Beginning Farmer & Rancher Subgroup Meeting (Running agendas and notes)

Farming for the Future Working Group

August 19, 2026 10am-11am

In attendance:
Teagan
Maya Rose
Sachin Bangalore

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Agenda

- **10:00am -** Introductions
- **10:05am -** Working group and OCFSN updates
    - Update on OCFSN's new strategic plan and how it informs our working group plan and structure

Beginning Farmer & Rancher Subgroup

Purpose:
Members of the Beginning Farmer & Rancher subgroup collaborate to coordinate existing and create new services for Oregon's beginning farmers and ranchers (BFRs) at all stages of development, between years 0 and 10 years of agricultural production. The primary focus of this subgroup is to support service providers who work with BFRs through education and training programs, access to capital, and access to other available resources and services.

Objectives:
- To expand the availability and impact of BFR programing in Oregon
- To provide a forum for BFR service providers to network and build relationships to increase collaboration
- To develop and support the delivery of collaborative projects for Oregon BFRs

Collaborative Project Examples:
- Capital Access for Local Farmers RFSP, led by Friends of Family Farmers
- Beginning Farming & Rancher Brochure & Story Map
- Oregon's Farm and Ranch Equity & Anti-Racism Program
    - Andrew asked Teagan about how it is going

    - Could do an annual outreach on this

Potential projects/collaborations:

- Referral path
- Continuing intentional networking with new folks
    - Reminding us that relationship building is critical to this work
- Reiterating the list serve use
- Curriculum review for different levels of training along the BFR continuum
- Online/recorded classes offered at central location
- Generate policy ideas/ needs/ advocacy
- Collaborative grant writing/funding
- Coordinating regional farm tours and farmer to farmer skill shares
- Sharing successful business plan/implementation and collective models
- Systems sharing (communication, for example)
- Program outreach

- **10:10am** - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates
    - Upcoming Oregon Partners Meeting on Supporting Farmers & Ranchers navigating pain, disabilities, injury, or age-related changes on September 17th at the Chemeketa Ag Complex. AgrAbility - Funded through USDA
        - Many if not most farmers will be navigating farming with pain/injury
        - Even though this is the case there are not a lot of resources available in Oregon
        - Agribility is a funding opportunity for states to pull together support pieces
        - There are some resources but they are not connected
            - Teagan is excited for this concrete opportunity
        - Assistive Technologies is a nonprofit in Oregon that Teagan is working with
            - Can provide assistance for folks to address their issues
            - Nonprofit Partner: Access Technologies https://accesstechnologiesinc.org/
        - Interest form - Farmer Interest Form: https://beav.es/YZV
            - Building capacity to do site visits to help farmers
            - Identify existing resources
            - Gathering information from farmers to see what support they need
            - Use this form to help the farmers you are working with
        - Oregon vocational rehab services
            - A resources to
            - Teagan working with them to identify the pipeline for folks to receive these resources
            - https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/vr/pages/default.aspx
        - For this group

        - Service providers interact with folks who may have a physical barrier to farming - there are potential ways to help folks find pathways to enter and continue farming
    - National program and other states have a toolbox to help folks
        - https://www.agrability.org/toolbox/ - National Agrability Toolbox
    - Teagan is looking to access funding from USDA
        - Needs to be through Extension and disability nonprofit
        - Starting to build this up to not be reliant on federal funding
    - September Partners meeting

Invitation: Oregon Partners Meeting on Supporting Farmers & Ranchers navigating pain, disabilities, injury, or age-related changes
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026
Time: 10:00am–1:00pm - Lunch will be provided
Location: Chemeketa Agriculture Complex 4000 Lancaster Dr NE, Salem, OR 97305
(The facility is located at the intersection of 45th Avenue and Fire Protection Way on Salem Campus.) https://www.chemeketa.edu/alumni-community/agriculture-complex/
RSVP HERE: https://beav.es/fjL
Greetings,
You're invited to join a partner meeting focused on strengthening support for farmers and ranchers in Oregon who are living with disabilities, pain, chronic health conditions, and/or the physical challenges that come with aging. The goal of this work is to enable more people to enter farming and to keep farming over the long term by reducing pain, preventing injury, improving mobility, and making daily farm and ranch tasks safer and more manageable. By supporting farmers in this way, we help extend agricultural careers and strengthen the long-term economic viability of their operations.
We'll introduce the national AgrAbility https://www.agrability.org/ model and share our current work regionally and plan to expand across the state through an Oregon AgrAbility Initiative/Network (in development).
Across the U.S., AgrAbility programs help agricultural workers continue farming safely through assistive technology, ergonomic tools, on-farm problem-solving, and connections to disability, health, and rehabilitation services.
With Oregon's aging agricultural workforce and many producers working through pain or long-term health conditions, the need for a coordinated support network is clear. National data show that AgrAbility-style interventions can reduce medical costs, prevent re-injury, bring in new farmers, extend working years, and keep farms and ranches operating.
Most farmers that I work with have no idea that there are state resources that they qualify for, such as Oregon Vocational Rehab Services, or that there are assistive technology options that can address their difficulty.
This meeting will bring together agencies, nonprofits, disability and health service providers, Extension, assistive technology programs, and agricultural organizations to:

- Understand the need and identify the gaps in services
- Learn about national AgrAbility resources already available
- Explore options for Oregon

- Introduce the Oregon AgrAbility Network and a proposed advisory committee
- Identify opportunities to collaborate

Your perspective is essential. This work sits at the intersection of agriculture, disability services, health, workforce development, and rural economic resilience. Oregon needs a strong, cross-sector network to ensure producers can access the supports that keep them safe, productive, and connected.

**Travel Stipend: If you need a travel stipend to participate, some funding is available. Please let me know - Teagan.moran@oregonstate.edu

RSVP HERE: https://beav.es/fjL

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    - Small Farms Conference RFP is now open
        - Conference is February 20th
        - October 15 is the deadline
        - Submission form is here: beav.es/RFP_2027
    - Small Farms School is September 16th
        - Oregon City
        - Filling up fast
        - https://beav.es/smallfarmschool
    - BIPOC Farm Convening
        - Farm to Early Childhood Education
        - There is a packet for folks to use
        - https://www.farmtoschool.org/our-work/bringingf2s
    - Online classes through MESA
        - https://www.mesaprogram.org/
    - Folks' plans for the upcoming Western SARE grant opportunities
        - Professional + Producer, Farmer/Rancher, Professional Development, and Local Education & Demonstration
    - Women in Ranching Learning Circle
        - Doing an event in September
        - Contact Sara Miller for more
- **11am** - Next meeting November 19th 10am

May 21, 2026 10am-11:30am

In attendance:

- Merek Strand - Tualatin SWCD
- Andrew - OCFSN
- Teagan Moran, OSU
- Andrea Krahmer - OAT
- Heidi Noordijk - OSU
- Nikita Vincent - Cultural Harvest
- Sara Miller - NEODD
- Carly - AFT

- Rebekah Gaxiola - CSWCD

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Agenda

- **10:00am -** Introductions in the chat
- **10:05am -** Working group and OCFSN updates
    - Do we want to change the day and time for these meetings? Have had that request
    - Strategic Planning
    - Working Group convening planning
        - Doing more regional convenings?
        - Maybe doing first week of December
            - Sponsor for location costs
                - SOREC
                - Maybe central Oregon
                - Central Oregon Extension
            - There are the issues with travel in Dec
- **10:15am** - What are folks planning for BFRDP and LAMP applications?
    - Transitioning Oregon Farmland project
        - Friends of Family Farmers, Oregon Ag Trust, Oregon Farm Corps working on a project
    - OSU Small Farms
        - Not leading a BFRDP, but willing to be partners on one
        - Happy to do letters of support, other ways to support, or getting written in
    - AFT
        - Not applying for BFRDP
        - Available and helpful to sign on if needed
    - Cultural Harvest Collective
        - Nikita spoke with the president at clackamas community college. Partnering with folks in the network to create a program, farm incubator at clackamas community college, create a pathway for students for land access, capital access
        - Got the go ahead from the college to use 10 acres to farm, and there are some processing infrastructure, vegetable production
        - Is fiscally sponsored, so having difficulty accessing these larger grants through that process
        - Do folks have to be enrolled in the college to be a part of the program? Not right now
        - Also working with CSWCD and Cathy there
    - OSU extension agent in Columbia county and SWCD are considering doing a RFSP in the future
    - TSWCD - have multiple grant programs

        - https://tualatinswcd.org/programs/grants-funding/
    - Feedom Freedom Foundation
        - https://www.feedemfreedom.org/copy-of-black-regional-food-hub#BlackFoodAssetMap
        - Purchased a 5-acre site in Gresham and will be running a Black Community Food Hub and Food Forest
        - OSU received funding from Multnomah County for one year (June 25-July 26) to support FFF as they develop the ag plan for the site
        - They are putting in proposals for all sorts of funding - Heidi will connect with Shantae on Saturday to learn more.
    - OFC
        - Applying for PCEF for business development work for Portland farmers
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- **10:45am** - Discussion of new USDA Terms and Conditions
    - FEDERAL CONTRACTORS' GUIDE TO NAVIGATING NEW DEI-RELATED PROHIBITIONS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 14398 AND FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION 52.222-90
    - New DEI-Focused Executive Order Implements Expansive Audit Authority and Imposes DEI Certification Obligations on All Federal Contractors, Subcontractors
    - https://farmcommons.org/resources/downloads/usdas-updated-grant-terms-decision-toolkit/
    - This is an active discussion at OFC and FoFF
    - Is there legal expertise that could be accessed to help inform this
        - Maybe we could reach out to Farm Commons
        - Attorney General Dan Rayfield could be reached out to
            - Doing a collective request - how does this connect to other issues the state is working on
    - USDA doing DEI audits for organizations - causing a lot of fear and people are being careful around this
    - Andrew to talk to OCFSN leadership team on how to maybe help with this outreach to State and Federal reps/program people to get impacts impact
- **11am** - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates
    - Folks going to National Farm Viability Conference
        - Andrea is a maybe depending an session acceptance
        - Silvia and crew also submitted and are waiting
    - Thinking of leasing out your farmland? Jefferson Oreogon https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/mid-willamette/events/thinking-leasing-out-your-farmland
        - June 2nd
    - New episodes of For the Love of Farming Podcast just released: **https://beav.es/fPZ**
    - OSU Small Farms Program Farm Tours in June - Linn, Lane and Benton Counties https://mailchi.mp/oregonstate/may2026-10613282

    - Soil workshop (Good for the Soil is Good for Business)
        - Certifications and marketing
    - Automation Irrigation and Soil Moisture Sensors
        - Been focusing on soil moisture sensors
        - Field day 3rd week in August
    - Dry Farming Institute
        - Water Resilience Toolkit is in development
        - Working on grant to fund cohorts of producers and TA providers on water resilience
    - Join Oregon Farm Corps as we welcome staff from the Dry Farming Institute for a virtual workshop on Thriving With Less Water.
        - Tuesday May 26, 6:30-7:45pm
        - FREE - Registration required
        - To register please visit: https://bit.ly/OFC-TWLW
    - Capital Campaign for Land Acquisitions
        - Get link
    - Farmer Market Season launch
    - Carly wrote a blog post about cover cropping in an arid climate at Sungrounded Farm in Terrebonne, OR. https://farmland.org/blog/cover-cropping-in-the-high-desert-an-oregon-learning-circle-at-sungrounded-farm

- **11:30am** - Next meeting August 20th 10am

February 19th, 2026 10am-11:30am

In attendance:
Nick Rossi - NSAC
Lourdes Herencia - Adelante Mujeres
Amy Gilroy - ODA
Heidi Noordijk - OSU Extension
Matt Gordon - OFC
Merek Strand - TSWCD
Nicole Ruggiero TWSCD
Sachin Bangalore - Rhythm Seed Farm
Sophie Else - OrCAN
Teagan Moran - OSU Extension

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- **Recording**

- **Nick's Slides**
- **FY27 Sustainable Ag Funding Priorities One-pager**

Agenda

- **10:00am -** Introductions in the chat
- **10:05am** - **Nick Rossi of the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition**
    - Nick works on their appropriations portfolio and also leads their research work - which includes programs like SARE, BFRDP, etc.
    - Senator Merkley is an appropriator and there are opportunities to advocate for appropriations with all congress folks
    - Also this is an election year and there may be opportunities with congress doing more than usual
    - Maybe will see a BFRDP and 2501 in mid spring of 2026. NIFA administers both
    - NIFA may continue to do grant terminations
        - Reach out to Andy Fisher formally at Ecofarm may have some insight
        - FY 25 did accept awards 2501 FOYA request NSAC
    - Urban Ag - no plans at USDA to hire on more staff
        - Opportunities to reach out to representatives to have them talk to USDA - this has been successful in other places
    - USDA Reorganization Plan - NSAC tracking looks like this will take off in summer 2026
    - New Producer Economic Security Act
    - NIFA grant review - this has changed, there is now a level of a political review
        - When applying to NIFA be precise with language
    - LAMP grants awards for 2025 have not been announced yet
    - Universal Terms - at its best it can make applications easier to apply for at worse
    - Andrew will send Nick's email to network folks
- **10:35am** - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates
    - TSWCD - introduce Merek who will be supporting BFR in washington County
    - Oregon Farm Corps
        - Educational Event series and apprentice programs open currently
        - Applications close March 15
        - Farm Funding panel March 18
    - OSU Small Farms Program
        - Wed Sept 16, 2026 - Small Farm School
            - Call for sessions or session ideas
- **11:30am** - Next meeting May 21st 10am

November 20, 2025 10am-11:30am

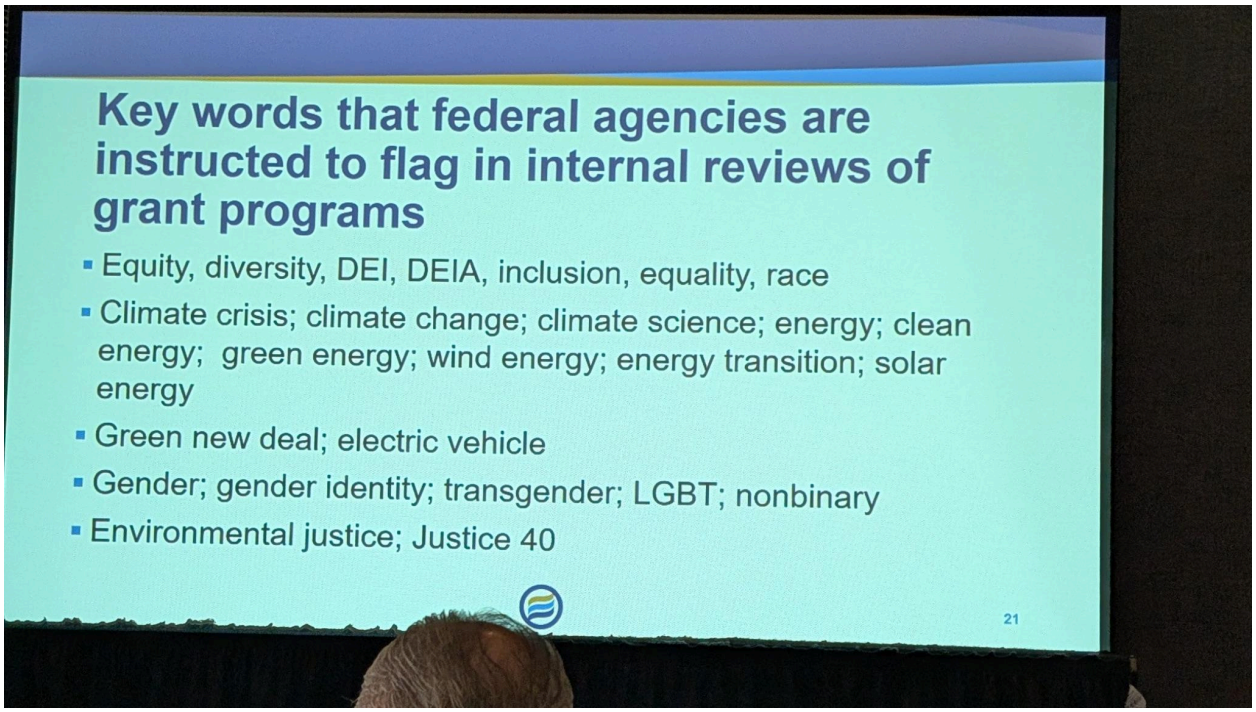
In attendance: Sara Cross, Penny Feltner, Heidi Noordijk, Sage Fairman, Alex, Rich Schwartz, Holly Hutchanson Andrew C-A, Phoebe Audry, Sam Butler, Sara Miller

