



OREGON
ASSOCIATION OF
NURSERIES™

State Affairs

2027

Overarching approach: We support efforts and agendas that promote the sustainability and success of the nursery and greenhouse industry in Oregon. We strive for bipartisan collaboration where possible, and we will work to educate decision-makers about how statutory and fiscal policies affect the industry. The OAN is committed to doing the hard work to achieve the best policy outcomes for our state and for our industry.

Agricultural Overtime



Starting January 1, 2027, the Oregon agricultural overtime threshold becomes 40 hours per week. The association is working with legislators to introduce a bill that would set the overtime threshold at 56 hours per week.

Water



1. Protect the nursery industry's ability to transfer water rights.
2. Restore accountability and functionality to the Oregon Water Resources Department.

Plastics Recycling



Oregon's Recycling Modernization Act is ambiguous and needs to be overhauled. The way in which Extended Producer Responsibility has been implemented is costly and inconsistent with regulations in other states.

Review Oregon's Tax Code



A comprehensive review of Oregon's tax code is needed. The state business tax burden soared 33% between 2019 and 2023. The state's corporate tax ranking, at 49th, now tops only Delaware's in the non-partisan Tax Foundation's 2025 State Tax Competitiveness Index.

Pesticide Bans

Protect the appropriate use of pest and disease management tools.

Commercial Activity Tax

The Commercial Activity Tax increases supply chain costs to production agriculture without the ability to recoup the increases in a global market. The state needs to provide an exemption to green goods to assist Oregon to remain competitive.

Reconnect to Federal Tax Code

Disconnecting Oregon from the federal tax code has imposed substantial complexity and compliance costs. Ag producers are now required to navigate two separate tax systems. It is important for Oregon to reconnect to the federal tax code, particularly with respect to bonus depreciation and expensing for machinery and equipment.

Japanese Beetle

Working with the governor to ensure that funding for ODA's Japanese Beetle Program is in the governor's 2028 budget.

By the numbers



\$1.3 B

Annual nursery sales



10,423

Oregonians employed



\$487.7 M

Annual payroll



\$46,755

Average annual pay



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Overarching approach: The nursery and greenhouse industry is Oregon's largest agricultural sector with \$1.3 billion in annual sales. The association is solution oriented and is committed to finding common ground with Congress, federal agencies and the administration. Oregon nurseries produce specialty crops and are trade-dependent and need federal policy to support the industry. OAN builds coalitions and collaborates with the other nursery states as well as national associations to achieve our policy objectives.

2027 Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Funding for USDA-APHIS** to support research, protect market access, and prevent pest and disease threats.
- **Increase research funds** for green industry sectors, including nursery, greenhouse and Christmas tree growers. Include greater collaboration between industry, state and federal funding sources.
- **Funding for NASS.** Obtain funding to restore detailed annual National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) statistics for Oregon's nursery and greenhouse industry.
- **Limit the reach of the National Labor Relations Board** to prevent the deployment of card check and union organization on the farm.

Ag Workforce Legislation

The Five-Point Plan provides clear direction for getting the ball rolling on workforce reform: **1.** Adjustment of status for those in the U.S. **2.** Keep and update the current H-2A and H-2B visas. **3.** Create a new visa system. **4.** Create a sensible "touch-back" provision. **5.** Once 1-4 are enacted, then E-Verify.

Carbon Sequestration

Pursue climate policies that reflect the climate benefits of the nursery industry while protecting operations from adverse regulations and higher prices.

Farm Bill

- **Collaborate** with AmericanHort, nursery and greenhouse associations, and Oregon agriculture for a sensible approach to the five-year funding plan through the Farm Bill.
- **Areas of focus:**
 - **Horticulture Title:** Continued support for the specialty crop industry, including USDA Block Grants to the State of Oregon, and pest and disease prevention.
 - **Conservation Title:** Reimagine the conservation title to bring infrastructure funding for water storage and efficiency, and climate sequestration acknowledgment to the nursery and greenhouse industry.
 - **Research Title:** Greater emphasis on joint efforts between industry and land grant universities.
 - **Disaster eligibility:** The current farm bill does not work well with specialty crop growers and the disaster relief funds are substandard in reach and funding. Whole farm insurance has worked for monocrops but not the diverse multi-year crops such as the nursery and greenhouse industry. **Fixing this problem is critical and the OAN will work on this issue as a stand-alone effort.**

Japanese Beetle

Seek \$10 million in federal funding for Oregon Department of Agriculture's Japanese Beetle Program as a stop gap while a funding solution is found.

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