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What a difference a year can make.

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In ranching, it is common to hear yourself or others say, "next year." Next year, the weather will be better, or calf prices will be higher, or the hay crop will be a bumper crop, etc. I find myself saying that quite often. We are naturally an optimistic bunch. Last year at this time, we were embroiled in historic wildfires. By this time last year, over 1.5 million acres in Oregon had burned. At one time, the central Oregon fire, the Cram fire, was the largest in the nation at over 95,000 acres. At this point, there are twenty-four active fires in Oregon totaling roughly 2700 acres—a stark difference from last year.

In 2024, over 1.2 million head of cattle were imported from our southern neighbor, Mexico. The border has been closed off and on all year and is currently closed. The reason is the detection of the New World Screw worm in the Mexican state of Veracruz, just 370 miles from our southern border. The closure of the border has meant, to date, a deficit of over 700,000 feeder cattle into our southern feedlots. This has been a driving factor in our feeder cattle, calf, and fat market prices, driving them to an all-time high. A few days ago, I had a call with our Oregon state Veterinarian, Dr. Ryan Schultz, specifically on the issue of New World Screw Worm. He assured me that his team monitors the situation and has protocols in place if the pest is found here. Because of our climate, the chances of an outbreak here are slim. Last year at this time, most of us hadn't even heard of this pest because it had been eradicated in the United States decades ago.

This year, we have a new administration that is focused on trade. Tariffs have been placed on imports from countries that trade with us, some on an equivalent basis, some not. Fair trade does not mean free trade anymore. These new trade negotiations have opened doors to our beef industry. Europe, Great Britain, and especially Australia will increase purchases of American beef. Australia for over 2 decades has kept our beef out of their country based on phony science. When the Trump administration placed tariffs on their beef entering the US, coincidentally, our beef, the safest in the world, now passes their scientific safety standards. Many other countries will soon be importing more US beef. This is a huge and important step for our

industry. More foreign demand, coupled with strong domestic demand, means a stable, strong market for our beef business.

The new Secretary of Agriculture, Brooke Rollins, is reforming the USDA, outlining a comprehensive reorganization plan across the Department aimed at streamlining operations, reducing bureaucratic layers, and aligning the workforce and resources with long-term financial realities. Changes are in the works in all USDA agencies. She has announced a plan to relocate resources out of Washington, DC, and into five regional hubs throughout the US, in an effort to bring resources and decisions closer to the people and communities that they affect. Local decisions made by local people just make good sense. Just recently, the Secretary rescinded the US Forest Service's controversial roadless rule. Since 2001, the Roadless Rule has created barriers to effective fire and fuels management, and has limited the agency's ability to effectively promote timber harvest and grazing management across vast swaths of the West. The Roadless Rule impacts nearly 30% of all forest lands. The rule has restricted road development in all western states over the last 25 years. Rescinding this has been long overdue. This recession will give local forest supervisors the needed tools to properly manage the land in their care.

Another big win for our industry this year was the passage of "the Big Beautiful Bill." The bill gives ranchers economic stability in the tax code and, most importantly, the Farm bill provisions. We have been advocating for over a year that Congress pass a farm bill. Deadlines came and went, and no farm bill. Most everything OCA and NCBA have been advocating for in a farm bill was written into the "Big Beautiful Bill," which was signed into law on July 4th.

It has been a busy year, nationally and here at home. In just a few days, on September 18, we will hold our Fall quarterly meeting and PAC event fundraiser in Prineville, just as we did a year ago. Please plan to attend and support this important event. The money raised at this event helps us support the candidates that support our industry who will be running for office in "next year's" elections. It is a great time to be in the business of beef! Next year may even be better! •

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From the desk of your Executive Director

Tammy Dennee, CMP, CAE | 541-980-6887 OCA Executive Director

It feels like a blink since my last article. So much has happened, and we continue to focus on what's in front of us, like the upcoming CattlePAC Fundraiser, creating the budget for 2026, interviews with interested ranchers who wish to serve as leaders of OCA, and hiring a new Member Services Manager. You will recognize our new staff, Juliana "Jem" Connelly, when you see her at an event, as she has interned for OCA on several occasions. I am pleased to welcome Jem to our small but mighty team. She aspires to become a veterinarian and is awaiting acceptance to vet school. Her time with OCA may be just over a year or slightly longer. However long, it is wonderful to have a team member who has some basic familiarity with OCA. I hope you will help make her feel welcome when you see her at the PAC event and Convention.

By the time this edition of the magazine lands in your mailbox, the slate of nominees for the open officer (President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Treasurer) and board seats (District I and VII) will be finalized and on its way to the Board of Directors at the Fall meeting in Prineville on September 18. We will publish the complete slate adopted by the Board with their bios and photos for your awareness in both the October and November issues of the magazine. You will have an opportunity to offer nominations from the floor on December 4 and cast your ballot on Saturday, December 6, at the Convention in Pendleton. This will be your opportunity to actively



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engage in selecting the leadership of the Association. We do look forward to welcoming you to Convention this year.

I sure hope you don't miss the opportunity to participate in the CattlePAC event hosted at the Malott Ranch in Powell Butte on September 18. We have some fabulous auction items and a terrific auctioneer - Jake Seavert. We can not thank the Malott family enough for their generous support of this event, which is in coordination with their annual Central Oregon Ranch Supply customer days. You definitely don't want to miss out. All of the proceeds from the event will support state legislative candidates in open races and re-election campaigns. The ballot initiative efforts to make raising livestock illegal are raising their head, and we will need cash resources available to mount a meaningful public awareness campaign. Thank you in advance for your support. Donations can be made to the CattlePAC fund by visiting the OCA website, www.orcattle.com if you can not attend on September 18.

Another shout-out to our partners, the Oregon CattleWomen, who are organizing the Dessert Auction for the CattlePAC event. Special thanks to these ladies who make the best desserts and offer them to the highest bidder.

We are preparing for the Special Legislative Session and seeking updates from legislative leadership. We understand that an increase in fuel taxes and vehicle registrations is a burden you are unlikely to embrace with enthusiasm. Stay tuned. I do encourage you to engage your local legislators when they are home and in the district. Take them to coffee and get to know them. They do need to hear from their constituents directly. Your voice does matter.