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- **10:00am -** Introductions in the chat
- **10:05am** - **Updates on OCFSN and Working Group and Convening**
    - Take aways from convening and working group break out survey
    - Talking about working group purpose
    - Need an info graphic of the structures for the network and working group
        - Use the story map as a guide
    - Communications
        - Bringing people up to speed
        - Orgs as foundational but people within orgs may not be more
        - Support for new members, or new representatives with standard orientation materials, infographics, etc. could help.
        - Need to optimize and formalize communications and
        - Groups can be dynamic and responsive
            - Being consistent with communications and how we talk about this work
        - What is the why for folks being here?
            - How do people plug in, what is the responsibility
            - Asking folks about why they are here
    - How the focus and structure of working groups have changed over time
        - Valuable to know that orgs exist and be in conversation with individuals who are part of orgs which can improve connections and provide referrals to folks they are serving
        - Seeing where there are missing resources or opportunities to collaborate
        - Shared priorities emerge
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- **10:35am** - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates
    - Federal Funding - continuing resolution and farm bill
        - Where do folks go to get reliable updates on these changes
            - NSAC
            - AFT - Business Technical Assistance coalition
            - Farm Commons
            - NRCS Statewide staff

        - Learning spending priorities happening now
        - State conservationist and regional conservationist
    - Other national coalitions
        - LFPA
        - Food banking coalitions
        - National Healthy Soils Policy Network
        - National Food System Leadership Network
- Tracking how folks are impacted and where they are impacted
    - Penny - NRCS RCPP Contracts cancelled and rescinded waiting to hear more about resuming NRCS GLCI, how funds are being reallocated and prioritized for 2026
        - Working on a proposal to OWEB for Stakeholder Engagement (to fill holes left by the RCPP) to offer workshops and assistance for farm managers stewarding oak habitats and grazing on their farms
    - LFPA is going away - some Food Bank funding
        - Need to send resources to farmers that are not continuing to get LFPA funding
        - How to share assets with producers? What is there to offer
    - LAMP
        - How much is the gov going to allocate?
        - What are folks going to apply for in 2026
        - What does the continuing resolution mean?
        - Realistically what do these numbers and what these numbers mean?
        - Getting tips for getting applications awarded in this new landscape?
        - How to navigate these new changes
        - Getting someone knowledgeable about these changes and updates to present on these new funding opportunities
            - Someone who can get into the details
    - Rural Development and VAPG
        - Lots of changes in the staff and no guidance from USDA central
        - No official updates
        - Staff would like to help but also aren't getting info or resources from agency
    - SARE
        - Western SARE team has been helpful
        - No list of terms given to avoid
        - SARE review teams aren't looking for terms
        - USDA and NIFA will likely review applications for terms



Risk Management for these issues

Orgs will be facing new risks and risk management and collective risk management will be an important thing to address/discuss

We, too, have experienced challenges with the USDA not only with changing guidance, but with staff turnover, and positions being vacant slowing down processes.

Other Grants:

- Breaking vegetable market boundaries. We are growing trials of these at NWREC. This project aims to create new market opportunities and improve environmental resilience. The team blends rigorous breeding with nutrition and flavor research, on-farm trials, and real-world tastings to bring more diversity and better flavor to meet the demands of today's consumers.
- Soil moisture sensor and automated irrigation scheduling. Developing soil moisture thresholds for crops in Oregon to help inform irrigation scheduling. We are hoping to receive additional funding to bring the trials on-farm in 2026.

Applied for: AFRI grant: Advancing Irrigation Knowledge and Sensor Based Skills for Water-Efficient Small and Medium Sized Farms

Dry Farm Institute - will being creating a Water Resilience Toolkit

OSU - Might apply for EMSWCD PIC - around heavy metal soil testing for urban farmers

Drought tolerance and flavor vegetable breeding

- Succession work with AFT in Eastern Oregon (learning circle) - need to postpone a series, will reschedule for next year of wildfire and ranching series - Baker County (big impact from recent fire), using Farm Commons resources
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- **11:30am** - Next meeting Feb

August 21, 2025 10am-11:30am

In attendance: Heidi, Teagan, Matt, Tara, Riley, Patrick, Henry, Penny, Sara, Andrew, Lourdes, Holly, Phoebe, Sam

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Meeting Recording

Agenda

- **10:00am -** Introductions in the chat
- **10:05am** - **Updates on OCFSN and Working Group**
    - Farm Viability Subgroup
        - The new plan!
    - BFR Story Map ready to go live!
    - Disaster Resilience grants
- **10:15am** - Planning for BFR work at Nov. 5-7 OCFSN Network Convening
    - Matt: liked the idea to focus on collaborations - idea, open space format - have specific areas in the room for discussions on specific topics
    - Tara: a place to share big ideas, interest from others in the network to launch new projects
    - Teagan: Look at the map and realize there are places in the state that don't have as much support - how do we take it on the road with support - this group could be a group to support and share
    - What are the core cross overs / touch points that all organizations are engaged in
        - That can be where we build collaborative projects
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- **10:35am** - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates
    - Pathways to Farming Oregon Food Bank Program updates
        - Program is changing, not
    - Plan for Small Farms Conference - Teagan

        - Scheduled for Sat. Feb 21
        - Opening up a request for presentations/session on Sept 1st - online submission, closes Oct. 15
            - Question: Will you be interested in collaborating on this idea there
        - Small Farms Team then creates agenda - Nov 1 is when submitters will be notified if they are given a space
    - BFRDP RFA updates and what folks are planning to apply for
        - Still has not been released -
        - Small Farms Team is putting an application to AFRI - this has a strong research component
            - Focused on irrigation efficiency and water - research on thresholds for various crops
            - Can't be awarded both so will be working on both and see what comes out
            - They will have a train the trainer component that will include stipends for member organizations and to support farmers to use these tools -
                - Will be looking for letters of support
                - Important topic also because of the new domestic well exemption water law
            - For others writing grants and doing projects - Nate Stacey Small Farms Program, is happy to write letters of support to help your work
        - Oregon Farm to School Network
            - Farm to School conference in Jan 29-30 2026 - https://oregonfarmtoschool.org/conference/
            - A program or series that focused on producers to help them access farm to school sales and other institutional sales
            - Some overlap with school buyers and help them understand how farms work
        - Oregon Ag Trust -
            - Going on the road with business plans and financial workshops
                - https://www.oregonagtrust.org/events
        - Food Roots - developing a contract to help simplify food sales to institutions
            - Folks will connect with Patrick
        - Business Impact NW -
            - Business coaching - getting the word out about their lending side and access to capital
            - Connected with RFBC - Doing a farm lending workshop/loan readiness training in early September in partnership with with the right size investing (Sept 8 or 9)
        - Small Farm School - Sept 10

- https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/metro/small-farm-school
- 2/3rds full on reg
- Contact Heidi with questions or if you need support
- Heidi will send outreach materials
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- PNWCSA - RFBC contract with taste the local difference
  - 2-3 spot available to help farmer with ecommerce/email marketing
    - Don't have to go through reimbursement process
    - $2k sponsorship, but need to be done by Sept 15
    - Contact Holly
- Rogue Farm Corps
  - Quickbooks training? - won't be launching until the winter
    - Probably a webinar
    - Introductory training - a feeder for TA with geoffrey - understanding how to use it on a basic record keeping level
    - More research needed to see what SBDC's offer
  - Applications soon for Farm Launch - around early September
    - Online for 15 prelaunched or recently launched farm businesses
  - Farm apprenticeship programming - applications for host farms open in the fall
    - Looking to connect with more BIPOC led host farms, and more farms in southern oregon
  - Working closely with Friends of Family Farmers to apply to next BFRDP to continue land access and capital access work
- Friends of Family Farmers
  - Teaching a leasing session at small farms school
  - Back up to capacity for navigator program
    - Uptick in applications! Mostly coming from the Willamette Valley

- **11:30am** - Next meeting Nov 5-7, 2025, Network Convening
  - Plan for November working group meeting?
    - Nov 20th
    - Small Farms Team would like a few minutes to share on upcoming resources
      - Opportunity to discuss things we always

May 15, 2025 10am-11:30am

In attendance: 18 subgroup members

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- **10:00am -** Introductions in the chat
- **10:05am** - Disaster Resilience Grant Program Presentation
    - Outcomes from past 2 years
    - What we learned from BFRs during this process
- **10:15am** - Working Group Projects Discussion
    - Farm Viability Subgroup
        - Still on hold - need to find a subgroup chair to help Andrew plan and implement subgroup
    - Review of draft updated BFR Story Map
        - Edits and/or suggestions
            - Liked statewide vs region setup
            - Who is the target audience? How to make this better for farmers
                - How many clicks for them to get to where they need to be
                - What organizations should be on here? Questions about the skill level questions
                - The intention was to show the network of orgs that provide this work and how they are connected
                - Why or when should a farmer reach out to this organization? -Add that question
            - When we supply a link should it go to?
                - Should the link go directly to a home page or more programmatic
            - Andrew to add links to programs in the program description
                - Also make sure program description states who we serve and why
            - Seconding Teagan, I like that prompt. We could update that response on a shared google sheet and bypass the survey to make it easier for Andrew
            - Review the IDA program - https://oregonidainitiative.org/ Javier shared to see how they structure their resource
            - Make sure to complete the form to get your updated info into the materials: https://forms.gle/GeefkJwKMZSMdubb7
- **10:35am** - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates
    - Examples to share:
        - Grants unfrozen
        - Plans for new funding? Foundation funding?
        - Programming Updates
        - Updates from form to track impacts to farmers
    - RFC -

        - Still has their 2501 grant on pause
            - Been communication with folks who are in the same boat
        - 2025 BFRDP RFA still unknown
        - Extension risk management and education award was paused but now unpause and working on getting subaward
        - Collaborative Farming TA opportunity
            - If there are farmers you work with that want to explore collaborative models, RFC will be launching Collaborative Farmer TA resources
        - Developing new workshop - quickbooks 101
    - Farm loan program - not a lot has changed
        - Reach out to Derek and he may be able to help connect folks - will help folks get connected to the right resource
        - BFR is codified in law
            - DEI changes at administration has impacts but BFR structure is still there
        - Amanda Welker in North Willamette Valley has moved on, can contact Derek
    - Teagan -
        - Increase education on soil moisture sensors and readers
        - Partnering with SWCDs to get these resources out
        - Partnering on a water resources toolkit
        - Gathering data and testimony on how these are used
        - Can have significant impact
    - Alice -
        - BFR and agritourism - Alice is on a rulemaking advisory council talking about farm stand rules
            - Details on rules around farm stands and the difference than other agritourism uses
            - Reach out to Alice to talk about specifics
            - Here is an Adding Agritourism 101 class offered in Dallas OR on May 22nd https://extension.oregonstate.edu/events/adding-agritourism-101
            - There is an OSU farmer to farmer listserv Agritourism listserv
                - Send farmers to Teagan to get added to this list
    - Penny - Working Lands hosting grazing site tours
        - Farmer ran trials and there will be some tours how the outcomes an be used and how it can be used when working with NRCS
    - Andy - BFR has evolved into more of a marketing training and curriculum to support the cohort with farm marketing (this component of the BFRDP has evolved)
        - Will start in Oct and application in August
    - Sara - KIVA loans have been successful in their region, more attention is happening and it is working

        - AFT two conference sessions at International Association for Society and Natural Resources on pastoral and grazing landscapes and climate emotions - Sara has been involved in the climate emotions and stress
    - Heidi - Small Farms School - Sept 10th at Clackamas Community College
    - Tara - workshops for beginning farm financials
        - Lots of great feedback, doing several on the north coast coming up
        - Business planning etc and then how to use those documents with guest speakers
        - Could something like this come to the northeast?
        - Tess Baker, works close with Andrea - working on workshops in Enterprise and Klamanth
    - Sara - runs LFPA for Oregoj
        - Program is going away - working on how to support the 60 + farmers and other orgs she works with.
        - Sara would like to make sure connect these folks on these resources
        - LFPA in Oregon - has been supporting these farms ongoing
        - Native fishers grant is open
    - *Reconnect from last meeting on* - "Can the Network be a place to strategize the communication and strategy for how to build our unified voice - telling the stories, stakeholders, and consistent messaging"
    - What do we need now from these ideas below?
        - Finding and compiling resources - sharing facts
        - Having more regular meetings
        - Gathering stories and impacts
            - Setting up a call in line for them to leave stories
            - Setting up voicemail inbox
                - Andrew to look into setting that up - did not do this
            - A central place for farmer stories is needed
                - This form has been created and is being hosted by OrCAN - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdL6LRJsGFxfh0bk420k9jckhI9Y5gCgdQYKCJOq0-FRjuKrg/viewform
        - Sharing OSU farmer mental health resources
            - Climate grief and more
        - Planning for how to coordinate that
        - Planning for a network convening to discuss this
        - How to support each other in this moment
        - Look at more traditional media outlets
            - Look at community radio
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- **11:30am** - Next meeting August 21, 2025, 10am (same time, same place)

February 20, 2025 10am-11:30am

In attendance:

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Agenda

- **10:00am -** Introductions/icebreaker
    - Ways that you are connecting with your community?
- **10:10am** - OCFSN Updates
    - Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program
        - Had over 200 eligible applications asking for $3 million of $900,000 available
    - Food Hub Grant now accepting applications
- **10:15am** - Working Group Projects Discussion
    - Farm Viability Subgroup, thinking about what is next without Tanya
    - Plan for BFR story map and brochure
        - Questionnaire for you all to complete to get your updated info into new map and brochure - please complete in the next two weeks
            - https://forms.gle/GeefkJwKMZSMdubb7
            - Any changes needed to the form?
- **10:20am** - What are folks learning about the federal funding freeze, how are your programs impacted, what are the farmers you are working with impacted? What are you hearing from private funders?
    - Examples to discuss:
        - Next round of applications for BFRDP not announced yet
        - Are RFSP payments happening?
        - What are farmers hearing from NRCS?
    - Any inflation reduction act funding is stalled
        - OAT has heard that they were characterized as an IRA org so contracts have been paused
    - Purge of Federal workforce - 30-40%
    - Land trust alliance is talking about how to get stories to congressional delegation
    - OAT is a part of two BFRDPs
        - TOF contractor and Building Ag Futures
        - Hoping RFP is coming out soon
    - Building Ag Futures
        - Farmer training, registered apprenticeship, BOLI certification
        - A new org and volunteer leadership
        - Chemeketa and OAT are related training provider
        - Bringing in farm labor unions to be on advisory board
        - Training plan needs to be created and approved by Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Council…

        - Connecting to workforce development boards
        - https://www.bafpnw.org/
    - OSU BFRDP
        - Still in a holding partner meetings
        - Moving forward as planned, still unclear with where the funding is at now
        - Keep getting updates on federal funding impacts to the university
        - Wanting to be highly collaborative with the group to think about the next BFRDP
    - Working Lands has Grazing Lands Cooperative Agreement
        - Agreement was last fall - so assuming its still going, doing billing with partners monthly
        - Diversifying funding with state and local grants
        - Had Q1 meeting with farmer advisory team
            - Wanting information up front as to where the funding is coming from - wanting an understanding of the risks
    - Federal Readiness and Leverage Fund
    - Interested in a call from Oregon Community Foundation
        - Call to action around folks Donor Advised Funds and what they can do to step up in this moment
    - Zenger Farm
        - 3 grants - FMPP grant, specific language in it that allows - need to add the other two
        - FMPP grant agreement explicitly allows termination if USDA determines to no longer aligns with program goals/agency priorities
            - Shifts in USDA strategies - FMPP programs under review
        - Farm to School - grant agreement states that awards are subject to availability of federal funds and alignment with USDA priorities
        - 2501 - grant cannot be terminated solely due to shifting priorities unless linked to noncompliance or “harm to federal interests”
            - Termination will require congressional action or funding rescission affecting 2501
            - Congress does only approve these grants through appropriation annually (next time would be in October 2025) - they could take action to stop funding at that point
        - Zenger seeing a squeeze on foundation funding and business
            - 2501 feels more stable
        - Sachin - copy-pasting email we got from Nonprofit Association of Oregon: *Thank you for joining us last Friday to discuss legal perspectives for nonprofits navigating the recent changes at the Federal level. We appreciate the questions we received during the webinar and continue to receive now. We know this is a developing situation and that this uncertainty is shared by so many in our nonprofit community. Below you*

will find some materials that we shared during the webinar plus some other items:

1. ***Slide Deck & Resources:*** *2025.02.14 Legal Perspectives EO Webinar*
    1. *This folder includes the PPT deck (with embedded hyperlinks to items mentioned during the presentation) as well as links to other resources. Email us at training@nonprofitoregon.org if anything appears missing.*
2. ***General/Ongoing Updates (NAO):*** *Impact of Executive Orders*
3. ***Compilation of Frequently Asked Questions:*** *FAQ: Impact of Executive Orders*
    - *Note: We will continue to update this page and incorporate new questions and information as it is available, in particular after new EOs are announced and reviewed. We want to ensure that the information we provide is as accurate and current as possible. Thank you for your patience.*
    - *If you still have questions after reviewing the FAQ, you can pose them to us via this form*
4. ***Upcoming Webinar (free to attend):*** *We are hosting a webinar this Friday, February 21, at 11:30 a.m. (Pacific Time) titled "**Executive Orders & Actions: Nonprofit Funder Perspectives.**" This session will feature a panel of funder representatives to talk about their respective responses to changes at the federal level. Panelists include representatives from The Collins Foundation, Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation, and the Federal Readiness & Leverage Fund.*
    - *Click here to learn more and register.*

We know there are many questions that remain, and we will continue to engage with experts on a variety of topics to ensure we can get your nonprofits the information you need to continue providing services in communities across Oregon. We will contine exploring topics and speakers for follow-up calls as soon as more information is available.

