OAN State Priorities
At a Glance

Labor and Immigration
- **Workforce availability** — Support state-level efforts to address agricultural worker shortages, including H-2A assistance and driving privileges for all Oregonians
- **Paid family leave** — Support employee-paid program
- **Worker Protection Standard** — Support flexibility for growers, including updated rules that will promote worker safety while being compatible with agricultural practices

Water and environment
- **Water supply** — Create a cohesive statewide water vision addressing quality and supply
- **Ground water studies** — Support funding for ground water studies
- **Water transfers** — Support changes to the law that will allow for faster approvals
- **Climate change** — Support climate policies that promote best practices, acknowledge growers’ positive contribution to fighting climate change, and hold ag producers harmless for cost increases in energy and fuel. Support environmental offsets for highway/road projects through use of trees and shrubs along corridors.
- **OSHA Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) rule** — Amend rule to not be more stringent than federal standards, or support changes to mirror current sustainabile ag practices.
- **Pathogens and diseases** — Funding for Sudden Oak Death project in Southern Oregon

Taxes and Budget
- **Oregon Department of Agriculture Nursery Emergency Fund** — Protect funding against potential reappropriation
- **PERS** — Support reforms to fix cost curve and reduce unfunded actuarial liability
- **Property taxes** — Resolve county assessment issue for agricultural equipment exemptions
- **Natural Resource Agencies programs** — Support funding for programs and services that impact agriculture
- **Taxes** — Oppose revenue-raising measures that unfairly harm or target agricultural producers and produce a competitive disadvantage for traded sector industries. Recognize the cululative impact of taxes and regulations.

Transportation, Land Use and Infrastructure
- **Land use** — Oppose bills that do not protect productive agricultural lands.
- **Transportation taxes and fees** — Oppose policies that increase cost of moving goods to market
- **Transportation infrastructure** — Support policies that improve infrastructure and facilitate the movement of goods to market.
Oregon Nurseries: Growing for the Future

Oregon’s Top Commodity
Nursery Products were Oregon’s #1 agricultural commodity by value in 2016
1. Nursery and Greenhouse $948 million
   2. Cattle/Calves $695 million
   3. Hay $585 million
   4. Milk $500 million
   5. Grass Seed $455 million

ALL IN A DAY’S WORK
In 2014, Oregon nurseries employed 22,859 workers and had an annual payroll of $327.6 million

WE GO EVERYWHERE
74% of Oregon’s gross nursery sales are to other states and countries, injecting traded sector dollars into Oregon’s economy

Oregon is #1 in Conifers, Shade Trees, Christmas Trees, & Flowering Trees

INDUSTRY-FUNDED NURSERY RESEARCH
Production • Breeding • Pests • Diseases $235,000 in 2018

700+ members in the Oregon Association of Nurseries
Wholesale Nurseries • Retailers • Suppliers
Service Providers • Landscape Trade
Christmas Tree Growers

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Oregon Agriculture Regions
Top 20 commodities (Source: Oregon Department of Agriculture)

WILLAMETTE VALLEY
Apples
Beef
Blackberries
Blueberries
Cherries
Christmas trees
Eggs
Grapes for wine
Grass seed
Hay
Hazelnuts
Milk/dairy/cheese
Mint
Nursery/greenhouse
Onions
Pears
Potatoes
Sweet corn
Wheat

MID-COLUMBIA
Apples
Blueberries
Cherries
Grapes for wine
Pears

COLUMBIA PLATEAU
Apples
Beef
Blueberries
Cherries
Grapes for wine
Grass seed
Hay
Milk/dairy/cheese
Onions
Potatoes
Wheat

NORTHEAST OREGON
Beef
Cherries
Grapes for wine
Hay
Mint
Onions
Potatoes
Wheat

SOUTHERN OREGON
Apples
Beef
Blueberries
Grapes for wine
Hay
Milk/dairy/cheese
Mint
Pears
Potatoes

SOUTHEAST OREGON
Beef
Hay
Milk/dairy/cheese
Potatoes
Wheat

COASTAL OREGON
Christmas trees
Dungeness crab
Milk/dairy/cheese

NURSERY/GREENHOUSE
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