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Summer Legislative Updates

Rocky DallumPolitical Advocate

As far as Legislative business is concerned, the summer of 2025 has been a busy one. Only hours after the 2025 session adjourned, the Governor turned her attention to convening a special session, officially announcing her intentions in mid-July for a Labor Day weekend, transportation-focused session. For those policymakers deeply engaged in health care, they are already talking about the significant funding changes to social service and health care programs, primarily Medicaid, on the heels of HR 1, or Congress's "Big Beautiful Bill Act." Meanwhile, the Governor signed several bills that OCA supported, and used one of her rare vetoes on the expansion of preg-checking.

As noted last month, the 2025 Legislative Session ended with the failure of several transportation funding proposals. Proponents cited the desperate need to stave off cuts to ODOT staff and maintain current service, while the opponents' concerns were wide-ranging: tax increases, lack of ODOT accountability measures, failure to provide revenue sharing to local governments, and disproportionate burden on trucks and freight.

In mid-July (after rescinding the announcement of cuts to ODOT staff around the state), Governor Kotek called for a special session on August 29th. Her renewed proposal included allocation splits for local governments, increases in gas and payroll taxes, and vehicle registration fees. While this edition of Cattleman magazine went to print before the Labor Day weekend, most political insiders (legislators, lobbyists, advocates) anticipate the special session will go forward, and that the proposal will likely pass, albeit with all Democrats voting "yes" and any Republicans present voting "no." Those same insiders presume that no other issues will be tackled other than the transportation package. As a disclaimer, it's impossible to say prior to publication how the special session might unfold.

Also weighing heavily on legislators' minds (and upcoming agendas) is the pending cuts to a number of programs bolstered by federal funding, from SNAP (food stamp) benefits to Medicaid. Through HR 1, also known as the "Big Beautiful Bill Act", Congress

approved significant changes to the funding and eligibility requirements for a variety of programs administered by the state. Oregon's Department of Administrative Services estimates the changes could mean up to \$15 billion in cuts to Oregon programs. Further, Oregon is one of the country's most Medicaid dependent states and therefore most vulnerable to these pending changes. While not on the docket for the special session, these changes likely will dominate Legislative discussions throughout the fall and into the 2026 session.

With the adjournment of the 2025 Legislative Session in June, we had a pretty good sense of some of OCA's legislative victories. Still, they weren't official until later in the summer when the Governor signed them. Among these wins were the enrollment of SB 777, which changes the formula for county wolf compensation and depredation grants, the wildfire funding package with landowner rate relief in HB 3940, as well as HB 5006, which included funding for programs such as the wolf compensation fund, wildfire, and the AgriStress Helpline. All critical for our industry, which we are glad will become law.

Perhaps one of the disappointing surprises for producers this summer was Governor Kotek's veto of SB 976, the bill that would allow non-veterinarians to preg-check cattle. Many of you, particularly in the more rural and frontier parts of our state, know how limited vet accessibility is. SB 976, which passed with broad bipartisan support, would have allowed a safe process for these routine procedures. We suspect, based on the opposition, that advocates in the veterinarian space were urging the Governor to veto the bill.

I'm sure next month's issue will offer me an opportunity to report on any inaccuracies or surprises from the special session over Labor Day weekend. We'll also be just a few days out from quarterly Legislative Days, currently slated for the last two days of September. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing friendly faces and experiencing the swell of support for CattlePAC at the dinner in Powell Butte on September 18.



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Brand Inspection Program Round-up

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What a whirlwind of twists and turns, so much so that any article written over the last seven months would have been outdated by press time. Here I'm sharing the floor; it appears to be on for at least the rest of 2025.

You have seen press releases from the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) in the OCA Friday Post. After a brand advisory board meeting this morning (8/13) with ODA, here are the things set in statute, set in motion, and outward-looking. The one thing set in statute is that the per-head fee at inspection time is \$1.75. Other fee changes adopted in statute were that the brand renewal fee was doubled and capped at \$200 every four years; currently, it is \$100 and is proposed to go to the cap by ODA in an administrative rule this early winter. Also, the recording fee would go up similarly. Another proposed rule would take the hide inspection per head fee to \$2, from the current \$1.50. These proposed rules and fee increases are expected to bring in enough revenue to make the program operate in the black and work toward paying the cash deficit of several hundred thousand dollars at this time. However, it is not the long-term cure-all. We as an industry may have to remake the inspection system potentially.

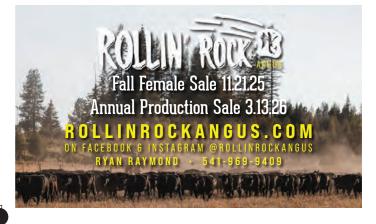
It is worth noting that we have all seen significant increases in operating costs, and competitive employee wages have soared over the last few years, and while slowed recently, it is still a major factor.

ODA and all sectors are seeing that pressure. As an example in the brand program, going back 30 years ago, almost every inspector I hired did not depend on the inspections or work to sustain their household; it was a supplemental income to their livestock operation in most cases. Today, it's so much more of a primary income and therefore more hours are needed, and hourly wages need to be so high to be competitive.

Good-quality, experienced employees are the backbone of this program. If the program is going to be sustained and worth the cost to operate, it had better be quality. In other words, if the inspector isn't qualified or experienced enough to pull those estray cattle out of a shipment at the time of inspection, the program has failed, not in function or intent, but in the most critical part: can they protect your interests? In my opinion, if we start and keep quality inspectors, we can adapt the program to fill the industry needs as we go here, and fund it adequately to operate, we all win, and it's all an asset.

With that said, the program will be analyzed by the legislature this fall for efficiency and effectiveness, in comparison to what other states are doing and how they operate. This is a requirement put in place as part of the legislation passed to increase these fees. SB1019 was the bill that passed, and it was modified by interested parties many times throughout the session; in fact, it was created to replace the original House bill that OCA asked to be considered.

A major component of these discussions over the last few years has been who is driving the bus, ODA or all the different segments of the cattle industry as a whole? OCA proposed it about three years ago. It was prepared to introduce legislation to create a "board" that had rulemaking authority to make decisions on behalf of the industry. ODA committed to creating an advisory board that was "official" by administrative rule, with enhanced program guiding authority to ODA, more than just advisory. That proposal is coming out of ODA soon for industry input, prior to going to rulemaking, keep an eye out for that and stay involved, it's our program!! Respectfully.