In the meantime, the best ways to remain engaged with NAO are to become a member if you aren't already, and to sign up for our newsletter. We will work to keep you informed as the situation continues to evolve. Thank you for continuing your important work.

- RFC
    - Trying to get clarity on 2501 grant
        - Staff has been having trouble with their payment systems - focused on socially disadvantaged farmers, so seems likely that it will be paused/cut
        - Not getting a response when reaching out
    - Been part of the working land conservation corps
        - Climate corps program is ending - TBD on impact
    - A few resources sent to the FIELD network email list this morning: https://landandliberation.my.canva.site/2025-federal-funding-resources …. https://landandliberation.my.canva.site/wtfederalfunding

        - Current BFRDP seems to be functioning as normal
        - Heard at Small Farms Conference
            - Lots of FSA employees and loan officers took a buy out potentially
        - FSA did not show at recent farm funding panel
            - NRCS was there
        - Also we were awarded a USDA Extension risk Management Education grant for our collaborative farming work last week - it does say “pending any forthcoming funding restrictions” and I’m trying to get clarity on what means
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    - CALF Grant - FoFF
        - Submitted a payment request through January
            - Got an email asking to resubmit and only include for payment to JAn 19th
            - Need to think about how to move forward with this new info
    - SWCDs
        - Heidi met with CSWCD - county tax district, but OWEB, NRCS will have questions
        - Tualatin SWCD, is washington county is tax based, similar to Clackamas
        - Upper Willamette - there is safer local funding sources from the county tax
    - Umatilla reservation - in partnership with Go Seed in Salem - are a partnership for climate smart commodities - was told that the payment portal was shut down
        - Plan was for tribes to grow the cover crop seed, there are crops in the field that were planted last fall
        - Go Seed will likely to take the harvest and got some good soil recovery over the two years
        - InterTribal Ag Council - is a federal contractor - not much to say
    - HDFFA -
        - Are able to access the BFRDP and GUSNIP portals
        - Have a few foundation grants out there
        - Trying to diversify but this takes time
        - Advisory Committee meeting coming up and and CALF Focus Group
    - NEOEDD
        - Funding frozen for Rangeland planning initiatives - management plans and TA for incentive funding - secured by partner Wallowa Resources
        - Have clients who have family being impacted
        - Counties have high voltage transmission lines - impacted communities can be reimbursement - community working where those benefits get invests - asked to scrub language on that process - asked to scrub DEI
        - New FSA staff in region were fired
    - Seeing lots of farmers stressed and wary
        - EQUIP is a reimbursement
        - Farm labor issues are stressful for farmers
        - Know your rights for farm owners/businesses

            - Below is the link to a resource sheet that is being developed out of Lincoln County with assistance from a local attorney. Feel free to share widely. There is a QR code at the bottom that brings people to this page.
            - **Know Your Rights, Immigration Law, Family Plan Public Resources** **https://tinyurl.com/KYRlincolncounty**
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    - RFC - apprenticeship applications are open
        - Heard from host farmer that they can't commit the hours with the uncertainty - funding comes 2501
    - Can the Network be a place to strategize the communication and strategy for how to build our unified voice - telling the stories, stakeholders, and consistent messaging
        - Finding and compiling resources - sharing facts
        - Having more regular meetings
        - Gathering stories and impacts
            - Setting up a call in line for them to leave stories
            - Setting up voicemail inbox
                - Andrew to look into setting that up
            - A central place for farmer stories is needed
        - Sharing OSU farmer mental health resources
            - Climate grief and more
        - Planning for how to coordinate that
        - Planning for a network convening to discuss this
        - How to support each other in this moment
        - Look at more traditional media outlets
            - Look at community radio
        - Looking at asset protection strategies
            - How to support folks with this - Sara has a contact for those resources
        - Get those practical resources out to folks
    - Andrew to out together plan for how OCFSN can convening, gather resources and gather farmer stories

- **11:15am -** Other program updates (upcoming events, grant applications, challenges)
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- **11:30am** - Next meeting May 15, 2025, 10am (same time, same place)

November 21, 2024 10am-11:30am

In attendance:

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- **10:00am -** Introductions/icebreaker
- **10:10am** - OCFSN Updates
    - Virtual Convening Last week was a success.
        - Details:
            - 2024 OCFSN Full Network Convening Recording
            - Shared Notes from Breakout Groups
            - Agenda
            - Slide Deck
    - Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program
        - Grant is now accepting applications - all details here - https://ocfsn.org/disaster-resilience-grant
- **10:20am** - Working Group Projects Discussion
    - Farm Viability Subgroup next meeting - December 18 at 11am - Presentation from AFT on Puget Sound Farm Viability Project
    - Any thoughts on 2025 BFR meetings (topics you want covered, speakers you would like invited to present?)
        - I would love to see a presentation from Feed em Freedom!
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    - Plan for BFR story map and brochure
        - Goal to have updated map and brochure by February meeting (Andrew prioritizing this project this winter) - Story Map https://www.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=e2f5bbf828b14c02bd652f3a83050851
        - Anything new or specific you would like to see with these resources?
            - Include that orgs are statewide on the map
            - Andrew will put out a call to update details
            - Add business impact northwest
            - Farm Viability subgroup - utilize the spreadsheet they are putting together as a source of inspiration
            - I noticed some spelling errors - RFC, BFSC
                - FoFF
                - Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District
            - Add to Story Map recommendations:
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            - https://marketspread.com/vendor/25313/moorish-roots/ - Moorish Roots
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            - Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District
            - https://nwnc.org/
            - The Northwest Native Chamber (NWNC) is hosting a Taxes for the Self-Employed Webinar! Please join us and Inclusion Tax Services virtually **December 17, 2024, from 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

- **Register here:** https://nwnc.org/event/taxes-self-employed/
- The Chamber is excited to announce that registration is open for our upcoming in-person Native Enterprise Program! This unique 9-week business development course, led by Native entrepreneurs, provides valuable insights into the process of starting or sustaining a business as a Native entrepreneur. The program includes eight engaging modules rooted in personal stories and experiences shared by successful Native business owners, with the 9th week dedicated to graduation, where participants will present their business plans!
- **In-Person Course (Vancouver, WA) - *Location to be Provided After Registration***
- **Dates:** Tuesdays, Jan 14 - Mar 11, 2025
- **Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- Food will be provided at each session. If you need additional accommodations, please reach out to us at kbenton@nwnc.org.
- **REGISTER TODAY**
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- **10:30am** - Your program updates (upcoming events, grant applications, challenges)
    - Share some specifics on your programming and funding plans for 2025 (are you applying for any USDA grants, were you awarded any?):
        - Kait Crowley, Rogue Farm Corps - Just finished 2024 apprenticeship working on changes for 2025 - goals to increase BIPOC farms and expand partner training farms in Southern Oregon (adding 5 in the region!). Waterwsie and dryland farming is getting integrated into the training program in Southern Oregon. Avry is stewarded teaching farm site at SOREC. Added a chapter in Willamette Valley and have a Climate Corps member supporting that work!
            - Two new BIPOC farm applications in the Portland area
            - Adding veteran host farms as well and prioritizing
        - Matt RFC - working with Adelante on a new USDA 2501 grant program award to better serve these farmers
            - Transitioning Oregon Farmland BFRDP - looking to reapply for funding in 2025 to continue to evolve this land access work
            - Applied for Western Risk Management grant for RFC's collaborative farming work
                - https://www.roguefarmcorps.org/collaborative-farming-about
            - 2 positions currently open app deadline 12/1:
                - 2024 PDX CC Position Description.pdf
                - Outreach Coordinator_Job Description & Announce…
        - Javier Uredna Camacho - Adelante Mujeres -
            - Working with RFC on 2501 grant
            - Graduating students this week through their regenerative ag class. 12 participants utilizing Adelante's community garden
            - New opportunity to lease land with Metro (30 acres) opportunity to purchase in the future. To support Adelante farmers

- Sachin Bangalore - Zenger Farm
    - Distribute production through CSA partnerships for health prioritizes BIPOC farmers - contact Zenger
    - Run an apprenticeship program - just ended for this season - doing program planning
    - There are challenges when managing apprenticeship and production farm - next year they are splitting these programs to improve apprentice experience. Challenges with wage vs stipend apprenticeship
    - Received a 2501 USDA grant as well - offering a BIPOC only apprenticeship program, connecting with financial assistance, organic certification like this
    - Looking at agroforestry
    - Staffing and funding challenges running these programs
- Will Fett - USDA NRCS
    - 113 Beginning Farmer Rancher EQIP contracts in 2023. In 2024 there were 250 BFR EQIP contracts obligated. Partially due to the increased money available through the Inflation Reduction Act funds targeting climate-smart agriculture practices.
    - EQIP deadline is Nov. 29 for FY25. Then we will begin the process of ranking and confirming eligibility to obligate those contracts. Expecting approximately 250 BFR contracts for 2025 or more.
    - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications will be due in March. Minimum payment is $4,000 per year for a 5 year contract.
    - Our virtual information sessions for BFRs will relaunch in January 2025 - one per quarter.
- Katherine Minthorn - Intertribal Ag Council
    - Native led national nonprofit - Tribal leaders designate leaders to represent the tribes at the council
        - Every December the national member meeting happen and bring forward Tribe's priorities and issues to address
        - By resolution tribes nominate a delegate and it is organized by region.
        - Scope of work is very large
        - Divisions - legal and policy, strategy (land access, intertribal food business center (similar to the Food Business Centers they have their own). Climate Smart Commodities grants) Advancement (grants division), Communications, Finance and HR, Stakeholder Services (TA network contracted the USDA Tribal Relations, met with Oregon NRCS to contract to provide services to SW corner of Oregon tribes)

            - Staff across the west - many are members of Federal Recognized Tribes
        - American Indians Food Program - has a verification program that food is produced by Tribal Members
        - Natural Resource Program - soil health and NRCS programs, conservation plans, Funding and TA, regenerative economies program - TA around crop insurance
        - Youth Program - 24% of staff have come up through Youth Program
    - In Oregon - every Tribe has a food sovereignty program, every tribe is concerned with climate change (soil health and what to do bring that health back soil)
- Adam Kohl - Outgrowing Hunger
    - Awarded a land access grant and are moving forward with being approved to do a purchase transaction - looking a cooperative farm ownership model that is allowed by law - an exciting development
    - Big projects pending and grants pending - talking with RFC and Zenger
- Andrea Krahmer - Oregon Ag Trust
    - Wrapped up some workshops with great turnout (succession workshop)
    - Developing financial analysis curriculum for smaller and newer operators - balance sheet and other financial training
        - Looking at future workshop opportunities please connect with Andrea

- **11:30am** - Next meeting February 20, 2025, 10am (same time, same place)

August 15, 2024 10am-11:30am

In attendance: Andrew, Penny, Andrea, Gloria, Tara, Will, Baily, Alice, Holly, Rich, Matt, Javier, Nicole, Lourdes, Christina

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Agenda

- **10:00am -** Introductions/icebreaker

- **10:10am** - OCFSN Updates
    - OCFSN staffing changes
        - Andrew is currently filling in as OCFSN Interim Operations Manager through September 16th and then is going on parental leave through October. This will impact working group support, but we have folks stepping up filling gaps during this time.
    - Grant programs
        - Program Report - 2024 OCFSN Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Final …
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- **10:20am** - Working Group Projects Discussion
    - Farm Viability Subgroup next meeting - Wednesday, August 21 at 11am Zoom Link
    - Plan for BFR story map and brochure
        - These are valuable tools and help us being more coordinated
            - Some overlap with other conversations groups have been having around maintaining current service provider/capital access directories
        - Andrew will reach out to the OSU team to find some capacity to get these resources updated
- **10:30am** - Your program updates (upcoming events, grant applications, challenges)
    - Share some specifics on your programming and funding plans for the year:
        - **Bailey -** AgWest Farm Credit - Ag Vision
            - New Producer grant - 30 individuals in the west were offered grants
            - 51 eligible applicants from Oregon! Applications closed in May - awards to be announced in August. Apply with essay, business plan and cash flow budget
            - Next round will open March 2025
            - Do you release demographic data - Bailey will check
        - **Holly - PNW CSA**
            - SARE project - have gathered the data and will give presentation at the next Farm Viability sugbroup meeting
        - **Nicole - Tualatin SWCD**
            - Have been sponsoring farms (different model than granting) longer term including orgs like Adelante, CAMPO, and Working Theory Farm
            - Keep eye out for future video series
        - **Adelante Mujeres, Javier**
            - October 5th doing a culturally appropriate to the Latinos farmer training day with partners at OSU, Plaza and more. This will be held at Our Table Cooperative
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        - **Will Fett - NRCS**

- New signup period for EQIP program for farms impacted by wildfire - need to be in 2024 fiscal year and application will close Sept 9th [USDA Offers Disaster Assistance to Agricultural Producers in Oregon Impacted by Wildfires | Natural Resources Conservation Service]
- Conservation Stewardship Program deadline mid March
- Have a ranking priority for new customers and beginning farms so a great opportunity get in

- **Working Lands** was recently awarded an NRCS Grazing Land Conservation Initiative cooperative agreement. This will fund our work over the next four years to reach new and beginning pasture-based producers with workshops, on-site technical assistance, regenerative grazing plans, and support a Willamette Valley Cohort of the Oregon Pasture Network

- From Teagan Moran, OSU Small Farms Program - We have a variety of in person farm tours and field days available in the Central/Southern Willamette Valley https://extension.oregonstate.edu/program/all/smallfarms/events . **Some other larger regional events to share with your networks include:**

    - **Small Farm School,** September 11, 2024 at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/metro/small-farm-school Small Farm School is an annual, full-day event with hands-on workshops and classroom sessions. Both beginning and experienced small-scale farmers will find classes to fit their needs. We will also be hosting in collaboration with the Women Veteran for the Land Project a hosted cohort of women military veteran farmers. Discounted registrations are available for students and participants of farm education programs.
        - Full scholarships for Oregon Veteran farmers as well as Black, Indigenous and other farmers of color are available with support of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and other sponsors.
        - If cost is a barrier to you attending, please reach out. We want everyone who wants to attend to have the opportunity.
        - . Our classes cover topics such as:
            - Crop and livestock management
            - Equipment
            - Business and marketing
            - Land access

- Soil health and water conservation

- **The 3rd annual Small Farm Social**, September 30 from 5-7pm at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. The Small Farm Social aims to provide connection and community building for farmers. The event is a casual time for farmers to eat, drink, network with others, and meet with organizations offering resources related to farming and conservation. The event is free and open to anyone in the Willamette Valley.

