales (\$1,000)	No. of Farms			
Total	74,514	799	Sex		
			Male		828
			Female		634
Crops	42,908	403	Age		
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	86	<35		145
Tobacco	-	-	35 – 64		774
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	65 and older		543
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	27	Primary occupation		
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	749	24	Farming		497
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,174	11	Other		965
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	57	3	Days worked off farm		
Other crops and hay	(D)	322	None		480
			1 to 199		392
			200 +		590
Livestock, poultry, and products	31,606	404	Other characteristics		
Poultry and eggs	162	84	Hispanic/Latino/Spanish		12
Cattle and calves	29,261	276	With military service		151
Milk from cows	(D)	7	New and beginning farmers		513
Hogs and pigs	131	35	Average age (years)		57.2
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	50			
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	619	45	Owned & Rented Land in Farms		
Aquaculture	(D)	1	Owned land in farms	farms acres	761 250,068
Other animals and animal products	(D)	24	Rented or leased land in farms	farms acres	166 88,702
			Tenure		
			Full Owners	farms acres	633 (D)
			Part Owners	farms acres	128 166,247
			Tenants	farms acres	38 (D)
Top Crops in Acres *			Percent of farms that:		
Forage (hay/haylage), all	35,531	Have internet access	87		
Wheat for grain, all	(D)				
Field and grass seed crops, al	6,064	Farm organically	(Z)		
Barley for grain	1,935				
Vegetables harvested, all	1,331				
Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)			Sell directly to consumers		
Broilers and other		10			
meat-type chickens	238				
Cattle and calves	32,704	Hire farm labor	20		
Goats	1,583				
Hogs and pigs	(D)	Are family farms	96		
Horses and ponies	1,472				
Layers	3,384				
Pullets	219				
Sheep and lambs	(D)				
Turkeys	118				

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Union County, Oregon Farms with Female Producers

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022

	Farms with Female Producers	All Farms
Number of farms	604	806
Land in farms (acres)	249,640	342,913
Average size of farm (acres)	413	425
Total	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	53,777,000	74,790,000
Government payments	1,342,000	1,906,000
Farm-related income	3,726,000	6,044,000
Total farm production expenses	57,148,000	80,501,000
Net cash farm income	1,697,000	2,238,000
Per farm average	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	89,035	92,792
Government payments ^c	13,982	13,910
Farm-related income ^c	17,742	20,841
Total farm production expenses	94,616	99,878
Net cash farm income	2,810	2,777

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	48
Livestock, poultry, and products	52

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^b

Cropland	26
Pastureland	51
Woodland	20
Other	3

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	10
Intensive till	19
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent ^b
Less than \$2,500	253	42
\$2,500 to \$4,999	64	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	80	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	67	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	45	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	6
\$100,000 or more	61	10
Total	604	100

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent ^b
1 to 9 acres	164	27
10 to 49 acres	218	36
50 to 179 acres	77	13
180 to 499 acres	71	12
500 to 999 acres	31	5
1,000 + acres	43	7
Total	604	100



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Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold			Total Producers ^d	649
	Sales (\$1,000)	No. of Farms		
Total	53,777	604	Age	
			<35	62
			35 – 64	365
			65 and older	222
Crops	25,995	297	Race	
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	9,313	52	American Indian/Alaska Native	11
Tobacco	-	-	Asian	4
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	Black/African American	-
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	761	22	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	656	24	White	628
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,197	12	More than one race	6
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	57	3	Primary occupation	
Other crops and hay	14,012	232	Farming	189
			Other	460
Livestock, poultry, and products	27,782	325	Days worked off farm	
Poultry and eggs	157	79	None	205
Cattle and calves	26,251	218	1 to 199	196
Milk from cows	(D)	7	200 +	248
Hogs and pigs	69	34	Other characteristics	
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	813	50	Hispanic/Latino/Spanish	3
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	321	35	With military service	16
Aquaculture	(D)	1	New and beginning farmers	251
Other animals and animal products	41	18	Average age (years)	56.1
Top Crops in Acres ^e		Percent of farms that:	Owned & Rented Land in Farms	
Forage (hay/haylage), all	27,584	Have internet access	90	
Wheat for grain, all	12,645			
Field and grass seed crops, all	2,646	Farm organically	-	
Barley for grain	748			
Corn for silage/greenchop	644			
Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)		Sell directly to consumers	10	
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	228			
Cattle and calves	28,156	Hire farm labor	18	
Goats	1,575			
Hogs and pigs	208	Are family farms	97	
Horses and ponies	1,136			
Layers	3,196			
Pullets	223			
Sheep and lambs	871			
Turkeys	118			
			Tenure	
			Full Owners	farms 501 acres 114,958
			Part Owners	farms 83 acres 129,000
			Tenants	farms 20 acres 5,682