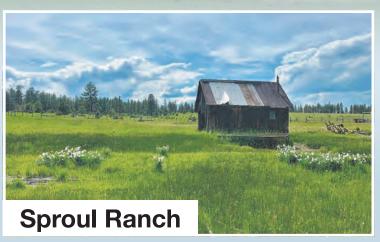


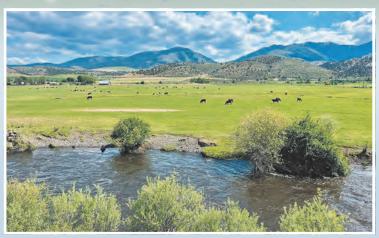


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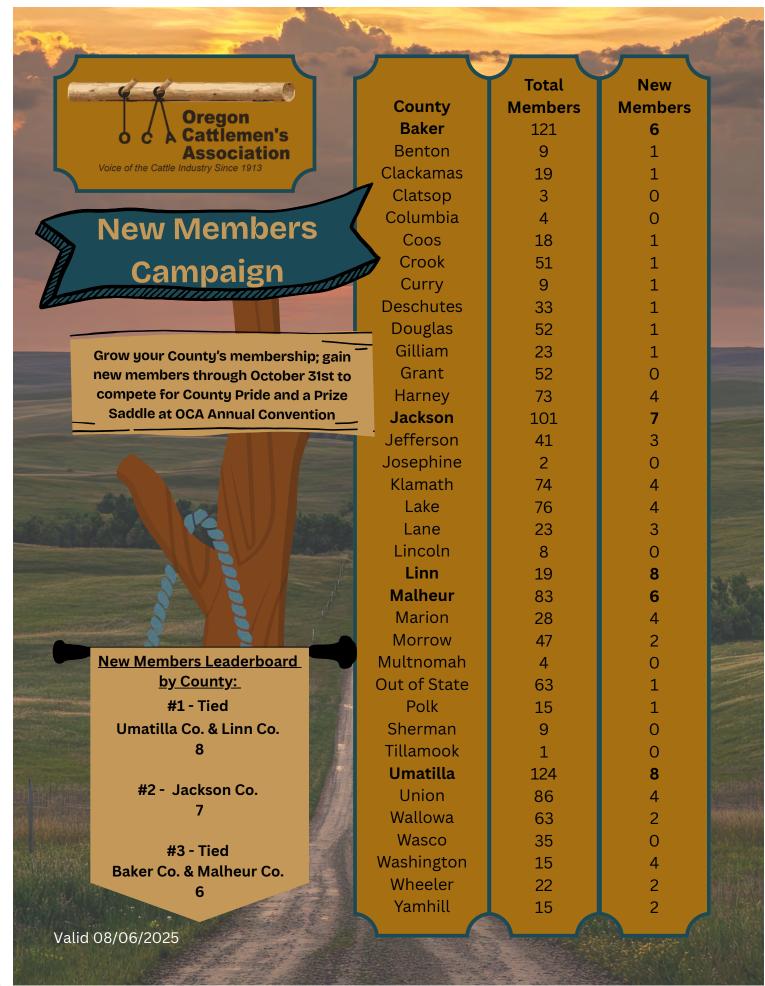
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Charting a path to addressing Oregon's water challenges





It was a busy legislative session and spring, and I appreciate the invitation to share with you the work the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) is focused on.

Simply put, today's water challenges require us to think differently and act urgently. We all need cold, clean, and abundant water – our communities, economy, and ecosystems all rely on it. The need for action is apparent, and we're charting a path that we believe will result in meaningful progress. There are a lot of large projects in play at OWRD, and we welcome you to come along with us as we work to improve our customer service, boost our data collection efforts, and meet the moment in front of us.

Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS): With water becoming scarcer, the 2025 draft IWRS sets clear priorities:

- Act with urgency to protect in-stream and out-of-stream uses
- Assist the state and communities to prepare for water scarcity
- Adapt to water scarcity by stretching our water supplies

The IWRS has strategies to better understand how much water is available, where water quality may be an issue, and how much is needed to meet in-stream and out-of-stream needs. These data points are critical for making recommendations that consider today's realities and what we can expect in the future. The Water Resources Commission is set to vote on the IWRS in September.

The agency's draft Strategic and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEIJ) Plan (2025-2030) takes IWRS concepts and turns them into goals for near-term improvement. This includes updating water laws and improving permitting processes, increasing permit condition compliance, and improving customer service outcomes. Importantly, it also focuses on streamlining our operations within the resources we have today, focusing on modernizing our information technology and water data systems. We are presenting the plan to the Commission in September

and aim to finalize it by the end of September.

Malheur Lake Basin (Harney) Rulemaking – Division 512: Following a basin study,

place-based planning effort, groundwater study advisory committee, and a number of water-related collaboratives in the Harney Basin, we have been working to update rules on groundwater use in the basin. Over-allocation of the aquifer system since the 1990s has caused groundwater level declines across much of the basin. The goal of the rules will be to stabilize groundwater levels through a combination of tools and data monitoring.

These proposed rules should reduce and eventually stabilize groundwater levels over time. We appreciate the engagement and interest from residents who participated in the public comment period, which closed August 13.

OWRD staff will present these rules to the Commission for consideration and adoption at the December 11-12 Commission meeting.

Process improvement and 2025 bill implementation rulemaking

Several significant statutory updates (House Bills 3342 and 3544) occurred during the 2025 legislative session, with the primary goal of making the water right and transfer application and contested case processes more efficient, transparent, and cost-effective. OWRD will be updating around 20 rule divisions to align with the 2025 legislation and pursue other process and policy improvements.

This is a big lift both for the agency and the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) that will be helping us, but these improvements are key to getting results we all want: improved customer service, reducing application wait times and ensuring consistent reviews. OCA has been invited to participate on the RAC. Meetings start this fall and are aiming for rule consideration and adoption by the Commission in February 2026.

OWRD is also doing what we can to speed up processing times through changes that don't require

rule updates. We are engaging with a contractor to evaluate our transfer processes and provide recommendations rooted in efficiency. This work will be ongoing for several months.

Static Water Level Permit Condition **Reporting:** Many water right permits have a condition requiring annual reporting of static water levels. This is essentially a professional measurement of groundwater levels each year in early spring. These measurements track groundwater trends over time. This information helps the agency make informed decisions about future groundwater allocations and maintain stable groundwater levels. This fall, we're intending to send notices to permit holders who did not comply during Spring 2025, and will also continue educational efforts on the importance of these measurements and how to comply with permit requirements. We would appreciate OCA's help in getting the information out to groundwater users as soon as possible.