  There will be something for everyone:
  - locally sourced small bites
  - prize giveaway
  - no-host bar

  and a variety of agriculture and conservation-based service providers for technical advice, resources and information.

  Please visit our event page to RSVP and for more information.
  Event Page - https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/mid-willamette/events/small-farm-social-2024

- From Heidi Noordijk, OSU Small Farms Program (in addition to what Teagan has above
  - **Dry Farmed and Deficit Irrigation Melon Field Day**, August 28 at NWREC in Aurora from 5:00-7:00 pm. Tour of the fields, dry farmed techniques and soil suitability, soil moisture sensors for irrigation scheduling, variety trial of 5 melons selected for dry farming, tasting, and farmer discussion. Free event. https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/metro/events/dry-farmed-deficit-irrigation-melon-field-day
  - All Dry Farm Field Days can be found on this event page: https://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/dry-farming

- **Oregon Farm link (a program of Friends of Family Farmers)** is now accepting applications **statewide** for our Navigate Program. Navigate supports farmers who are looking for land to start or grow their farm business. 1:1 technical support and individualized coaching is available, as well as access to expert consultants to support a farmer in their land access journey.
- **High Desert Food & Farm Alliance** - completed the 3rd year of the On-Farm Efficiency Grants, a mini-grant program for Central Oregon producers. 10 successful projects, over $26,000 distributed for things like irrigation improvements, one farm starting pastured poultry as part of their business, improving storage/cooling facilities, etc. An article/webpage is in development! Also, completed the third edition of the High Desert Food Trail, which includes 10

farms/ranches that offer some kind of agritourism (plus an additional 38 locally-sourced businesses). Available in english and spanish, hdffa.org/hdft

- **FoFF is hosting Small Farm Water Access Meetings** across the state. We will cover the basics of determining your water right status, examining exempt well systems, some advice on when to work with your water master and more. The presentations are 2 hours, 1.5hours of education programming and a 0.5 hour policy discussion of FoFF's exploration of a legislative change for commercial use of exempt wells.
  - Myrtle Creek Grange, August 21st at 6:30pm
  - Creswell Grange, August 25th at 3pm
  - Hurricane Creek Grange (Joseph), August 28 6:30pm
  - Skyline Grange (W Portland/Columbia County), September 7, 3pm
  - Silverton Grange, September 19, 6:30 pm
  - Warner Grange (Canby), September 22, 2pm
  - Springwater Grange (Estacada), October 19, 6:30 pm
- Rogue Farm Corps -
  - Awarded a Working Lands Climate Corps (WLCC) grant award to hire full-time AmeriCorps position in the Willamette Valley to support our beginning farmer apprenticeship program, this new hire will also have professional development opportunities to support their entry into a career in food systems work and attend our educational event series.
  - Farm Launch applications will open 8/21! Look for an email announcement from us soon that you can share with your networks. This is a program for more advanced beginning farmers who are ready to start a farm business. Participants join a learning cohort and craft a business plan during the course of the program.
  - We're about to begin outreach for new Host Farms for the 2025 season. We're looking for BIPOC and veteran Host Farm partners, as well as Host Farm partners in Southern Oregon.
- **Oregon Ag Trust:**
  - **Ag Business & Succession Workshop with Dick Wittman:**We are super excited to have Dick Wittman bringing 40 years of ag consulting experience to join us at the Ag Complex at Chemeketa Community College in Salem on November 19th and 20th. The full day workshops will be led entirely by Dick and include aspects of farm/ranch family business and estate planning.
    - Day 1 is intended for farmers and ranchers but service providers are certainly encouraged to attend as well. This all day workshop will help farm & ranch business owners work through solutions to common family business management and succession challenges. Workshop participants will gain insight on professionalizing business management or governance practices as well as preventing and reducing conflict in the family business. The cost to attend is $100 with lunch provided.

        - Day 2 is a full day ag consultant training course for service providers. This workshop will help service providers implement consulting tools to better serve farm and ranch businesses as they work through the estate and succession planning process. It's designed for service providers who are advising farm and ranch business owners on transition planning, assisting clients in their business management practices and looking for strategies to prevent and reduce conflict in the family business. The cost to attend is $300 with lunch provided. We are in the process of applying for continuing education credits for accounting for this course. We have obtained approval for 6.25 hours of continuing legal education credits.
        - Additional information including Dick's bio is attached. Registration can be found at www.oregonagtrust.org/workshop-registration.
    - **Plan & Protect Guidebook for Service Providers:** We've also been working on a guidebook for service providers working with customers on easements. Its all finished and published! The electronic version can be found here: https://www.oregonagtrust.org/resources
    - **Stories from the Field Video Series:** When we hosted the succession events in October and November, we had the first succession video in this series complete. They are all ready to view now and located on our website here: https://www.oregonagtrust.org/toolkit
    - **Business and Succession Advising:** We launched our one on one advising services at the end of May. Our resource desk is always open to answering questions and providing guidance like suggested service providers or direction to reading material. Business Advising is available for folks who are seeking some shorter term guidance like business plan or financial review. The Contracted Consulting is where we see a lot of the one on one succession advising clients who need some longer term help with their business.
    - **Working Land Easements virtual workshop**, Wed. October 23 12-1:30 - learn about working land easements, how they apply in different scenarios and how they can contribute to succession
    - Tara is looking to connect with others that want to brainstorm how to increase working land easements on small farms! Reach out to tara@oregonagtrust.org

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In attendance:

Heidi Noordijk - OSU Center for Small Farms
Nate Stacey - OSU Center for Small Farms

Stephanie Payne - NRCS
Andrea Krahmer - OAT
Derek Johnson - FSA
Tatiana Taylor - Tualatin SWCD
Andy Smith - HDFFA
Kait Crowley - RFC
Chantel Welch - AFT
Elizabeth Dean - Oregon Tilth
Lourdes
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Katherine

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Agenda

- **10:00am -** Introductions/icebreaker
- **10:10am** - OCFSN Updates
    - Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grants Program and other OCFSN grants
        - Accepting applications through March 1
            - Details here - https://ocfsn.org/disaster-resilience-grant
            - Spread the word!
        - Food Hub grants
            - https://ocfsn.org/food-hub-grant
        - Get on the RFBC email list - New RFBC website
    - Update on F4tF Working Group Convening plan for 2024
        - May 9-10 or May 16-17 likely in Corvallis
        - Any thoughts or desires for our convening
            - There will be a hybrid component for those unable to travel
        - What do we want to achieve together in 2024?
    - Policy Working Group updates
        - March 5 - Advocacy 101 for nonprofits training
        - Current session has started - land use, canola and OAHP are all in play
- **10:30am** - Your BFR Programming Updates - Your Ambitions and Struggles for 2024
    - Share some specifics on your programming and funding plans for the year
    - Rogue Farm Corps:
        - Expanded Host Farm partner sites for Apprenticeship program into Willamette Valley once again, 8 new Host Farms in that area. 28 Apprenticeship Host Farms in total for 2024 (up from 17 in 2023). 41 Apprenticeship positions available (up from 26 available Apprenticeship opportunities in 2023). Working on strengthening our education event series, adding more weekend intensives, honing in classes and structured curriculum in preference to more loosely structured farm tours.

        - Expanding site for Regenerative Farming Fellowship in Rogue Valley to 4 acres, continuing partnership with non-profit farm (Family Nurturing Center)
        - Pursuing PCEF funding for exploratory work to assess need for Fellowship Farm in the Portland Metro area
    - OSU Small Farms (Metro and beyond)
        - Spring livestock webinar series: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/mid-willamette/events/spring-livestock-series
        - Farm direct workshops and flow chart publication update in process resources from workshops: Field to Market Resources
        - Small Farm School Mud and Manure Washington County - March 4 Tualatin SWCD and PCC Rock Creek
        - Reduced tillage field day summer 2024 planning in process
        - Small Farm School will be in Oregon City on Sept 11
            - Let Heidi know if there's a session you'd like to see at the event if there's a class you'd like to organize.
        - Dry farming events:
            - North Willamette Valley meetup and potluck Feb 29 https://beav.es/q6Z
            - Trials and field days will be happening in Southern Oregon, South WIllamette Valley, Lincoln County, and North Willamette Valley
    - FSA -
        - Online applications for farm loans are now available which will hopefully make these more accessible
            - OLA Info Link (Level 2 EAuth Required) - https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2023/usda-now-accepting-applications-for-farm-loans-online
            - Application Link - https://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eForms/welcomeAction.do?Home
    - Ag Farm census was just released - details on small farms in Oregon
        - 21,900 Oregon Farmers had 10 or fewer years of experience, a 14% increase from the 2017 census. Average age of beginning farmers is 48.2
    - OAT
        - Have hired a succession advisor to launch their new program!
        - Launching new multi-media series (you can find them here - https://www.oregonagtrust.org/)
    - AFT:
        - Learning circles for veteran women farmers, next up will be in PDX focused on urban agriculture in partnership with OSU Small Farms.
        - Water resilience learning circles, open to all small and mid-sized farmers and ranchers, focused on underserved communities

            - Also Dry Farm Demonstration Farms that will highlight a variety of water resilience techniques - four farms in Oregon
        - Succession workshop in NE Oregon (likely Wallowa county) in the fall, good place for both exiting and entering farmer/ranchers.
- NRCS -
    - Doing outreach at F2S and SFC this week
    - Holding local working group meetings to identify how to implement local funding (Feb 23rd will be the first Portland Metro working group meeting)
        - https://nrcs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=625911d1db124f31a42a7c3cccb9a9f6
    - CSP deadline is March 29th
        - Have upped the annual minimum payment to $4,000
        - Can be tricky for small farmers because land must be farmed 4 of the last 6? Years
        - https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/csp-conservation-stewardship-program/oregon/conservation-stewardship-program
- Intertribal Ag. Council
    - A nonprofit organized in 1987 do TA in contract with USDA
    - Current training with rural development with Value Added Producer Grants
    - Training USDA and NRCS
- Adelante Mujeres
    - Reg Ag Program and Market Access
        - 2 programs starting in March in Spanish in Hillsboro
        - Run 2 farmers markets and registration is now open
        - Land access is a new element to the Reg. Ag program and they are working to purchases land to house their program
        - Looking for new Regn land access manager and regen, ag assistant
        - Will be at Small farms conference
- HDFFA
    - Awarding 11 farms for this year's On-Farm Efficiency Grant, seeking/exploring opportunities to make the program more sustainable long-term
    - HDFFA's BFRDP is closing out this year so we are looking at how we can adapt our programming for the future! 2024 focus groups to help write an updated Action Plan for future programming
    - Central Oregon Small Farm School to be hosted at the Central Oregon Ag Show in April (working with groups in CO - DSWCD, OSUx, School of Ranch - to host this)
    - Bringing two farmers from CO to Salem at the end of the month!
- NCFW
    - Working on a Coastal Farming Guide with funding from OSU
        - Create a resource to help newer farmers with regional specific info

                - Working with producers on this
                - To be released in the fall
            - Local Food link event - connecting producers and buyers!
            - CALF grant
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- **11:30am** - Next meeting May 16, 2024, 10am (same time, same place)
    - Could change depending on plan for Working Group Convening

November 16, 2023 10am-11:30am

In attendance:

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Agenda

- **10:00am -** Introductions/icebreaker
- **10:10am** - OCFSN Updates
    - Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grants Presentation
        - Still taking comments through FoFF survey (send to your farmers)
        - Thoughts on the grant program?
            - Penny - Ranking criteria how is use of funds being used to leverage other funding sources. These funds are available for
            - Dee - advocate for rethinking if tractors should be included and include a commitment to use this for climate resilience (things like a BCS)
            - Heidi - How can farmers apply together for larger shared equipment?
            - Tatiana - Make sure folks know that there are drills for rent by many SWCDs
        - We are contracting and hiring! Contracting for Grant Review Committee members - Application Form, Outreach Team - Application form, and CALF coordinator
    - We got the Capital Access for Local Farmers (CALF) RFSP Grant!
        - 10 Farm and Food orgs and 5 funding orgs to participate in a community of practice to make the many funding resources more accessible for small farmers
            - Project Abstract - CALF 2023 (1).pdf
            - It will do three things:
                - Convening community of practice

        - Create a Network resource map - a running list of programs available for service providers
        - Report to identify gaps that still exist and how to provide TA into the future (to set up an application for a 3 year implementation grant through the RFSP)
    - Update on progress for BFR brochure and story map
        - Minimal progress
        - Need to move to new service, ESRI classic story maps is no longer supported
    - Update on F4tF Working Group Convening plan for 2024
        - Plan to meet in April, location TBD
        - Any thoughts or desires for our convening
            - What should our focus be?
    - Policy Working Group updates
        - Hired Policy Intern
        - Planning for 2024 Farm Bill series and 2024 Short Leg. Session
    - RFBC update
        - Tanya Murray has been hired to run Oregon State Team
        - New RFBC website
- **10:30am** - Your BFR programming Updates - Questions you are grappling with
    - 1,000 Friends - Devin Kesner
        - They often hear from the same demographic - she is looking to broaden the base of folks sharing their challenges with land use - anything relevant to anything impacting the land use system. Contact Devin - devin@friends.org
    - Pathways Program - Dee
        - Has been in application process and had 14 applicants! The most in the program history (3 open slots in the program) huge appreciations!
    - Friends of Family Farmers - Alice
        - FarmLink and Farm Navigate Program - both the Historically Underserved Navigator and Mid-South Willamette Valley Navigator are accepting applications
            - BIPOC and underserved farmers Navigator: silvia@friendsoffamilyfarmers.org
            - South/Mid WV Navigator: Christina@friendsoffamilyfarmers.org
        - Looking for farmer ambassadors to support their upcoming regional focus groups
        - Accepting mentees for the Oregon Pasture Network
        - OPN Mentorship: https://oregonpasturenetwork.org/mentorship/
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    - USDA -
        - Contact Sofia who is supporting producers in central ORegon - sofia.blackwelder@usda.gov
        - It is loan season!

        - Contact Derek if needed - Derek.Johnson@usda.gov
    - Coast Fork WWC Working Lands Program
        - Collaborated with OAT to be awarded an RCPP for Oak-Centered restoration and working lands easements in the Coast Fork and Long Tom Watersheds; focus is on opportunities that connect indigenous peoples to prescribed burn activities in Oak Savannah habitat an opportunities to harvest first foods
        - Convened an Upper Willamette Working Lands Team to develop a strategic framework for Farmer Case Management and wrap-around support services for on-farm conservation, regenerative practices, and continued farm viability.
        - Have submitted an OWEB Stakeholder Engagement Grant to hold listening sessions with landowners about barriers to on-farm conservation, and collaborate with regional service providers to adopt a standard approach to supporting farmers and ranchers.
    - Adelante Mujeres
        - Farm to Pantry program - purchasing produce from participant Latinx farmers to donate to 1) local food banks (Centro Cultural, NAMS) and now 2) 100 Latinx families who have Veggie Rx/produce prescription. $88,000 worth of produce to be purchased by mid-December, including value-added products like canned tomatillos and frozen blueberries.
        - Workshops with Foodways by Nana Cardoon to use local grains to make pan de muerto and other breads in earth ovens.
        - 28 folks to graduate from our Regenerative Ag course this quarter! Mostly home/community gardeners, but potential for farm businesses with a few members.
        - Working on a lease with Metro for a 32-acre farm to use for a regenerative agriculture incubator farm program in Gaston.
        - Sage will be more focused on farmers markets + small farm business support - We will be **HIRING a Regenerative Ag + Land Access Program Manager** to oversee farm programming. Will share directly once open.
        - Hiring Farmers Market Coordinator to manage the Forest Grove and Cornelius Farmers Markets. Bilingual Spanish/English required.
    - OSU Metro Small Farms
        - Value-added farm direct trainings in Portland, Forest Grove, Aurora, and Oregon City (late Jan and early Feb)
        - Climate Stress and Grief Workshop in Aurora evening of Jan 11
        - Small Farm School - Sept 11, 2024
        - OSU Small Farms Statewide:
            - working on climate resilience online modules for farmers - should be available 2025.
            - Before you buy rural land - a free webinar for rural landowners. December 14 https://beav.es/qNW

    - Rogue Farm Corps
        - Regenerative Farming Fellowship pilot year concluded, 5 participants successfully completed the program. In negotiation with our partners at SOREC to secure a lease on up to 4 acres.
        - Enthusiastic response to our outreach recruitment efforts for new Host Farms for our Apprenticeship program- 17+ potential new farms! This would potentially double the number of beginning farmer training opportunities we can offer in 2024. Currently in budgeting process to ensure we have adequate staff support for those additional Apprentices and Host Farm Mentors.
        - Farm Launch (TA and business planning advanced track) is underway with a cohort of 15 participants.