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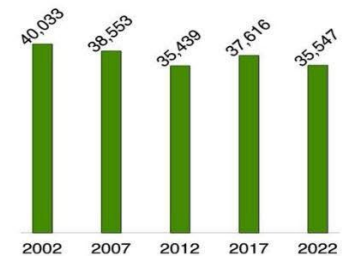


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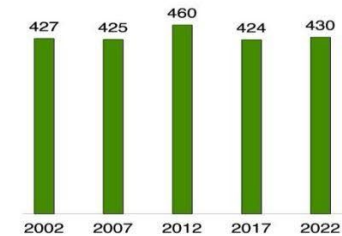
Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	35,547	-6
Land in farms (acres)	15,295,779	-4
Average size of farm (acres)	430	+1
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	6,771,166,000	+35
Government payments	136,125,000	+47
Farm-related income	373,547,000	+23
Total farm production expenses	6,350,514,000	+36
Net cash farm income	930,324,000	+25
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	190,485	+43
Government payments ^a	37,855	+65
Farm-related income ^a	34,330	+35
Total farm production expenses	178,651	+44
Net cash farm income	26,172	+32

Number of Farms, 2002 - 2022



Average Farm Size, 2002 - 2022 (acres)



Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	14,605	41
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,066	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,936	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	4,055	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,268	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,714	5
\$100,000 or more	4,903	14

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	11,327	32
10 to 49 acres	12,502	35
50 to 179 acres	5,616	16
180 to 499 acres	2,720	8
500 to 999 acres	1,190	3
1,000+ acres	2,192	6



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Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in U.S. ^c	States Producing Item
Total	6,771,166	28	50
Crops	4,650,743	20	50
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	578,844	31	50
Tobacco	-	-	18
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	18
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	733,127	7	50
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	889,759	4	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,219,899	3	50
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	167,497	1	50
Other crops and hay	1,061,616	5	50
Livestock, poultry, and products	2,120,423	31	50
Poultry and eggs	227,508	31	50
Cattle and calves	1,216,497	16	50
Milk from cows	558,995	19	50
Hogs and pigs	3,998	36	50
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	31,181	13	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	17,951	28	50
Aquaculture	40,854	14	50
Other animals and animal products	23,440	23	50

1 Percent of U.S. agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	69
Livestock, poultry, and products	31

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	4,358,927
Pastureland	8,833,816
Woodland	1,576,892
Other	526,144

Top Counties: Land in Farms (acres)

Umatilla	1,491,922
Harney	1,479,684
Malheur	1,130,142
Morrow	1,052,805
Wasco	978,577

Producers ^d

Sex	68,564
Male	38,414
Female	30,150
Age	
<35	4,899
35 – 64	36,509
65 and older	27,156
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	657
Asian	616
Black or African American	74
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	99
White	66,250
More than one race	868
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2,284
With military service	6,691
New and beginning farmers	21,898

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	88
Farm organically	2
Sell directly to consumers	13
Hire farm labor	25
Are family farms	96

Top Crops in Acres ^e

Forage (hay/haylage), all	975,026
Wheat for grain, all	737,385
Field and grass seed crops, all	458,312
Vegetables harvested, all	145,578
Hazelnuts (Filberts)	87,128

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,526,079
Cattle and calves	1,200,296
Goats	43,862
Hogs and pigs	9,813
Horses and ponies	60,127
Layers	3,225,396
Pullets	1,106,526
Sheep and lambs	152,512
Turkeys	5,979

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