On our website at owrd.info/staticwaterlevel, you can check whether your water right has this condition, get information on how to find someone qualified to take the measurements, and how to report them to the Department. If you have questions, please reach out to your local

As you can see, we have a lot of projects happening here at the Department. Some of these will involve reaching out to water users via mail. Please take the time to open any mail from the Department and carefully read it, and let us know if you have any questions. We value our partnership with OCA and welcome the opportunity to provide an update later this fall. We will also be at OCA's annual convention in Pendleton, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Ivan Gall is the Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department, leading a dedicated team addressing the complex challenges to Oregon's water supplies through responsible allocation, conservation, and protection. With more than 30 years of experience in water science, policy and administration, Ivan brings deep expertise and a strong commitment to sustainable water management.

Prior to joining OWRD, Ivan was an environmental consultant for 5 years in Florida and Oregon. He holds a master's degree in hydrogeology from Wright State University and a bachelor's degree in geology from Southern Oregon University.

As Ivan and his team finalize and implement the Integrated Water Resources Strategy and OWRD's strategic plan, priorities at the top of the list include process improvements with water right transactions, updating key rules, and growing into existing authorities in a strategic manner. •





Kelly Birkmaier OCA PLC Committee Co-Chair

The summer has flown by, and as usual, I am looking at the calendar, wondering where time went, and how I am going to get the list of tasks on the "post-its" scattered all over my desk completed before the weather turns. The tasks in front of me feel like a drop in the bucket compared to the long list of undertakings occurring rapidly in Washington, DC with the new administration. As you are aware, there have been many changes or proposed changes that relate to cattlemen and their interaction with federally owned lands. These changes are numerous and affect everything from policy to agency organization to NEPA. If you are interested in learning more about what is happening on the national level, please go to the publiclandscouncil.org website and sign up for updates.

On a more local level, there are some occurrences within the Forest Service that I thought might be of interest. First off, there is going to be a reorganization where the Forest Service is phasing out the nine Regional Offices. However, there is still going to be an emphasis on Forest Service employees working locally. PLC is working with the administration to ensure that livestock producers will still have the tools needed to continue livestock grazing.

The Forest Service released the Preliminary Draft Proposed Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land Management Plans (Blue Mountain Plan). The Notice of Intent (NOI), for this plan was signed on August 5, 2025. We have 60 days to comment on the plan, with comments due by October 3, 2025. Speaking of lists, I do already have a list of comments for the plan but would love to also hear from you. The plan is located at https://www. fs.usda.gov/r06/umatilla/planning/blue-mountains-forest-plan-revision. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. One interesting note is that the proposed roadless areas within this plan are now off the table with the rescinded roadless rule.

Good luck to all of you completing your list of tasks! Now that the Wallowa County Fair is over, I am off to conquer the next thing on my list.



Clean water. Healthy cattle. Better profits.

Ryan Beyer | 503-877-0773Water Quality Program Compliance Leader, ODA

Clean, fresh water is one of the most underrated contributors to herd health and productivity. Across Oregon, ranchers invest in genetics, pasture rotations, and nutrition plans, yet the quality of the stock water often gets overlooked.

Research and experience show a clear link. When livestock have access to clean, cool water, they gain more weight, face fewer health issues, and bring in more profit. It's one of the simplest ways to boost your bottom line, and it might be the cheapest.

Why Water Quality Matters

In unmanaged watering areas, cattle may consume sediment, manure, bacteria, and algae with every drink. This can introduce harmful pathogens, reduce feed efficiency, and increase disease risk. Standing in wet muddy areas also increases exposure to parasites like liver flukes and foot rot.

Poor water quality affects how much and how often cattle drink. And that impacts how much they eat, how fast they grow, and how well they convert feed into weight.

The Performance Payoff

Multiple studies have shown that cattle with access to clean, off-stream water sources gain weight more efficiently. In some cases, steers gained up to 23% more than those drinking from a stream.

Healthy water helps digestion, encourages intake, reduces stress, and supports reproduction. Ranchers who invest in clean water infrastructure often see fewer vet visits, better condition scores, and improved animal welfare.

Simple Practices That Make a Difference

Here are a few proven strategies producers are using to provide better drinking water:

- Off-stream watering systems: Gravity-fed tanks, nose pumps, solar pumps, or float-controlled troughs all help limit exposure to pollutants found in ditches, streams, and creeks.
- Hardened access points: If stream access is necessary, use narrow, reinforced water gaps to minimize muddy conditions and reduce the

- amount of sediment and manure mixing with drinking water.
- Rotational grazing: Avoid letting cattle loaf in one area too long. Rest periods help vegetation recover and prevent streambank damage.
- Tank maintenance: Keep water troughs clean.
 Even good systems fail if the tank becomes contaminated.
- Robust Riparian Areas: Healthy functioning riparian areas with woody vegetation help shade the stream to reduce temperatures. Groundcover vegetation also stabilizes sediment and reduces muddy conditions.

Small investments in water infrastructure can lead to big returns in animal health, pasture resilience, and peace of mind.

Clean Water Pays

Water isn't just a resource; it's essential to the success of your operation. The cleaner the water, the healthier the cattle, and the higher the payout. By keeping drinking water clean and accessible, you're investing in the health of your herd, the efficiency and resiliency of your land, and the strength of your bottom line.

Need assistance improving your watering infrastructure? Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District, Watershed Council, NRCS field office, or the ODA Water Quality Program. Funding and technical support may be available to help you build or improve your water system. Cleaner water. Healthier cattle. Better profits.

Ryan grew up in the mid-Willamette Valley, spending summers picking berries, shearing Christmas trees, moving irrigation pipe, and swimming in creeks. Those early experiences taught him the value of hard work, the importance of Oregon agriculture, and the need to keep our water clean. Today, as Compliance Leader in the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Water Quality Program, he works with producers across the state to protect our most vital resource, water, while helping farming and ranching operations remain strong and resilient.