- **11:30am** - Next meeting February 15, 2024, 10am (same time same place)

August 17, 2023 10am-11:30am

In attendance:

1. Tara Olson
2. Genevieve Schaack
3. Courtney Stone
4. Sage Fairman
5. Heidi Noordijk
6. Alison Morrison
7. Sara Miller
8. Sherri Noxel
9. Teagan Moran
10. Penny Feltner
11. Andrea Smith
12. Matt Gordon
13. Tanya Murray
14. Kait Crowley
15. Andrew C-A
16. Andrea Krahmer
17. Stephanie Payne - urban ag conservationist NRCS
18. Kate Brauner
19. Dee Thompson
20. Katherine Minthorn
21. Lourdes Herencia

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Agenda

- **10:00am -** Introductions/icebreaker
- **10:05am** - Presentation on Tara Olson's, F4tF Intern and UO Graduate, Research
    - From her thesis - AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN OREGON'S WILLAMETTE VALLEY
    - Research briefs can be found on the three chapters here, here and here
    - Started with a grounding of the indigenous history, BIPOC labor exploitation, and colonial history of the Willamette Valley as a foundation for the research
        - Today only 1% of land in Lane County is owned by BIPOC folks
    - Part 2 - How can this be changed
        - Systemic preferencing of commercial agriculture
            - This creates a system that reinforces structural and systemic inequalities, even with farmers and others who want to produce food for communities and change this system
    - Part 3 - How can networks support this change?
        - What is OCFSN doing to move this work forward
            - Building relationships has two fold effect
                - Systems approach and a diversity of approaches builds more possibilities
                - Transformative learning - by building trust based relationships builds accountability, room to question and critique, can relate to each other as people
                - Can move beyond the margins of the capitalist system
                - Create opportunities to relate to each other as humans
    - Lingering questions
        - Transition vs. transformation
        - Worldviews - what it means to farm and what land is used for - Yeoman myth, land ownership, racial capitalism
- **10:35am -** BFR Subgroup updates
    - Farming for the Future Working Group updates
        - Disaster Resilience Grants - OCFSN was awarded $2.65 million for disaster resilience grants for Oregon underserved producers. In development stage of grants and announcements will be coming. Hoping to open applications Dec. 1
        - CALF RFSP submission - waiting to hear back on this grant, September?
        - Farm Viability Subgroup Farm Business Technical Assistance and RFBC - working on a worksheet to track skills offered by the group.
        - Climate Subgroup tricky topics - next session will be on Crop insurance and federal disaster relief/resilience funding.

        - Land Access subgroup is moving Transitioning Oregon's Farmland project forward. Navigate program is taking applications and doing a southern Willamette workshop for landholders.
    - Updating the BFR brochure and story map
    - Start to plan the next working group gathering for 2024 - where do we want to meet?
- **10:50am** - Your BFR programming Updates - Questions you are grappling with
    - NE Oregon Economic Development District
        - BFR financing - graduated two new BFRs in Union County with funding from our Individual Development Account Program, one diversified crops and the other sheep (meat and wool flocks). Also Stangel Buffalo Ranch was awarded a VAPG to expand their direct marketing as part of their business succession strategy. NEOEDD reviewed and commented on their application and provided letter of support. https://www.opb.org/video/2022/12/19/bison-ranching
        - QPR - used suicide prevention training to aid a struggling rancher
        - Women for the Land -Women in Community for Ranch Resilience, held second learning circle,this time in Baker County, looking at rangeland/timber interface management, and cooperative marketing. Next learning circle in October in Union County. NEOEDD is on Advisory Committee for this initiative led by American Farmland Trust. Learning and community building has been amazing and continues to build with each learning circle.
        - Struggling to keep up with the farm bill! Having to spend much more of my time addressing workforce housing crisis in our region, and advocating for engagement of entrepreneurs/small business in that work. This includes the need for seasonal and year-round stable housing for ag workers.
    - OSU/OAT/FoFF - workshop for landowners
        - Site assessment, power dynamics and can be a replicable workshop (how to do this)
        - September 14 (putting together a resource list) Landholder outreach
        - Outcomes - landowners will know the right questions, risks and relationship building
        - Site readiness/assessment, contract building, farmer relationships (equity/power dynamics), easements and succession planning
    - Adelante Mujeres - Regenerative Ag & Food Sovereignty Program
        - Día del Agricultor Latino 2023 held on July 29 in partnership with Huerto de la Familia/PLAZA (Eugene) and Raices (Hood River) - 98 attendees!
            - Began out of a need to have a Spanish version of the OSU Small Farms Conference. Full day conference focused on water, soil, nutrient deficiency in plants, beekeeping, value added products, and preservation, held in Eugene this year.
        - Recently hired Access to Capital Coach to support with farm business coaching for our Latine participants

        - Farm to Pantry program beginning Sept 14, purchasing produce from our beginning farmers to donate to local food banks that serve the Latine community. Funded by Farmworker Food Access grant in Wash. Co.
            - Coaching on contract negotiation, product quality, and pricing
        - Exploring 32-acre farmland purchase for our program as an incubator farm… more info soon!
    - NRCS
        - OSU Small Farm School participation
        - Small Farm and Organic Specialist positions now in every basin across the state
        - Fielding potential partners for a Portland Metro Working Group to develop a future NRCS fund pool specifically for Urban producers
        - Future IRA funding, opportunity for partner organizations to create RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) proposals
        - All NRCS websites were updated last year - current links that folks have right now may not be working; needs updating
    - OSU - Farm Direct Bill - an update from OAR guidance - OSU farm to market update from OSU - how to support what farmers are asking for - what are others planning? Extension and food preservation are doing a basic workshops - doing it in person activities and best practices
    - OFB -
        - Upgrades and enhancements at Unity Farm (located at OFB)
            - Power in our barn and working internal and external lights
            - Grindstone Farm Root Washer added to our wash n pack station
            - Increased farmable land at Unity Farm
        - Pathways to Farming Incubator Program
            - Currently forecast one opening in the PTF Incubator Program
                - Please contact deethompson@oregonfoodbank.org if you or anyone you know would be interested in joining the OFB BIPOC Beginning Farmer Incubator Program (Pathways to Farming)
            - Current timeline will be
                - Application released end of Sept.
                - Application closes end of Oct.
                - Offer new spot to new farmer mid Nov 🙂
        - Events Dee mentioned
            - If you are looking for some direct ways to act in solidarity with the local Hawaiian community (and have some fun too!), please consider coming to the upcoming Community Mala Days. The event is being hosted by KALO HCC, OFB Farm Program Community Partner, and Unity Farm Steward. The first event will be this Sunday the 20th from 7 AM-12 PM and another chance to volunteer Sunday the 27th 7 AM-12 PM.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084fa4a92da5fbc43-community1#/
        - More info on Instagram here: https://www.instagram.com/p/CwAzLn1L3gQ/?hl=en

- RFC-
    - Apprenticeship program, Rogue Valley Regenerative Farming Fellowship (RVRFF), and Beginning Farmer Educational Event Series (BFEES) in full swing, held two Weekend Intensives for program participants (one in Salem area, one in SWV)
    - Farm Launch applications are open!
    - Finalizing revisions to HF Standards & Guidelines, preparing to begin outreach to prospective HF for 2024 Apprenticeship season
        - Plans to expand Host Farm membership in SWV
        - Prioritize outreach to BIPOC and LQBTQI+ Host Farms
        - Revisiting fee structure for Host Farms, preliminary step towards compensating HF in the future
    - Refining plans for next season of Rogue Valley Regenerative Farming Fellowship- submitted grant applications to ensure the program is fully funded and has room for expansion. Moving towards long term lease (5 yr) on up to 4 acres at SOU SOREC site and strengthening collaboration with local non-profit partner (Family Nurturing Center)
    - Collaborative Farming Specialist hired on in July, conducting initial research
- OAT
    - WELCOME TO OAT TARA!
    - Scheduling succession/easement educational events starting up again in the fall - listed on our website Events — Oregon Agricultural Trust (oregonagtrust.org)
    - Multimedia project going well with videos (succession and easements) starting to be completed in October. These will be on the website and also have a social media push in January
    - Cheers to the Land events kick off the first part of October, find more information here: Cheers to the Land
- HDFFA
    - Second year of On-Farm Efficiency Grants awarded to 9 local producers; a total of $26,861 invested directly into equipment and permanent structure purchases (with at least $20,000 in match from producers, total)
    - Growing Together Mentorship Program: one-on-one peer mentorship pairing beginning with more experienced farmers and ranchers, over 50 hours put in by our three mentors this past year
    - Hesitantly planning Central Oregon Small Farms School/Conference in 2024 with OSU and other partners during the CO Ag Show - a revitalization of the conference, “Living On A Few Acres” (LOFA)

- OSU Metro Small Farms
  - Climate adaptive demonstration plots at NWREC in Aurora first year of a three year project
    - August 23 reduced tillage field day (3:00-6:00 pm)
    - Sept 6 dry farmed field day (4:00-6:00 pm)
    - Past workshop on irrigation scheduling and soil moisture monitoring (July 18th). We're able to give out some kits to farmers Smaof soil moisture probes and readers.
  - Climate adaptive online modules
    - Module 1 - assessment
    - Module 2 - adaptation and mitigation
    - Module 3 - disaster preparedness
  - Small Farm School, September 13 in Oregon City. https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/smallfarmschool/
    - 26 classes
    - 24 exhibitors
    - Full scholarships available for BIPOC and Veteran farmers, discount for students and interns - feel free to share these codes
      - BIPOC code: sfsbipoc
      - Veteran code: sfsveteran
      - Student code: sfsstudent
- FoFF - Navigate program is accepting new applicants! www.oregonfarmlink.org
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- Division with Intertribal Ag Council - regenerative agriculture program
- More will be coming up about this in the next few months. https://ecotrust.org/press-release/1-5-million-investment-from-the-usda-to-support-urban-agriculture-efforts-in-portland-metro/
  - New USDA urban ag initiative - Ecotrust awarded cooperative agreement through this. New service center in Portland area based out of Clackamas Beaver Creek center.
  - Climate smart commodities - Kate Brauner is the contact in Oregon and will continue to share that with the group.

- **11:30am** - Next meeting November 16, 10am

May 18, 2023, 10am-11:30am

In attendance:

1. Derek Johnson - FPAC -FSA
2. Sara Miller

3. Teagan Moran
4. Nicole Ruggiero
5. Penny Feltner
6. Dee Thompson
7. Andrea Smith
8. Matt Gordon
9. Suraya Arslan
10. Tanya Murray
11. Kait Crowley
12. Andrew C-A
13. Tatiana Taylor
14. Chantel Welch
15. Andrea Krahmer
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Agenda:

- **10:00am -** Introductions/icebreaker
- **10:10am -** OCFSN and F4tF working group updates
    - Disaster Resilience Leg. Grants
    - Northwest and Rocky Mountain Regional Food Business Center
        - Please join us for a pre-launch gathering to celebrate the new Northwest & Rocky Mountain Regional Food Business Center and a 'Town Hall' listening session to help shape our work ahead!
        - Wednesday, June 7
          2 p.m. CH2M HILL Alumni Center
          725 SW 26th Street Corvallis, OR
        - Oregon State University has partnered with Colorado State University to co-lead the Northwest & Rocky Mountain Regional Food Business Center, one of 12 new regional food business centers recently created by USDA. The Northwest & Rocky Mountain Center serves 6 western states: Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. This event is to celebrate the new center and acknowledge our community of food system innovators in Oregon. The centers will officially launch on July 1.
        - The celebration announcement will be followed by a "town hall" listening session, where we will begin digging into the work. We will invite ideas and experiences to help shape the new Business Builder grants program, the Regional Food System Infrastructure Program, and other investments from USDA and the state of Oregon to build a more resilient food system.

To round out the day, participants are invited to network after the town hall at Common Fields (545 SW 3rd Street, Corvallis, OR) at a no-host social.
        - Tell us you'll be there, and which parts of the day you plan to attend, by Monday, June 5! RSVP@oregonstate.edu Campus parking permits available upon request with your reply.
    - CALF RFSP submission
    - Transitioning Oregon's Farmland BFRDP
    - Land Use and Farmland Protection Mini-Convening May 19, 9am
    - Farm Viability Subgroup Farm Business Technical Assistance Skills Worksheet
        - Add link
    - IRA community forest funding - connecting with ODF
    - Funding available for subgroup chair of this group
- **10:30am -** Your BFR programming Updates
    - Derek Johnson - New BFR grant opportunity (BFRDP Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) | National Institute of Food and Agriculture (usda.gov) + 2501 - Underserved and Veteran Farmers, Ranchers, and Foresters | USDA) being presented at the upcoming "In The Know" session.
        - Also extend invitation for the group to participate in the "In The Know" sessions with the local USDA BFR group. Next session is scheduled for **July 18th** and we will be presenting on REAP, VAPG, and relevant NRCS and FSA programing.
        - BFRDP grant closed - FSA is inviting Dave to an upcoming In the Know Program
        - PNW Share Farm - regional food network (works with SYSCo) to get food from producer to supplier (andrew to send to Food Hub Working Group)
        - Has some folks that would be interested in attending In the Know to share their farm funding success story
    - RFC:
        - Kait Crowley = new Farmer Training Programs Manager
        - Rogue Valley Regenerative Farming Fellowship - 5 participants @ SOREC - 2 days/wk
        - 19 host farms - 20 apprentices (8 in pdx, 3 in rv, 9 distanced)
        - Beginning Farming Educational Event Series
            - 13 additional participants.
            - Plus 8 OSU Veteran Agripreneurs in rogue valley
            - Plus 1-2 Campo interns in Portland
            - Also Zenger, Headwaters participants drop in here and there in pdx
        - 2 CH Workshops in Feb (Bend / Salem) - report here
            - served 42 attendees from 27 zip codes
            - 64% participants identified as land seekers, 36% as land holders
            - 94% of participants met someone from their region who represented a potential land match

        - Farm Launch wrapped up with 13 participants - 6 month beginning farm business planning cohort
        - Derek - some folks coming through the program have applied for funding to get a lease
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    - Adelante Mujeres
        - Farmers Market Season, join us!
        - Dia del Agricultor Latino - July 29, 2023 in Eugene at the Bethel School (all day educational event in Spanish)
        - Q: Beginning farmer in Salem area currently in regenerative agriculture class. She has land, connected her with local NRCS office. Anyone else locally that could support her?
            - Teagan has a colleague in the small farms team that works in the area
            - Derek can help
            - RFC has some farmers in that region that may be helpful contacts
    - Tualatin SWCD
        - OSU Ext. Land Stewards class
        - Incubator farm support - 3 farms being supported
        - Farmer's Markets grants awarded to 8-10 markets in the county
        - Equipment Rental Program
    - Working Lands Program
        - ODA Ag water quality grant submitted:
            - Greater coordination to support farmers across subwatersheds
            - Listening sessions
            - Produce video materials
            - Farm tours
    - OFB Pathways to Farming Incubator Update - Dee
        - 10 farmers in the program - 5 grow on site other 5 grow in Oregon Metro area (have cross over with incubator programs)
        - Spring has been awesome! Did farm tours in Bend - Oregon Wild Harvest, scale for herb farmers. A great tour space. High Desert Hogs
        - Lots of infrastructure upgrades! High tunnel! Power to the Barn! Upgrade wash and pack!
        - Some farmers hosted a plant sale - another can be seen here - https://www.instagram.com/p/CsZE_jZrNnd/
        - Do have some land under cover crop right now. And will be able to offer more land to participants of the program
    - Andrea - OAT
        - Busy in the spring hosting workshops and industry meetings on easements and succession planning - 450 producers and service providers (21 workshops!)
        - Putting things together for the fall, and looking to collaborate on workshops

