

## From the State Executive Director . . .

On behalf of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), welcome to the Oregon State FSA website. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as FSA's State Executive Director in Oregon.

The Oregon Farm Service Agency and it's dedicated staff of more than 120 individuals are committed to serving all Oregon farmers,

ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs. We are here to serve you - to help Oregon farmers and ranchers secure the greatest possible benefit from programs administered by FSA. We accomplish this by providing quality service to Oregon's agricultural community through a broad variety of commodity, loan and loan guarantee, conservation, and disaster relief programs. These programs provide a safety net for Oregon's agricultural producers, and an opportunity for beginning farmers and ranchers. They also provide economic stability for Oregon's rural communities, and help contribute to the State's agricultural economy as a whole.

Oregon's agricultural bounty is rich and vast, and the State is known for its wide variety of top-quality agricultural products. Over 220 commodities are grown in Oregon – more than any State except California. Oregon leads the Nation in the production of hazelnuts, blackberries, loganberries, black raspberries, boysenberries, grass seed, and Christmas trees. FSA is well positioned to help support productive farms and ranches, help provide consumers with a secure and affordable supply of food and fiber, and help conserve our Nation's abundant natural resources and enhance the natural environment.

The Agency has a strong tradition of providing customer-based service to the agricultural community producing this extraordinary bounty. Every day, the professional and dedicated men and women staffing our 25 FSA County Offices work hard to serve the farmers and ranchers of Oregon, and make sure they have the information they need to participate in our Federally funded agricultural programs.

Our FSA County Offices remain the primary contact point for program participation. We encourage you to speak with the FSA staff at your local FSA County office about our programs and how we can be of service to you. Our web site can also help you learn more about FSA programs, the services we provide, and can help you locate your local FSA County Office. Please let us know how we can be of assistance.

Best regards,

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