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2:00 pm Exhibit Hall Opens

3:15 pm Coffee with Exhibitors

5:00 pm Exhibit Hall Opens

5:30 pm Social and Reception

6:30 pm Dinner and Speaker

8:00 pm Entertainment

Wednesday, December 3rd

5:00 -7:00 pm Exhibitor set up

Friday, December 5th

8:00 am Coffee with Exhibitors

8:30 -9:30 am General Session

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12:30 pm Lunch with Exhibitors/Exhibit

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3:15 -4:00 pm Refreshments with Exhibitors

5:00 -6:30 pm Social & Reception

6:30 -8:30 pm Dinner *

8:30 -9:30 pm Entertainment

Saturday, December 6th

8:00 am Coffee and Snacks

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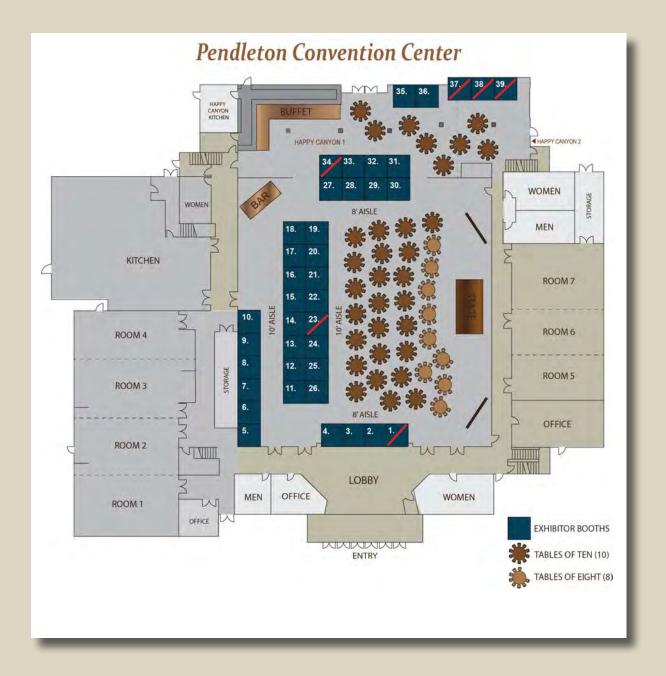
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Tax provisions in the 'Big Beautiful Bill' signed into law, giving permanent tax relief to ranchers.

An update from NCBA's Center for Public Policy



In July, both the House and Senate passed the "One Big Beautiful Bill" (OBBB) after several marathon voting sessions, and President Trump swiftly signed the bill into law on July 4.



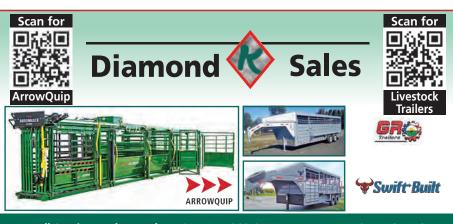
The legislation included important cattle health provisions that will help U.S. cattle producers protect their herds and a robust tax package that enables producers to pass on their operations to the next generation. The tax package increased the Death Tax exemption to \$15 million per individual or \$30 million per couple, adjusted annually for inflation. This means if the value of your farm or ranch plus equipment, cattle, and other assets is less than \$15 million individually or \$30 million as a couple, you will pay no Death Tax. The tax package also protected the step-up in basis.

When NCBA worked with Congress and the first Trump administration to pass the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), many of the key tax provisions were to expire at the end of 2025. That meant right after TCJA passed, NCBA's Government Affairs team immediately began advocating to renew these provisions and

make them more permanent to bring certainty to producers. This multi-year process included meeting with lawmakers and key committee leadership, building coalitions with other agriculture and Mainstreet trade associations, as well as surveying producers on how they are using these tax laws and what they would like to see in the next bill.

Producers will remember NCBA's Tax Survey from last year, which showed that 33% of respondents paid the death tax, some paying it more than once, and that if Congress failed to renew the Death Tax exemption, over 60% of survey respondents would have been negatively impacted. In the lead-up to final passage, NCBA and producers across the country helped to rally support for the bill by sharing stories on how detrimental the Death Tax can be to family farms and ranches. The tax survey, coupled with these stories shared on social media, gave Congressional leaders powerful ammunition to push back against misguided opposition to this bill. The key provisions secured in the bill will:

- Reimburse cattle producers for loss due to depredation by federally protected predators.
- Expand access to the livestock forage disaster program for producers experiencing drought.
- Continue to fund the feral swine eradication program.



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- Bolster the "three-legged stool" protecting the cattle industry from foreign animal disease, including the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP), the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), and the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank (NAVVCB). The NAVVCB currently houses emergency supplies for responding to a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak.
- Increase the Death Tax exemption to \$15 million per individual and \$30 million per couple, adjusted for inflation annually. The package also makes this exemption permanent.
- Preserve the stepped-up basis.
- Permanently increase the Section 199A Small Business deduction at 20%.
- Expand the Section 179 expensing limit from \$1 million to \$2.5 million.
- Restore 100% bonus depreciation permanently.
- Extend the Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023.

NCBA supported this legislation since day one and commends President Trump and leaders in Congress who were instrumental in getting this bill across the finish line, greatly benefitting U.S. cattle producers. Moving forward, the fight is still not over, and there is more work to do to protect the U.S. cattle industry for generations to come. NCBA still supports fully eliminating the Death Tax, but until then, this increased threshold and all the other listed provisions represent a huge victory and will protect more family cattle operations than ever before. •

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Combatting New World Screwworm

An update from NCBA's Center for Public Policy



Nearly 60 years after New World screwworm (NWS) was eradicated from the United States, this pest is once again an animal health threat to American cattle producers. For months, NCBA has been collaborating closely with its state partners and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to protect the nation's cow herd, but the situation remains far from resolved.

Screwworm status in the United States

Currently, no cases have been detected in the United States. The northernmost cases in Mexico are roughly 370 miles south of

the border. Mexico is dealing with roughly 3,800 cases total, mostly in cattle, but also some equines, dogs, and humans. The outbreak in Mexico is a continuation of the spike in cases that began in Panama in 2023 and quickly spread through the rest of Central America. Screwworm was endemic in the United States from the 1930s to the 1960s. After decades of work by producers and APHIS, it was officially declared eradicated from the U.S. in 1966. In total, from the 1930s to the 1960s, the effort to eradicate screwworm in the United States cost more than \$52 million. Adjusted to today's value, that's closer to \$675 million. In 1996 (around the time sterile insect efforts began in Panama), screwworm eradication was estimated to save American producers \$796 million a year.

NEW WORLD SCREWWORM FACTS



What is New World Screwworm?

- New World Screwworm (NWS) is a devastating pest of livestock and other mammals. Screwworms are a fly larvae, or maggots, that burrow into the flesh of living animals causing serious, and even deadly, damage to the animal.
- For USDA updates, visit: <u>www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/cattle/ticks/screwworm</u>

Why are we worried about New World Screwworm today?