        - Working on multimedia project on easements and succession planning
            - Releasing those in the fall
    - Teagan - OSU
        - Small Farms Conference planning and collaboration - connect with them! (compiling evaluation data for 2023)
        - Veteran farmer listserv and hosting summer farm tour series again this summer (working to grow this in the next couple of years to go to other parts of the state) Veteran farmer coffee chats
        - New agritourism farmer network (farmstand and more) - having direct marketing strategies for more producers. Can be a contentious issue from county to county
        - Programing geared to real estate agents - trying to get the people selling land and misleading folks at what is possible on their land
    - Chantel - AFT
        - June 20 - Small Scale livestock management and land access at High Desert Hogs
        - USDA Ext and ed grants doing water resilience education work
    - Update from Sara Cross on their Oregon Producers Feeding Oregon Communities Grant (Local Food Purchasing Agreement Funds)
        - Oregon Producers Feeding Oregon Communities Grant is a USDA funded grant that is focused both on economic development of socially disadvantaged producers and increasing access to local foods to underserved communities throughout Oregon. We are excited to be a part of the local food system conversation through this grant that is helping support and uplift the voices of those on the ground, or in the water, who are providing quality locally sourced foods to our communities in need.
        - This program is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program and is being administered by Oregon Food Bank in partnership with Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Department of Agriculture.
        - Branching out to different parts of the state with more funding now
        - Doing a Native and Tribal Fisher grant - spans OR, WA ID (99 applicants in the second year!)
        - Community Grower Support Funds
            - Partially fund 41 produce across 18 counties
            - If we do invest in local people show up and the investment is needed!
        - Working on this nationally to show the feds this is needed!
        - The program is being extended for another year!
        - Thinking about doing contracts instead of grants in future years
            - To make this more accessible and more collaborative
        - Doing ripple mapping to see how much impact this funding can have in a community
        - Door is always open so email Sara!

- **11:00am** - Idea asking about Community Gardens working group (thinking about a space to discuss food production for communities that is not for profit)
    - Washington County has staff divided by urban and rural areas
        - TSWCD is ramping up their support for urban food production
    - Connect with Growing Gardens that are leaders in that in Portland metro
    - Sara Miller is interested - her org does provide TA to nonprofits which is a cross over with community gardens (interested in who is providing referrals)
    - Adelante is in the process is securing a lease for a large community garden - reaching out to Growing Gardens and how to collaborate
    - Urban Ag CD in Hillsboro with FSA (new position Amanda Welcher SP? In portland)
    - Interesting to have a conversation with the group about what does it mean to be a farmer/producer (RFC doesn't necessarily think about it for profit) What does it mean to be a BFR?
    - OSU - do people see themselves in the program and outreach put out there. This is an important conversation and impact resources we put together
    - The impact when black female farmer came to the school and really lit up the students
- **11:10am -** F4tF working group assessment planning
    - Andrew at the beginning stages of this. Focused on assessing how the working group supports participants. Less of a
- **11:20am** - Next meeting planning
    - Next meeting August 17

February 16th, 10:00-11:30am

In attendance:

1. Carla Dean - TEK Project Coordinator with Elderberry Wisdom Farm
2. Derek Johnson
3. Dee Thompson
4. Andrea (Andy) Smith
5. Matt Gordon
6. Penny Feltner
7. Andrea Krahmer
8. Alex Van Grunsven
9. Suraya Arslan
10. Sara Miller
11. Alice Morrison
12. Rose High Bear
13. Andrew Collins-Anderson

14. Tara Olson

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Agenda:

- **10:00am -** Introductions/icebreaker
    - Introducing Derek Johnson new USDA Oregon State Beginning Farmer and Rancher Outreach Coordinator
        - Feel free to reach out!
    - RFC Apprenticeship Program is accepting applications now. If you know of anyone that would be interested in applying, get them connected soon!
- **10:10am -** Discussion on new collaborative project - Farm Resource Directory
    - Alice of FoFF to lead discussion on past Capital Assistance for Local Farmers Program (CALF) proposal to the Local Food Promotion Food Promotion Grant and ideas for this year's proposal.
        - An expansion of community support for much needed farmer capital projects from various government entities. Our farmer population has trouble finding and assessing the opportunities available or don't see themselves in the eligibility requirements. This project is the first step in helping farmers like these access more resources to advance their businesses and keep feeding their communities and build a more solid knowledge base in service providers across the state to help them more effectively serve their farmers.
    - Last year's group was a collection of culturally and regionally specific orgs
        - Adelante Mujeres
        - Black Food Sovereignty Coalition
        - Gorge Grown
        - Willamette Farm and Food Coalition
        - North Coast Food Web
        - High Desert Farm and Food Alliance
        - Rogue Valley Food System Network
        - New Partners
            - Coast Fork WC Working Lands program
            - Derek at USDA
            - Matt Gordon at RFC
            - Dee at OFB
            - Rose High Bear - Elderberry Wisdom Farm
    - Two parts: 1) community of practice on how to navigate funding (where and how to access) and ?
    - The idea is to rethink what farmers have access to this kind of funding, and reduce cost for accessing these opportunities (for farmers and org staff)

- Last year feedback: there was not enough focus on farm sales; this year looking for a different grant and redesign the grant a bit
    - If there is interest for this, then Alice is willing to help this move forward!
    - These are extensive proposals, so want to start working on this asap
- Time line for this year would be May/June
- USDA grants work in phases: planning grant (18month), then possibility to apply for a 3-year grant for implementation
- Derek: new loan assistance tool could could be funneled into this
- Suraya: strengthening connections between folks that have gone through the program could be a part of this tool; Individual Development Accounts could also be added to this tool (matched funding for smaller goals/businesses?)
    - IDAs managed by Casa of Oregon currently
    - CarlaDean: Mercy Corps NW is another resource for IDAs
- Moving forward: separate meeting for those that are interested in joining this project team
    - Penny: using the Navigator position to inform this grant
    - Derek: how to get this in a succinct format
    - Matt: Would this program be directed at BFR or who is the priority population? How is this similar to Transitioning Oregon's Farmland?
        - Alice: whatever the group decides is the priority group, the grant opportunities will be directed toward them
    - Andrew: examples from other states?
        - Alice: NYFC?
    - Dee: adding OFB grants and food purchasing programs?
        - Alice: expand group of funding partners for next proposal, beyond gov't
    - Rose: some experience with receiving USDA grants
- RFP from LFPP just released and deadline is May 2nd

- **10:35am -** OCFSN and F4tF working group updates
    - Oregon Small Farms Conference this weekend
    - Opportunity from Oregon Department of Forestry for Urban and Community Forestry
        - Wish list ideas for tree projects
        - Bringing a big grant to Oregon, and there is interest in focusing on farms
        - NAtive American Plant Nursery at Elderberry Wisdom Farm
        - Portland Fruit Tree Project - Dee can help connect
        - Andrew to send Andy language for a newsletter blurb
        - Warm Springs Native Plant nursery
        - Adelante folks have folks interested, but landownership is a large barrier
        - We have a really great partner in In Cahoots -https://getataste.org/listings/in-cahoots-heirloom-apple-orchard-collaborative/ but they aren't very "urban"
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    - Farm bill and connection with Congressional delegation

- **11:00am -** Report back from F4tF convening
    - Main piece was the discussion around CALF (see above)
    - Suraya: is there a way for us to further connect around Farm Business curriculum?
        - Rose: tailored lesson planning for Native communities; we would love to speak with you if you're doing something similar
        - Put together a group of folks to compare lesson plans and learning models for Farm Business planning (next meeting of the Farm Viability Subgroup) - do this sooner than April 19
            - Include CarlaDean and Rose and Geoffrey at RFC, Suraya
- **11:10am -** BFR programming Updates
    - Andy: On Farm Efficiency Grant program was funded this year from private donor ($27k) through connections with donor, meaning that this year grants were up to $3k
    - Derek: Pandemic Assistance for New Programs (not directly geared towards BFR, but could be helpful); ERP program; applications shortened to 13 pages!!
- **11:20am** - Next meeting

Notes:

November 17th, 10:00-11:30am

In Attendance:

1. Andrea (Andy) Smith (she/her): HDFFA
2. Geoffrey (he/him): Rogue Farm Corps
3. Matt Gordon (he/him) Rogue Farm Corps
4. Nellie McAdams (she/her) Oregon Ag Trust
5. Tanya Murray (she/her) Oregon Tilth
6. Dee Thompson (they/them): Oregon Food Bank
7. Nicole Ruggiero (she/her): Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District
8. Teagan Moran (she/her): OSU Small Farms Program
9. Andrew Collins-Anderson (he/him): Farming for the Future Working Group Coordinator
10. Andrea Krahmer (she/her): Oregon Agricultural Trust
11. Rose High Bear: Elderberry Wisdom Farm
12. Suraya (she/ella) - Adelante Mujeres
13. Jamie Stamberger (she/her) Stamberger Outreach Consulting
14. Tara Olson (She/her) - UO grad researcher and OCFSN intern
15. Alex Van Grunsven of Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council
16. Sanchin (he/him) - Rogue Farm Corps

17. Duane Lane (he/him) - Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce (soon to be Northwest Native Chamber of Commerce)

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Agenda:

- **10:00am -** Introductions/icebreaker
- **10:10am -** OCFSN and F4tF working group updates
    - Working Group Convening February 2-3 in Salem!
        - Ideas for farms to visit, topics to discuss, gathering format please send them to Andrew
    - Farming for the Future Working Group Overview/Structure Document
    - OCFSN Leadership Team Recruitment
    - Opportunities in the Food System Sharing Document
    - Update on NW/MTN RFBC - See below for update from Lauren Gwin
- **10:25am -** Updates and challenges round robin for BFR programming
    - New faces - Jamie Stamberger of Stamberger Outreach, Alex Van Grunsven of Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, Rose High Bear Elderberry Wisdom Farm, Suraya - Adelante Mujeres
    - Highlight recent grant awards and project implementation
    - What challenges are you facing, how can the working group support?
- **11:10am -** OSU Small Farms Conference workshops
    - Cooperatives workshop
        - Who to invite to speak on a farmer panel?
            - Is there interest in creating a map or process flow document that provides an overview of what a legal cooperative is and the steps to create one?
    - Land Access workshops - update
- **11:20am** - Next Steps
    - Next Meeting

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        - Feel free to share opportunities you know about to be added!

    - Update on NW/MTN RFBC - See below for update from Lauren Gwin
- **10:25am -** Updates and challenges round robin for BFR programming
    - Jamie Stamberger: Is interested in working with BFR members and organizations on program eval, market research, community listening, EIJ; farmworker housing research for policy requests
    - Rose High Bear: Is the ED at Elderberry Wisdom Farm which does career pathways for Native people in agriculture (business ownership, microenterprise) and land access, as well as an elderberry farm; Land access grant: achieving down payments and technical assistance (will hear from USDA in March!) Many orgs in the network are supporting their grant
    - Suraya: Adelante Mujeres regenerative agriculture (educational programs, technical assistance and business program), food access program (direct market in west Washington county) - What do farmers do in the off-season? Connection between beginning farmers and direct access; UAIP grant to create a guide for urban agriculture and youth program!
    - Alex: Working Lands Program with Coast Fork Watershed Council (transition to regenerative land practices), connection to other watershed councils (large service area) - program launch in January (let's get the word out! Partnerships with local orgs to increase service provision?); Survey to make sure that this program works for farmers in the long run
    - Teagan: Oregon Farm and Ranch Equity and Anti-Racism Program (online curriculum): https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/events/oregon-farm-ranch-equity-anti-racism-program-discussion-sessions
      Women For the Land (women veterans entering farming): https://farmland.org/women-events/,
      Report: https://farmland.org/veteran-women-for-the-land-project-releases-pacific-northwest-report/
      OSU was awarded a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) grant (adding online modules on climate and resilience - looking for your input on what is important!)
    - Andrea: Oregon Ag Trusts education and curriculum around easements and successions (happy to have input) small farms conference and workshops
    - Nellie: partnering on grants for easements, land conservation and succession (Oregon Ag. Heritage Program and Transitioning Oregon Farmland BFRDP) (happy to build those partnerships!)
    - Matt: apprenticeships on commercial host farms: changes include all waged employment positions, broadening out host farms to include farms all over Oregon; apprenticeship apps go out early Jan (help spread the word!); prioritize applicants from marginalized communities; how to offset cost of hiring new farmers (open to collab!)?
    - Geoffrey: Changing Hands program renamed Future Farms Program! Collab has created a greater focus on beginning farmer side of things: education and

networking between beginning and exiting landholders (Feb. 11 Bend workshop, Feb. 25 Chemeketa CC) - please share!! Other updates: Farm Launch expansion; Technical assistance to program grads and began working with farmers at Headwaters; Moving towards collaborative models - building out a plan to make the info more accessible to farmers in OR (Tanya & Andrew will have a workshop track at the OSU small farms conference)

- Tanya: farm viability (later part of beginning farmers); Know your cost to grow (2023 self-paced hybrid release); cost of production for organic hazelnuts ongoing
- Andrew: collaborating with folks to build the collaborative workshop track at OSU small farms, including Faith Gilbert's guidebook on collaborative farming https://greenhorns.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Greenhorns_Cooperative_Farming_Guidebook.pdf
- Dee: farm incubator for beginning farmers of color; new member Tara Violetta; OFB has offered letters and staff (Dee) to support BOLT and other orgs for USDA grant; this year has included continued challenges for land access (displacement); always happy to receive input and support on working with BIPOC beginning farmers; Soulfire farm uprooting racism training; Growers Fund Grant now open to medicine and flower producers (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lAHlKUvbWTL5OJTyTPbXyBdCT0dx8EwHtXFB2emqpWg/edit)
  To follow-up on grant, contact Sara Cross: SCross@oregonfoodbank.org
- Nicole: Small Farms School offered in spring at PCC Rock Creek (one-day school aimed at 1-5year beginning farmers with longer workshops); Soil School and Small Farm School (looking for help to promote in the near future!); hybrid forestry/woodland program in Washington County (please send interested participants our way!); near future updates on USDA grants
- Andrew: looking for a new USDA connection to engage in OCFSN (please let us know if you have connections!)
- Andrea (Andy): HDFFA peer-to-peer, one-on-one mentorship program for BFR (3-6yr) continues into second year! The program is not curriculum based, but rather based on existing skills of mentors
- Duane: Works with the Native American Chamber of Commerce and has a background in agriculture/horticulture business legal assistance, bookkeeping, website development, loan/payroll prep
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  - Land Access workshops - update
- **11:20am** - Next Steps

- Next Meeting
- Andrew: Farm and Land Viability subgroup challenge clinic led by Tanya - is there interest in challenge clinic for this group? If you have a challenge you want to workshop with the group, please reach out to Andrew!
- Teagan: coming together in January?

RFBC OCtober 2022 Update:

From Lauren Gwin, OSU Center for Small Farms & Community Food Systems

Hello F4tF,

Back in September, I sent a note to this list that OSU (our Center for Small Farms & CFS) was joining an 8-state regional food business center proposal to USDA, led by Colorado State University.

Here's an update on that, with some background on the RFBC concept/RFA.