NWS is endemic in Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and countries in South America, with cases spreading north to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala. Belize. El Salvador and Mexico.¹

- Although the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) eradicated NWS from the United States in 1966 using sterile insect technique, there is a constant risk of re-introduction into the United States.¹
- Since 2006, the United States and Panama have maintained a barrier zone in eastern Panama.²
 - This barrier zone prevents NWS from moving north from South America to screwworm-free areas in Central and North America.²
- In 2023, APHIS confirmed an unprecedented number of NWS cases in Panama.²
 - Since then, cases have been detected in every Central American country and Mexico.²
- NWS can threaten the livelihood of livestock producers.²
 - It can cause millions of dollars' worth of production losses and economic damage.²
 - Screwworm also pose a threat to humans in infested areas.²
- During the 20th century, the presence of NWS cost the U.S. livestock industry more than \$100 million annually.³

- Another incursion into the United States could cost millions of dollars from livestock losses, trade embargoes and eradication work.⁴
- Pets, livestock, wildlife and even humans may suffer and die from screwworm mylasis.⁴

What to look for?

- Look for the following signs in livestock or any warm-blooded animals²:
 - Irritated behavior
 - Head shaking
 - The smell of decay
 - Presence of maggots in a wound (see images on next page)
- Egg masses may be around or in the wound; larvae may be visible by the third day of infestation.⁴
- Because they feed on live flesh, NWS maggots may burrow deep into wounds or openings, while other species of maggots may appear around the outer surface of the wound.⁴
- Screwworm infestations are very painful. Animals may become depressed, stop eating and separate themselves from other animals or people.⁴

USDA's Response

USDA's strategy to combat NWS centers on stopping its spread in Mexico, improving early detection of infected animals before they reach our border, strengthening U.S. disease response plans and treatment tools, boosting sterile fly production, and advancing research and producer education. USDA has

also begun converting a facility at Moore Air Base in Texas so we can better disperse sterile flies in northern Mexico (and U.S. border states, if necessary). That facility will not produce sterile insects yet, so the flies will still be coming from Panama. Although all these steps are helpful, we urgently need a sterile fly production facility in the United States.

NCBA's Work

NCBA has remained in constant contact with USDA-APHIS staff on this issue since cases started gaining momentum in Central America in October, while educating and advocating on Capitol Hill. Securing \$300 million to build or convert a U.S.-based sterile fly production facility remains a top priority. NCBA is actively pursuing every avenue to obtain this funding, so we have a sufficient supply of sterile flies to combat the pest.

Treatment Options

If NWS is suspected, a veterinarian should be consulted for treatment of affected animals. Currently, there are no animal drugs approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) for the treatment or prevention of NWS myiasis in animals. CVM is working with drug sponsors, federal and state partners, and international regulators to understand options for U.S. veterinarians to treat NWS effectively and safely. Veterinarians may prescribe the use of FDA-approved products for uses that are not on the label, in accordance with the existing regulations, with a valid veterinary/client/ patient relationship. NCBA has also been working to reduce hurdles at USDA, EPA, and FDA that could slow down new drug approvals or indications for screwworm.

For guidance on how to prevent and treat a potential NWS infestation, refer to www.aphis. usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/cattle/ticks/screwworm for official resources.

How to Prepare

As pupae, NWS cannot survive soil temperatures that are consistently below 46 degrees. For perspective, last year soil temperatures stayed above 46 degrees from mid-April to late-October in Pullman, Washington: Grand Island. Nebraska; Minot, North Dakota; and Brookville, Pennsylvania. From spring to the early fall, there was almost no part of the United States that was completely inhospitable to this pest – that means all American producers need to be prepared and stay vigilant for screwworm. When screwworm was endemic in the United States, the response for farmers and ranchers was

time and labor-intensive. Start planning now, especially if you are in a border state, on how you will effectively monitor your herd for signs of screwworm. Familiarize yourself with the signs of a screwworm infection and talk to your vet about treatment options. Closely watch your state animal health offices and departments of agriculture for information on any emergency response plans they might be updating. If you suspect a screwworm case, report it to your state veterinarian for proper testing and confirmation. Sharing unverified information online can cause unnecessary alarm and negatively impact the livestock industry. Accurate reporting helps protect both animal health and our agricultural community.

Additional information and resources are also available at ncba.org. •

NEW WORLD SCREWWORM FACTS

What do I do if I suspect an animal has New World Screwworm?

 Immediately report any suspicious wounds, maggots or infestations to a local accredited veterinarian, your State Animal Health Official or USDA

> (www.aphis.usda. gov/contact/animalhealth).⁴

What if there's an infestation in my area?

- In areas where NWS is found, measures should be implemented to prevent animal wounds and avoid NWS myiasis.⁵
 - For example, to the extent possible, eliminate or delay performing wounding procedures such as dehorning, branding, shearing, ear notching, tail docking and castration.⁵
 - Untreated umbilical cords of newborn animals and foot lesions are commonly infested sites.
 Immediately treat all wounds with approved insecticides; it may also be prudent to follow up with precautionary spraying of animals with insecticide before transport.⁵

Could a New World Screwworm infestation lead to quarantines or stop movement orders?

- According to the USDA NWS Disease Response Strategy, quarantines and movement controls will be a primary strategy of NWS response efforts.⁵
- USDA may impose a federal area quarantine and restrict interstate commerce from the infested states, asking the states (or adjoining countries) to provide resources to maintain and enforce the quarantine.⁵
 - State quarantines may be placed on individual infested animals or premises with infested animals.⁵
 - Of most importance is the control of livestock movement within and out of an infested area, using a system that requires inspection for wounds and myiasis. This may include permit requests for permitted movement.⁵
- All decisions in regard to quarantine and movement control will be based on sciencebased assessments of the current extent of NWS infestation, risk of spread and the interaction of other factors, such as seasonal climate and weather conditions.⁵

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Expanding sports marketing for Beef.

Will Wise

CEO, Oregon Beef Council



Are you a baseball fan? Is baseball a sport in which we should be doing Beef. It's What's For Dinner (BIWFD) advertising and promotion for beef?

The BIWFD team at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) in Denver manages some excellent sports marketing programs for beef promotions. They have been diversifying. I think it's great and would be curious to know if you agree.

Often, I will tell interested groups that we are fortunate to have the Beef, It's What's For Dinner tag line. Research shows that about 88% of Americans are familiar with this promotional phrase.

In 1992, the NCBA launched one of the most successful ad campaigns in history. Now, demand for the beef we produce is near record highs, and nearly 9 out of 10 Americans eat beef. The average American will eat 58 pounds of it this year. As you may know, this has not always been the case.