USDA Regional Food Business Centers (RFBC) will support a more resilient, diverse, and competitive food system. These Regional Food Centers will support small- and mid-scale farm and food businesses, including supply chain partners (processing, aggregation, distribution, marketing), through training and technical assistance needed to be successful. This includes support accessing federal, state, and local grant/other funding programs. RFBCs will prioritize underserved audiences/communities – Black, Latinx, and POC, Indigenous and Tribal Nations, women, veterans, disabled, limited resource/beginning, and geographic regions with a high poverty index.

That's the background. I am now co-lead, with Colorado State the lead, for a proposed "NW/MTN" RFBC with 8 states that chose to come together: OR, WA, ID, WY, MT, AZ, NM, CO. State leads are mostly but not all reps of land grant universities and state departments of agriculture – but this leadership is about holding the administrative burden and moving a lot of decision making and most of the funding to partners and businesses on the ground.

The RFBC has four "theme teams": 3 focused on key areas of local & regional food sector development and a 4th focused on improving access to investment for local and regional food sector businesses and infrastructure, both public and private sources. (Navigating federal programs, guidance on state and private sources, support with connections/applications to improve success rates, etc.)

As we are structuring this RFBC, underserved & priority communities will be involved at all levels of the Center. Most of the $10M per year of funding that flows through the Center will go to (1) training & technical assistance for individual farm and food businesses who are in/wanting to get into local and regional markets (2) capacity building grants to those businesses (which

can include NGOs). And, crucially, to organizations led by all of the underserved/priority communities, who agree to serve as region, theme, or state advisors.

I am in conversations with the OCFSN Leadership Team about OCFSN housing the coordinator for the state level team for Oregon. That coordinator will be responsible for convening, communications, and facilitation. This doesn't at all limit participation in this RFBC to OCFSN members.

Why 8 states? USDA has made it clear they want multi-state regions. We had hoped to be part of a 3 or 4 state region, but USDA wants bigger. Within-state regions will be part of the Center through the state teams and theme teams.

This RFBC is not going to be a whole new apparatus that will suck funding away from what you are already doing in this arena. Think of this as adding more funding, connective tissue, and stronger goals/accountability on reaching/being led by underserved audiences to what already exists… and in Oregon, that is a LOT.

NEXT STEPS:

We will submit our NW/MTN RFBC proposal to USDA by Nov. 22. USDA does not want every detail now – they want a short proposal that describes our approach, especially related to underserved and priority audiences, the initial partners, and our proposed structure. Plus letters of commitment from each state and core partners at the state and regional level.

If you have questions or want to play an active role in the proposal stage and we haven't connected yet, please reach out to Andrew, and he and I will get back with you asap.

Thanks!

Lauren

August 18th, 10:00-11:30am

Meeting recording
Meeting transcript (this is an unedited transcript) and Audio
Meeting chat

In Attendance:

18. Crystal Kelso (she/her): Small Farms intern, student employee for last year at OSU horticulture therapy, veteran farmer tours
19. Amy Gilroy (she/her): ODA Marketing & Development Program for producers and food manufacturers
20. Jessica Sandrock (she/her): Chemeketa Community College

21. Andrea (Andy) Smith (she/her): HDFFA
22. Geoffrey (he/him): Rogue Farm Corps
23. Matt Gordon (he/him) Rogue Farm Corps
24. Kathy Ferge (she/her): USDA Tribal Liaison
25. Nellie McAdams (she/her) Oregon Ag Trust
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29. Nicole Ruggiero (she/her): Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District
30. Teagan Moran (she/her): OSU Small Farms Program
31. Sara Miller (she/her): Northeast Oregon Economic Development District
32. Andrew Collins-Anderson (he/him): Farming for the Future Working Group Coordinator
33. Shin Lee (she/her): Oregon Community Food Systems Network Coordinator

Agenda/Notes:

- **10:00am -** Introductions/icebreaker
  Folks introduced themselves and their organizations

- **10:10am -** OCFSN and F4tF working group updates
  - Bend Regional gathering a success
  - OCFSN disaster relief grant for 2021 disasters is now complete
    - 115 total applications received
      - 5 denied for various reasons
    - AWARDS
      - 108 eligible farmers and ranchers received grant funding
        - 104 in English
        - 4 in Spanish
        - 41 out of 108 were BIPOC (38%)
      - Location of grantees:
        - Willamette Valley - 59
        - Southern - 25
        - Central - 13
        - Eastern - 9
        - Coast - 2
      - $1,921,756 total funds requested
      - $1,424,059 total funds dispersed + $75,941 administrative
      - TOTAL FUND = $1.5 MIllion

  - Some current projects Andrew is working on
    - Updating the Disaster relief page for 2022 on the OSU Center for Small Farms website
    - Working with OSU staff on a Farmworker Overtime one-pager to educate small farmers on impacts from the new law
    - Aggregating resources available to help cooperative farm enterprises

        - Writing an overview of the Farming for the Future working group to help members understand where it came from and the structure
        - OCFSN is hosting regional gatherings the next will be in South Willamette in October
        - Planning is starting for a winter full F4tF working group gathering
    - Share the word on Small Farm School at Clackamas Community College on Monday, September 12.

- **10:25am -** Introduction to Katherine Minthorn - Technical Assistance Specialist, Intertribal Agriculture Council Northwest OR/ID region and Questions about her work
    - Katherine was unable to join us so will be invited to a future meeting

- **10:35am -** Updates on member projects and challenges they're facing
    - Nellie with OAT - New job openings for an Education Program Director (outreach about working lands, easements, and how those can be helpful to their businesses) and Farmland Program Director.
    - Nicole with TSWCD - Working on supporting farms including direct funding in Washington county who have farm incubator programs (Adelante Mujeres, Stoneboat Farm, Working Theory Farm). Asks folks running other BFR programs what would be helpful to consider for this new funding program that is for graduates of their conservation grants program.
    - Crystal Kelso, OSU intern - folks please share the Veterans farm tour series with your networks.
    - Kathy Ferge, USDA - Oregon USDA BFR program is looking to do the BFR in the Know series. They did this In 2022, and FSA, NRCS, RM and RD shared their work and then there were breakouts with agency staff at the 2022 series. Email Kathy with suggestions on the 2022 series. Also let Kathy know what events USDA should be at coming up.
    - Geoffrey, Rogue Farm Corps - Farm Launch Program has opened applications for its second cohort. Please share! Changing Hands Workshops will be in person this year again (day long workshops in February) and an opportunity to bring landholders and landseekers together.
    - Matt, RFC - RFC and Headwaters hosted a fun gathering with BFRs in the Portland area. Moving all full season positions into waged employment. Matt has been looking for ways to offset this cost for farmers. Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico have ag. Workforce development programs that provide state funds for employers to do training. Contact Matt if you are interested in discussing this more. Also gauging interest from farmers in short season internships - lots of interest on the applicant side but not as much on farm side.
        - Resources from Matt at Rogue Farm Corp on other state workforce programs
            - https://ag.colorado.gov/markets/agricultural-workforce-development-program

            - https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/agricultural-workforce-development.html
            - https://www.ajocsa.com/agriicultural-workforce-coalition
            - Willamette Workforce Partnership
    - Jessica, Chemeketa Community College - working to develop an incubator farm program for Marion, Yamhill and Polk Counties. Did not get recent funding request. Partially due to not having land on campus for the program. Very interested in developing programming for aspiring veteran farms in the mid Willamette Valley.
    - Amy, ODA - ODA is working on new Policy Option Packages for 2023-2025 biennium. See below - includes a diversity in agriculture grant, farm to school infrastructure grant, meat processing infrastructure,
        - https://www.oregon.gov/oda/AboutUs/Documents/Board%20of%20Agriculture/05-22/2023-25%20ODA%20LC-POP%20List.pdf
    - Dee, Oregon Food Bank - New cohort member applications for the Pathways Program goal to open in October. New members would be welcomed in November. Mental health benefits from OFB have been extended to the Pathways Farmers. Land access opportunity with EMSWCD.
    - Andy, HDFFA - HDFFA has a farm efficiency grant program for Central Oregon farmers. Received 30-40 applicants - awarded $50,000 to 14 farmers for items like gravity feeders, root washers and more. Lots of positive feedback and working to make the grant more accessible. Launched a farmer mentorship program - connecting experienced farmers to BFRs. 10 hours is not enough time for these mentorships! Working with OSU to do more workshops (pollinator habitat, business planning etc.)
    - Teagan, OSU - Register for small farm school! OSU's small farm conference (hope to be in person) is in February. Reach out to Teagan on topic ideas or other conference ideas. Doing lots of farm tours - will try and do more this fall and winter. Looking for folks to serve on a panel for medicinal herb processing. Reach out to Teagan if you know someone who would be good for that. O-FRAEP is beginning to be rolled out publicly this fall. Teagan is interested in hosting a discussion group for this with this group.
    - One centralized job posting location for farm labor

- **11:05am -** Other BFR Subgroup updates
    - Check on updates needed for brochure and future story map
        - Andrew is making updates to the brochure that will be ready by early September
        - Updating vs expanding our story map is a question for another meeting
            - Take a look at OAT's Farm & Ranch Protection Plan story map. Is there something like this we could do for Farming for the Future programming? Maybe with land access or climate issues?
    - Cooperatives subgroup meeting. What was discussed and what are the next steps?

        - Folks met in July to discuss cooperative farm enterprise models and what is missing in Oregon to support folks interested in these models?
        - It would be helpful to have some sort of map of process flow document to give folks so they can understand the process for creating a cooperative.
        - The Northwest Center for Cooperative Development presented at a past RFC Changing Hands workshop - good info and could be worth following up to see if they have expanded their services for farm businesses
        - Teagan recommended a track on this topic a the Small Farms Conference. Are folks interested in helping with this? We could invite farmers who are running collectives/cooperatives. Andrew will followup with Teagan on this option.
        - There are two tribal cooperatives in Oregon (there is a video of a presentation of one of these in this YouTube playlist - Models of Native Cooperative Ownership Series: Dream of Wild Health)
        - Andrew has started an OCFSN Google Drive folder for folks to share resources on cooperative farm enterprise models in Oregon
        - Andrew will schedule another meeting for that group to continue the conversation
    - Farm labor retention
        - Labor retention continues to be a major challenge.
        - Folks have discussed a farm labor job board for Oregon. Matt and Natalie have discussed this in regards to the Oregon Farm Link job board
        - Pros and cons of having a separate job board
        - OCFSN job board could be a place for this (currently focused on OCFSN member orgs job postings, not a full food systems job board for Oregon)
        - A continuing discussion on this
        - Andrew is working on a one-pager on the impacts of the overtime bill on small farmers. This will be distributed by end of the year
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- **11:20am** - Next Steps
    - Regular meeting scheduling
    - Share current plans for F4tF full working group convening and request event planning support

May 25, 2:00-3:30pm

*Watch the Meeting Video

In Attendance:

34. **Teagan Moran** - OSU Extension
35. **Shin Lee** - OCFSN Coordinator
36. **Andrew Collins-Anderson -** OCFSN Farming for the Future Working Group Coordinator

37. **Dee Thompson** - OFB Farm Program Manager
38. **Jessica Sandrock** - Project coordinator BFR Chemeka College
39. **Kathy Ferge** - OR USDA Natural Resources Conservation,
40. **Silvia Cuesta -** Oregon Farm Link FoFF
41. **Heidi Noordijk** - Ag Program Coordinator OSU Metro Small Farms
42. **Matt Gordon** - Rogue Farm Corps
43. **Alice Morrison** - FoFF Organizational Director

Agenda:
2:00 - 2:15pm Introductions/icebreaker

2:15 - 2:20pm Update from new F4F working group coordinator on OCFSN, F4F structure, and other subgroup projects

2:20 - 2:30pm Short synthesis of current BFR subgroup projects, past convening and past meeting notes. Share current plans for F4F convening and request for convening planning committee members.

2:30 - 3:15pm Participants round robin and share current projects/work they are looking to collaborate on. Identify potential BFR subcommittees to work on specific projects/funding requests to build capacity.

3:15 - 3:30pm Next steps for the BFR subgroup
- Next meeting timing
- Plan to schedule project level meetings outside this call

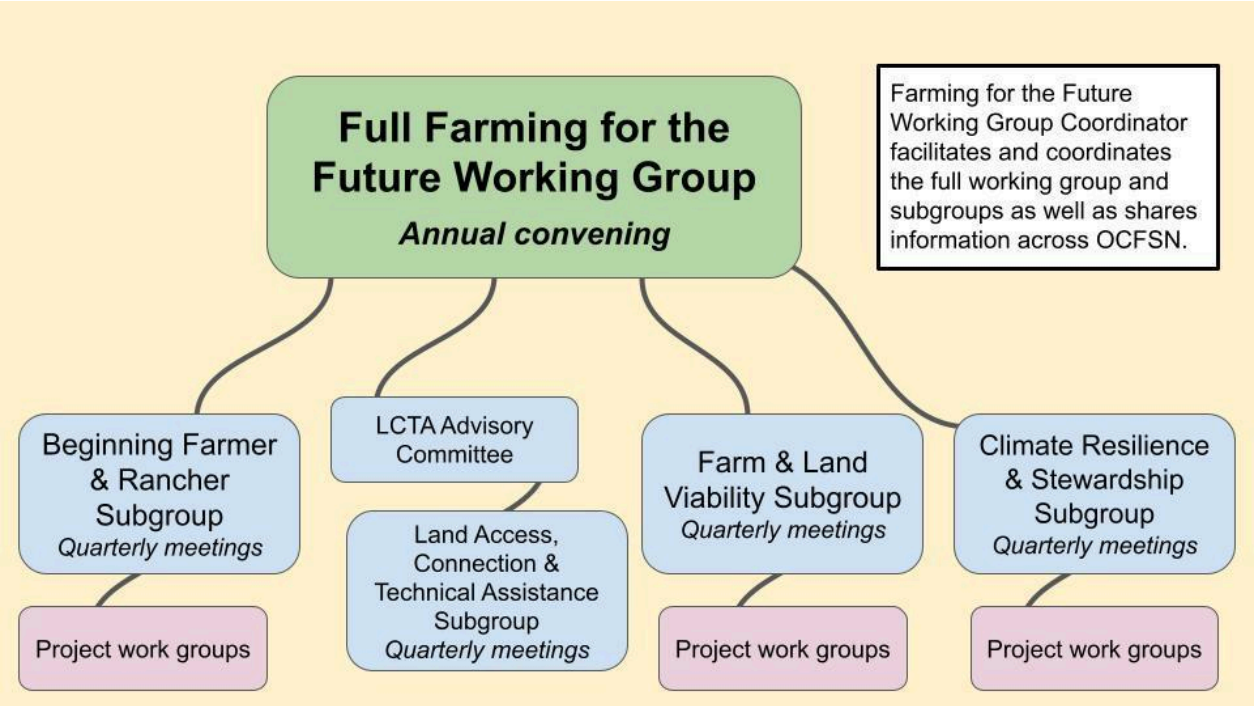
Notes on the Farming for the Future Subgroups Synthesized

Meet: Quarterly (3x as sub- group + one whole WG meeting) ~ February, May, August, November

Meeting Notes:
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  - Shin: OCFSN updates: new members, disaster relief grant, and website updates (new calendar, network and broader opportunities webpage)
  - Andrew provided an update on the the structure of the working group and recent work
    - F4F Working Group webpage
    - F4F working group google drive folder for all notes and resources
    - Andrew has been meeting with working group members to get lay of the land and has been making connections with other working groups

- Connecting with Polciy Committee to building grassroots support for 2023 and farmer/working group member's priorities for leg session
- Updates from the other 3 subgroups
    - LCTA - Just completed BFRDP proposal - will meet with advisory council and interested parties to go over next steps
    - Farm & Land Viability Subgroup - Has yet to meet, but will in June to start discussion of projects and goals of this subgroup
    - Climate Resilience & Stewardship - Held first meeting on April 28. Currently work on creating subgroup purpose, objectives and survey to prioritize collaborative projects



- **2:20 - 2:30pm Short synthesis of current BFR subgroup projects, past convening and past meeting notes.**
    - Shared current plans for F4F convening in September and request for convening planning committee members.
        - Teagan is interested in supporting this - otherwise no interest from group. Needs to be asked again
    - September BFR convening notes
    - Raw Notes from Sept. 2021 F4F restructuring
    - Brochure and story map updates
        - Have folks been using these resources? What is not working?
            - Heidi need more brochures
        - We will get a full ArcGIS license. Other subgroups want this and Andrew can manage this project. What needs to change? Access for folks to edit and allow for showing orgs service districts

- Brochure - what needs to be updated and where to distribute?
- Equity literacy curriculum - Teagan Moran (OSU), Abigail Singer & Elizabeth
  - Andrew to send invite to Equity literacy curriculum to the full F4F Working Group

- Potential Future projects - from past meetings
  - Curriculum review for different levels of training along the BFR continuum
  - Online/ recorded classes
  - Generate policy ideas/ needs/ advocacy
  - Collaborative grant writing/funding
    - Keeping network grant hat on
    - County and regional grants
  - Coordinating regional farm tours and farmer to farmer skill shares
  - Sharing successful business plan/implementation and collective models
  - Systems sharing (communication, for example)
  - A resource review of what is already there to help BFRs -
  - Hearing about interest in collaboratives but there is a gap in knowledge. Do we need a shared resource for upcoming and potential funding opportunities? How to expand this?

- **2:30 - 3:15pm Participants round robin and share current projects/work they are looking to collaborate on. Identify potential BFR subcommittees to work on specific projects/funding requests to build capacity.**
  - Jessica - is the project coordinator for a USDA beginning farmer Rancher Development Grant for Chemeketa Community College and OSU Small Farms in the mid Willamette Valley. They submitted a proposal last year to start an incubator farm in Salem to serve Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties and we were hoping to start a training program and have an incubator farm on campus. The on campus site has since changed and so while we're still developing the training program, we're actually identifying partner farms now that would serve as incubator sites in all three counties. Applying for implementation funding for this project. Wanting to connect with the group to support farmers access to grants and support from federal funding.

  - Shin - making OCFSN is an aggregate to help with not reinventing the wheel.

  - Dee - Pathways focuses on beginning farmer training for BIPOC beginning farmers and has evolved to be very participant centered, rather than a one size fits all kind of moving people through track model.The land access piece is huge, OFB is offering land and water to participants. Often more community centered. Not graduating farmers from their program until they are ready. Focusing on just land access, leasing land and/or owning land. Talking about alternative models of

land ownership cooperatives, collectives and benefits working in community. Dee and Jessica to connect.

- Alice - FoFF offers several different pots of TA. Hearing again and again from farmers that capital access is huge. FoFF submitted a LFPP planning grant (CALF project) to build a network of professional development to support farmer access to agencies and capital funding. Funding would support the creation of a If/Then decision tree website to aggregate information about funding sources - Future pending funding. New sustainable business programming through OPN this year.
    - Agency funding to being include in LFPP work - FSA, ODA specialty crop block grant, NRCS, SWCD (farm viability projects)

- Kathy - USDA BFR program offers quarterly sessions, and they may expand to service providers on supporting grant proposals. USDA staff is there to support service providers and support with different pots of funding. Upcoming urban ag and innovation grant.
    - Folks should connect with Kathy on USDA funding and she can support.

- Tanya - This sounds like it fits the SARE PDP grant (this is what funded the National Farm Viability Conference). Been doing some one on one technical assistance with farmers through Pathways and Headwaters projects. Been working with headwaters farmers for extended periods (more than one year). This model has a lot of potential. Really focused on the concepts for farm viability and helping farmers be successful. Has mostly been working with vegetable farmers and there is room to include livestock producers. Sales planning, yield records (these are essential), accounting systems. Know your cost to grow. Very important to have a connection to the service provider for continued support. Thanks for participating in the farm viability conference!
    - Would like to connect with Alice and Jessica on their projects connecting it to Know Your Cost to Grow. Thinking 6 months ahead.

- Teagan - SARE PDP for share and cooperative models. Doing a focus group on cooperative models. Lots to learn from East Coast folks. Do a large farm tour series this summer and many of the farms to be visited will be veteran owned farms. Would like to connect with Jessica on this work and Teagan has an intern who is support the project.
    - Hosting a focus group on cooperative models
    - https://projects.sare.org/wp-content/uploads/985980cooperative-farming-guidebook.pdf

- Heidi - Small Farm School is Sept. 12th. Folks are asking about barriers to farmers accessing grants for the program. Rich Swartz will be speaking from his experience working on the Value Added Producer Grant and others speaking on

other grant applications. It would be great to have a video of farmers speaking on how they were able to acquire grants. Farmers learn best from other farmers. Are there folks who know farmers who would be good for this type of resource?
        - Is hearing from farmers that doing a listening session between farmers and legislators would be valuable.

    - Matt - Rogue Farm Corps has included cooperative and collective models in their strategic planning as part of the Changing Hands and Farm Launch programming. Including this in current funding proposals (ARP USDA grant). Researching possibilities on registered apprenticeship programs. Need to develop an advisory team to guide this. Policy on farmer training funding on state level. Funding to go to host farms who are mentoring. Also looking into workforce development training funds. Moving to a waged employment model for training programs. Interested in exploring an online or hybrid "intro to organic crop production basics" short course potentially with partners. Also exploring partnerships in various locations in Oregon for entry-level part-time farmer training programs where RFC staff would be involved in day-to-day training (as opposed to having host farmers do all of the hands-on field training).

    - Tanya - *from chat* I shared this with Andrew in the 1:1, and maybe obvious, but I think training on cooperative models really need to include/emphasize not just the legal structure but the organizational decision making/governance structure.

    - Silvia - Navigate Program still has space, and is taking applications for BIPOC farmers. Second, the need and support for grant proposals. There is a lot of need and support in that area especially for spanish speaking farmers. Silvia worked with three farmers during the OCFSN disaster relief proposals. Doing farm tour with participants in the Farm Navigate program to connect with latino farmers who are already working on this. If folks know others that would be good farm tours that would be great.

    - Heidi- *from chat* Clackamas County has a goal by 2026 to increase food production by 10% and food production acres from agricultural land by 10% in the county. I was at the county commissioners budget meeting earlier this week and the commissioners were very interested in learning more about the existing farmer training programs that exist in Oregon.

- **3:15 - 3:30pm** Next steps for the BFR subgroup
    - Next meeting timing
        - Andrew will send out
    - Plan to schedule project level meetings outside this call
        - Collective ownership subgroup meeting

Action Items & Potential Projects Discussed

- Reach out to Andrew to join the F4F convening planning committee (September convening of full working group)
- Andrew to send invite to Equity Literacy Curriculum to the full F4F Working Group
- Andrew to send Heidi more brochures
- Andrew to help support hosting a focus group on cooperative/collective land ownership and farming models (potential farm SARE PDP grant)
- Jessica at Chemeketa Community College is looking to connect with partners on their farm incubator program
- Creating a video of small farmers talking about how they have been successful acquiring grant funding/capital support
- Matt and RFC is looking for advisory team on registered apprenticeship programs
- Teagan and Silvia will both be hosting farm tours this summer.
- Small Farm School is Sept 12th this year

February 23, 2022 BFR Working Group Agenda, 2:00-3:30pm

In Attendance:

44. **Megan Fehrman** - interim coordinator for F4TF
45. **Teagan Moran** - more business resources on the evolving/new Small Farms Program website - we are still updating the site and will announce its new version soon Small Farms Program | College of Agricultural Sciences (oregonstate.edu)
46. **Evie Smith** - Small Farms and Master Gardener, focused on needs assessment this year before building out programming. New to Oregon and this community!
47. **Sara Miller** - NEOEDD, work closely with entrepreneurs and policy work. Recently connected relocating farms to incubator at Little Hill Farm. On advisory committee with American Farmland Trust Program (women in ranching cohort - adapting to climate change, accessing Federal programming, and other resources)
48. **Stephanie Payne** - USDA
49. **Shin Lee** - OCFSN Communications Consultant,
50. **Dee Thompson** - New Farm Program Manager for OFB, direct support for pathways to farming, managing Unity Farm (onsite at OFB). Greenhouse being built!
51. **Sara Cross** - OFB, Year 2 of Community Grow Support Fund, piloted native/tribal fisheries funding,
52. **Rowan Steele** - Headwaters Incubator Farm Program Manager, Partnering w/ RFC Farm Launch program
53. **Jessica Sandrock** - New to this group! Joined Fall Convening. Currently in the planning year of USDA grant. Interest in starting an incubator farm for Marion/Yamhill county.
54. **Mayra Hernandez** - Nutrition & Health Coordinator Adelante Mujeres,

55. **Kathy Ferge** - OR USDA Natural Resources Conservation,
56. **Annie Nichols** - HDFFA Agricultural Support Manager. OCFSN Disaster Relief Fund grant. Launching a new mentorship program to assist BFR. March meat processing workshop as well as chef/farmer mixer. $48k in on-farm efficiency grant funds!
57. **Nicole Ruggiero** - Rural Conservation Specialist at TSWCD, workshops focused on best conservation processes on farms
58. **Heidi Noordijk** - Ag Program Coordinator OSU Metro Small Farms. Winter vegetable production and marketing and market access.

Agenda:

1. 2:00-2:15 Group Introductions & Organizational Updates
2. 2:15-2:35 Farming for the Future WG/ Sub-group Update
    1. First time back together since Convening (see below)
    2. Hiring process
    3. I.D. Cross-Pollinators and Connectors
        a. You can sign up for more than one sub-group!
    4. Co-chairs to help this group move forward
    5. New OCFSN website
3. 2:35-2:55 Farm and Ranch Equity and Anti-Racism Program (Teagan)
    1. Program Description
    2. Roll-out Plan
4. 2:55-3:10 Story Map Update + Discussion (Silvia? Megan)
    1. Do we want to catalog private businesses serving farmers, in addition to non-profits & agencies?
    2. Plan for an additional tab to capture orgs that offer general resources for BFR that didn't fit under main categories (farmer training, business training, financing, and land access)?
    3. Need for multiple locations/ pins for service providers?
5. 3:10-3:25 Policy Survey (Lauren)
6. 3:25-3:30 Next Steps & Community Announcements

1. BFR Sub-group

Members of the Beginning Farmer Rancher Sub-group collaborate to coordinate existing services for Oregon's beginning farmers and ranchers (BFRs) at all stages of development, between years 0 and 10 years of involvement in agricultural production. The primary focus of this working group is to support BFRs through education and training programs plus available resources and services for this segment of Oregon agriculture.

Current Projects:

- Brochure & Story Map
    - Advisory Committee: Teagan Moran & Heidi Noordijk (OSU), Silvia Cuesta
    - Needs:

        - Decide if we want to catalog private businesses serving farmers, in addition to non-profits & agencies
        - Upgrade or work around current system limitations:
            - Original vision was for anyone in the storymap to have edit capabilities but reality is any changes/edits have to go through Silvia;
            - Future funding: hopefully allow for an additional tab to capture orgs that offer general resources for BFR that didn't fit under main categories (farmer training, business training, financing, and land access);
            - One location pin per org. on the map, statewide orgs are impacted— in the meantime, add different titles so they can show up in multiple places? For example, RFC C. Oregon, or Tualatin SWCD, etc...
- Equity Literacy Curriculum
    - Advisory Committee: Teagan Moran (OSU), Abigail Singer & Elizabeth Tobey (RFC), Maia Hardy (Ecotrust), Brittany (FOFF), Megan Fehrman (OCFSN)
    - Needs:
        - 1-pager / project description
        - Coordinate a Statewide effort to rollout curriculum

Potential future projects/ collaborations:

- Curriculum review for different levels of training along the BFR continuum
- Online/ recorded classes
- Generate policy ideas/ needs/ advocacy
- Collaborative grant writing/funding
- Coordinating regional farm tours and farmer to farmer skill shares
- Sharing successful business plan/implementation and collective models
- Systems sharing (communication, for example)
- Program outreach

Meet: Quarterly (3x as sub- group + one whole WG meeting) ~ February, May, August, November

Meeting Notes:

- 2:00-2:15 Group Introductions & Organizational Updates (finished 2:26)
- 2:15-2:35 Farming for the Future WG/ Sub-group Update
    - First time back together since Convening (see below)
    - Hiring process
    - I.D. Cross-Pollinators and Connectors
        - Who has signed up for more than one sub-group?
    - Co-chairs to help this group move forward
    - New OCFSN website!
    - Updates will be coming through the listserv

- 2:35-2:55 Farm and Ranch Equity and Anti-Racism Program (Teagan)
    - Direct response from farmers requesting help with resources on anti-racism and equity work
    - One-pager Program Description: Oregon's Farm and Ranch Equity and Anti-Racism Program (O-FREAP), online curriculum.
    - Roll-out Plan: pilot stage right now. Curriculum is live. Designed to be self paced. Estimated 40+ hours of content. Ask to not share curriculum widely yet, aiming for a thoughtful rollout.
    - Q: Do we want any structure for this BFR group to go through the material?
    - Teagan currently managing registration (hosted by OSU) for this content
    - Examples: other organizations are planning on 1-2 year cohorts to go through this curriculum
    - Anyone who is interested in hosting a cohort can reach out to Teagan.
    - There is a section for BIPOC participants. $65 fee which will be paid for by the host organizations. The intention is not for participants to be responsible for the fee. Reach out to Teagan for more info. Financial support will come from each host org.
- 2:55-3:10 Story Map Update + Discussion (Megan)
    - Do we want to catalogue private businesses serving farmers, in addition to non-profits & agencies?
        - Rowan: trepidation for opening the door since it changed the nature, are there other options for how to connect service providers?
        - MF: Additional providers list
        - Stephanie: NRCS approved Technical Service Providers list of folks that are NRCS trained for certain processes. Second, changing the dynamic of Story Map. What would the screening process look like? Potentially very complicated. What would be most ideal for the BFR rather than the business?
        - Dee: Echoing concerns. Private businesses, would it be training/internship programs?
        - Heidi: Echoing concerns. There might be gray areas, what is the vetting process? Pointed out Columbia Wealth Advisors LLC under the financing tab. Can we have a forum for information sharing between farmers…inspiration was the Whova chat under OSU Small Farms Conference.
        - Sara M: On behalf of beginning farmers, I've reached out to this group for referrals to private consultants to help with different kinds of TA, such as crop planning, greenhouse siting.

        - Plan for an additional tab to capture orgs that offer general resources for BFR that didn't fit under main categories (farmer training, business training, financing, and land access)?
            - Claudia: if we start a listserv/forum important to have folks who have an understanding of the farming. Finding accountants schedule F in central oregon has been a challenge. Would love to see food justice/food sovereignty tab. Farmers started accepting SNAP/EBT (Zenger Farm initiated sharing resources and how to access this).
            - Dee: Echo what Claudia is sharing about Tax assistance and how it's hard to find for folx.
        - Need for multiple locations/ pins for service providers?
            - Annie: Central Oregon map looks empty.
            - MF: Bump this up on the priority list
            - Dee: Originally from Boise. Are there opportunities to collaborate with folks in the Idaho area since there is crossover. Open to doing some investigation.
- 3:10-3:25 Leadership Team + Policy Survey (Lauren)
    - Partnership Project with Policy Committee
    - Understanding what our collective power already is
    - Understand how all our organizations currently engage with farmers? Who has farmer advisory groups? Farmers you work with 1:1 daily? How do they influence it? Do you talk about policy issues at all, if yes, how does it happen?

- 3:25-3:30 Next Steps & Community Announcements
    - Statewide Military Veterans Email ListServ - People who want to join can email subject line: Veteran ListServ to Teagan.moran@oregonstate.edu with their email.
    - Heidi: A group of us from the small farms team at OSU put together a business planning website. We'd love to have feedback from partners – especially on the business trainings and resources section. https://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/business-trainings-and-resources
    - Dee: question for the OSU folx: There was a presentation on Small Farms Business School from someone named Winona about Tax stuff. Do we know if Winona is more of a general tax person or has some connection to farming?
        - Heidi: Winona is based in CA, Ag in the Middle connection
        - EcoTrust has this list for bookkeepers and CPAs https://ecotrust.org/wp-content/uploads/AOTM-Service-Provider-Directory-CPAs-February-2021.pdf