Sports advertising and promotion campaigns have a proven track record of increasing demand for beef sales in Oregon. Traditionally, the football tailgating season is a white-hot promotional period that represents a time of the year when advertising beef cuts for grilling and tying this to tailgating produces proven results. A friend of mine who was the Marketing Director for Reser's Fine Foods showed me how he measured sales during the fall tailgating season for things like grill sales, and those for steaks, burgers, and other beef cuts, and how that impacted their sales of items like macaroni and potato salads. It was impressive. There were so many media items about tailgating, grilling, and football that I wasn't aware of, and I became a true believer in promoting beef in conjunction with this autumn theme.

However, I have also seen some other sports promotional activities that I understand produce excellent results. Sports is a media giant in America right now. Have you noticed that if you look at Amazon, Apple TV+, and other streaming services, they are working hard on getting more broadcasting rights to mainstream sports on their platforms? Football is king in the media world in 2025, but baseball is also a leading area.





There is BIWFD promotional work being done with Major League Baseball (MLB). If you watched a Seattle Mariners game this summer, you may have noticed a Beef It's What's For Dinner logo over the window graphic that has the inning, score, and other data. It isn't big, and it only lasts a short time when it is shown. I don't know that exact cost per ad, but I bet it is not cheap. However, I personally think that the placement of BIWFD advertising in MLB games will pay off.

The Washington State Beef Commission Executive Director, Jackie Madill, came to an Oregon Beef Council meeting recently and talked about their program to promote beef with the Seattle Kraken, a National Hockey League team. Like us, they also found that sports marketing was valuable and were looking for cost-effective major-league opportunities. Their results have been excellent.

Here is another baseball item that I saw in an NCBA announcement that I thought you may find interesting. It took place in conjunction with the Little League World Series:

The Little League Baseball World Series started last week! On Monday, August 11, Beef. It's What's For Dinner. hosted all twenty teams for a Welcome Dinner where teams will chow down on burgers, all-beef hot dogs, and smoked tri-tip as they fuel

up for their upcoming games. ESPN coverage of the Welcome Dinner took place on the opening day of games on Wednesday, August 13, during the 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. game broadcasts.

On Tuesday, August 12, Chef Josh Capon helped consumers across the country fuel up at home in a live Satellite Media Tour from the Little League Complex.

There was a Little League and BIWFD Big Grill Giveaway and the NCBA provided a Little League Promotional Toolkit for use with social media.

Look for more sports marketing for beef going forward. The Oregon Beef Council will sponsor the Tailgater of the Game that you can see on the big screen in the stadium at all home Oregon State University football games this year. In addition, Beaver radio broadcasts for football, basketball and baseball will feature BIWFD radio spots featuring Oregon beef.

We hope you hear some of these spots or see some of these promotions for beef this tailgating season. I think you will agree that expanding our sports marketing footprint throughout the year will also provide benefits in boosting demand for Oregon beef producers. And of course, we thank you for your support of the teams, from Little League to the major leagues, that are helping us promote beef. •



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Oregon CattleWomen Announce 2025 Scholarship Recipients

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The Oregon CattleWomen are proud to announce the winners of their three \$1,000 scholarships for 2025. This annual program reflects the organization's commitment to supporting the next generation of agricultural leaders, encouraging academic excellence, and strengthening the future of Oregon's cattle industry.

The OCW scholarship program has been supporting students for decades, with funding made possible through membership dues, fundraising events, and generous donations from individuals who believe in the future of our industry. Over the years, countless students have benefitted from this investment, going on to become ranchers, farmers, veterinarians,

educators, researchers, and advocates who shape the agricultural landscape both in Oregon and beyond.

This year's competition was strong. The committee received 21 high-quality applications from students representing communities across the state. Scholarship Chair, Gabrielle Homer, expressed deep appreciation for the dedication of the selection committee, whose members reviewed, scored, and discussed each application to ensure a

fair and thoughtful process.

Applicants must be graduates of an Oregon high school or hold a GED from Oregon, have at least sophomore standing by the fall term of the application year, and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Eligible fields of study must either be in agriculture or lead to careers that will directly benefit the agricultural industry. Graduate students and previous recipients are encouraged to apply, reflecting OCW's commitment to ongoing support for students advancing in their studies.

For 2025, OCW is pleased to continue supporting two recipients from the 2024 awards, Tayleur Baker and Tegan



Tegan Macy

Macy, and to welcome a new recipient, Kylie Temple. The following biographies were written in their own words, offering a personal glimpse into their backgrounds, accomplishments, and goals.

Tegan Macy

My name is Tegan Macy, and I will be a senior at the University of Idaho in the fall of 2025. I have a major in crop science and a minor in animal science. I have grown up working on my family's farm, Macy Farms, which produces a variety of specialty crops, including seed potatoes, carrot seed, Kentucky bluegrass seed, perennial ryegrass seed, parsley seed, and peppermint for tea

leaves. After graduating with my bachelor's degree, my plan is to return to Macy Farms.

In college, I have been a member of the soil judging team and had the opportunity to compete in seven states, and at the 2025 National Collegiate Soil Judging Competition, where the University of Idaho received 1st place as a team. I am also an Ambassador for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and

served as the treasurer of the Student Idaho Cattle Association last year. During the summers, I work on Macy Farms, where I irrigate, operate equipment, do equipment maintenance jobs, am the farm's main swather operator, and do other miscellaneous tasks.

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Kylie Temple

Kylie Temple

Kylie Temple was raised in Hermiston, OR, and her roots run deep in Eastern Oregon. Her granddad, Mack Temple, raised her dad and his three older brothers growing dryland wheat and ranching cattle between Hermiston and Pendleton. Because of the FFA and the tight agricultural community, Kylie's love for agriculture propelled her to excel

in high school, winning a multitude of competitions within the FFA, such as State Food Science, State Prepared Public Speaking, and State Job Interview. She also placed fourth nationally in the Employment Skills event. In 2022, Kylie served as a Umatilla County Fair Princess, acting as an ambassador for Umatilla's event of the summer. Kylie also served as the 2022-2023 Oregon FFA State Vice President, where she spent a year traveling Oregon advocating for agriculture and leadership. Now, Kylie is an honors student at Kansas State University studying Agriculture Economics and Global Food Systems Leadership. She aims to attend law school after graduation to focus on business succession planning within the agriculture industry.

Tayleur Baker

Tayleur Baker

My name is Tayleur Baker, and I am an uprising junior at Oregon State University, studying speech communication with minors in agricultural science and leadership. I have been involved in the agriculture industry through being a fifth-generation cattle rancher in Burns, Oregon, an active member in 4-H and FFA, and an avid agricultural advocate across the state and

country. It is my hope to continue to be a voice for the agriculture industry and improve the world by standing up for the agriculture community. Thank you for supporting me. I look forward to serving you!

The OCW scholarship program is more than financial assistance. It is an investment in leadership and advocacy for agriculture. By supporting students like Tegan, Kylie, and Tayleur, OCW is helping to ensure that Oregon agriculture is well-represented in years to come.

The Oregon CattleWomen extend heartfelt congratulations to these exceptional recipients and gratitude to all who make the scholarship program possible. As the organization looks to the future, it invites individuals, businesses, and community partners to contribute to the scholarship fund. Donations directly support students who are committed to building careers that benefit Oregon's agricultural industry.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Gabrielle Homer for serving as our Scholarship Chair for the last couple of years. We are excited to welcome Kari Ott as the new Chair. Kari can be contacted at (541) 589-1253 or kott@opgcpa.com. Applications for the 2026 scholarship cycle will open next spring. For more information about eligibility, application deadlines, or how to donate, please visit www.oregoncattlewomen.org/scholarships.

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Meet Oregon Board of Ag Member: Tyrel Kliewer





Tyrel Kliewer, a proud third-generation farmer and rancher from the Klamath Basin, and a passionate part-time brewer, was appointed to the Oregon State Board of Agriculture in June 2024. Governor Tina Kotek and Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson are dedicated to ensuring that the board reflects the diverse interests of agriculture across the state.

Growing up in the Klamath Basin, Kliewer graduated from Henley High School and obtained a degree in animal science from Oregon State University. He returned home with a deep appreciation for the area, celebrating its rich diversity and expressing his pride in being part of this vibrant community. Despite the ongoing challenges of securing water for farming and cattle operations, he firmly believes there is no place he would rather be.

While agriculture has always been his first passion, Kliewer also embraced brewing, turning a hobby into a thriving local brewery that has become an integral part of the community. Alongside his brother Ry, he transformed a 100-year-old milk parlor into

a state-of-the-art brewing facility, complete with fermenters, a walk-in freezer, and a keg-washing station that Ry expertly designed and constructed. Their venture, Skyline Brewing Company, has quickly gained popularity and recognition.

Beyond his commitments in farming and brewing, Kliewer is a dedicated community leader. He actively serves on the board of directors for the Klamath Water Users Association and is a strong supporter of local 4-H and FFA programs. His extensive experience includes roles as a policy field representative, a high school agriculture teacher, and a prominent industry leader, participating on several agricultural boards.

Currently serving a partial term on the board, Kliewer is poised to continue making a difference, with the opportunity to serve at least one additional four-year term. The 12-member board plays a critical role in advising the ODA on policy matters and creating impactful recommendations for the future of agriculture in Oregon •



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For the last 25 years, the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program has helped shape the way cattle are raised in the U.S. by offering science-based best practices for handling, health, recordkeeping, and transportation. Rooted in the principles of animal welfare, food safety, and beef quality, BQA is become the standard for cattle management and care in the US beef industry.

Originally developed in response to consumer concerns and growing demand for transparency in food production, BQA is a voluntary, producer-driven program that demonstrates beef producers' commitment to doing things "the right way." It has helped the industry reduce bruising and residues, improve cattle handling, and strengthen public trust. Today, BQA certification is widely recognized by packers, processors, and retailers as a mark of professionalism and care in beef production.

BQA is more than just a certificate. It's a nationally coordinated, state-implemented program that provides cattle producers with the tools and knowledge to produce beef safely, responsibly, and with animal welfare top of mind. For many cattle producers, it's already an integral part of the operation, and as more buyers across the supply chain prioritize BQA-certified

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To maintain certification through CE, participants must earn three CE credits during the recertification period. That period begins after your original certificate is earned and continues for up to one year after it expires.

Credits can be earned through a growing list of official courses offered online or in person, covering topics such as:

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- Biosecurity (1 credit)
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Beyond staying market-ready, BQA continues to serve as an important framework for demonstrating good stewardship, animal welfare, and consumer confidence. Major beef buyers—including packers, branded programs, and retailers—are increasingly asking for verification that cattle were raised under BQA principles. Plus, it sends a strong message to consumers: beef producers care about doing things right.

New to BQA?

If you've never been certified before, there is a way to get certified in Oregon. You can either take the full training online or





contact the Oregon State BQA Co-Coordinators for BQA trainers in your area who can organize an in-person workshop. Once completed, your certification is good for three years, after which you'll be eligible to maintain it through the CE system.

Whether you're new or renewing, you'll find the process straightforward—and worth your time.

Ready to Get Started?

Navigating the new CE system might seem confusing at first, but you don't have to figure it out alone. As Oregon's BQA State Co-Coordinator, reach out to me or my colleague, Julia Ranches, Extension Beef Specialist. Our goal is to support Oregon's producers and industry professionals in meeting certification goals with minimal hassle and maximum value.

If your certification is nearing expiration, or if you're interested in learning more about BQA for the first time, reach out to me or your local Extension office. We can help you:

- Check your certification status
- Plan a local CE workshop
- Access online training materials
- Answer questions about course options or credit tracking

For more information about the program, visit www.bqa.org or the Beef Learning Center at bqa. beeflearningcenter.org.

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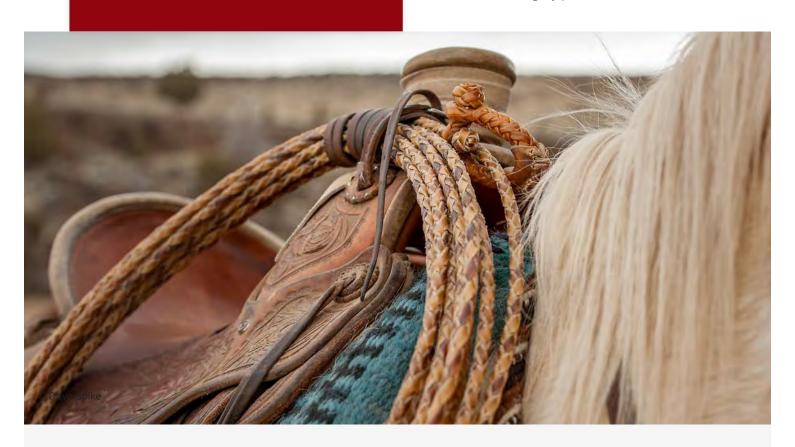
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