

# Weed Free Forage Program

Certified weed free hay, straw, and gravel are in high demand in Oregon and throughout the western states. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Weed Free Forage & Gravel Program, as part of an integrated weed management approach, helps limit the spread of noxious weeds and protect Oregon agriculture. The ODA follows the standards set by the North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA; <u>www.naisma.org</u>). Additionally, inspections include Oregon's listed 'A' and 'B' listed noxious weeds which can be found at <u>www.oda.direct/NoxiousWeedProfiles</u>.

#### **Forage Certification Process**

- Applications must be submitted to the department at least 20 days prior to harvest.
- Applications are available at <u>www.oda.direct/WeedFree</u>.
- Applicants will be contacted to schedule the inspection fields must be inspected within 10 days of harvest to qualify.
- After a passed inspection, a certificate will be provided.
- Inspection fees are \$60 per hour (4 hour minimum) or \$3 per acre, whichever is greater.
- Mileage fees: Inspector's travel time will be charged at the current official state mileage rate.
- Application fee: \$25 for each field, non-refundable.
- Contact Shannon Coulombe (503.986.4658; <u>Shannon.Coulombe@oda.oregon.gov</u>) for more information.

#### Weed Free Forage Twine

Continental Western Corporation (CWC; <u>www.cwcglobal.com</u>) provides twine for weed free forage producers under an MOU with ODA and NAISMA. After a passed inspection, ODA will notify CWC of the eligibility of a producer to purchase twine. Producers can then order twine directly from CWC.

For more information about the process for weed free certification, visit <u>www.oda.direct/WeedFree</u>.

Twine Contact information: Annette Eaton | 503.223.5194 | <u>aeaton@cwcglobal.com</u>

#### North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA)

The NAISMA Certified Weed Free Products program is the only program in North America that provides land managers with assurance that noxious weeds will not be spread through the movement of forage, hay, mulch, gravel or compost brought into the property. Weed Free Products maintains a list of standards, provides guidelines, and ensures uniform training and participation.

The mission of NAISMA is to empower invasive species management in North America. Since 1994, NAISMA has supported invasive species management professionals through training, standards, outreach, and networking that bridge jurisdictions and diverse stakeholders. More information at <u>www.naisma.org</u>.



# Weed Free Forage Providers certified by the ODA (page 1 of 2) The following list includes providers who had fields certified in 2023 or through August 28, 2024.

| Provider Contact In            | formation  | County(ies)                 | Product(s)   |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Blue Mountain Hay              | 970-219-8333;<br>Accounting@bluemountainhay.com  | Benton, Lane,<br>Linn, Lake | Alfalfa, Oats, Timothy, Wheat                            |
| Bullfrog                       | 503.936.9879                                     | Clackamas                   | Нау  |
| Cantrell Ranch                 | 541.980.4004;<br>cantrellranch@gmail.com         | Wasco                       | Grass, Grass – orchard mix,<br>Triticale                 |
| Crown Landscape                | 503.519.0848;<br><u>steve@crownlandscape.com</u> | Marion                      | Wheat  |
| Emert Hay                      | 541-571-0024;<br>Emerthay@gmail.com              | Umatilla                    | Alfalfa, Grass, Grass/Alfalfa<br>mix                     |
| Four E Guide & Supply          | 541.944.3006;<br><u>foureguide@charter.net</u>   | Jackson                     | Mixed grass  |
| Gallant Family Farms           | 503-318-2545                                     | Clackamas                   | Wheat  |
| Gerber Farm Supply             | 503.519.3666;<br>gerberfarmsupply@gmail.com      | Clackamas                   | Oats/grass   |
| Gomoll Stables                 | 503.930.5173                                     | Marion                      | Grass  |
| Gourley Farms, LLC             | 503.910.4810;<br>gourleyfarms.mary@gmail.com     | Linn                        | Wheat  |
| Happy Kamper Custom<br>Farming | 541-571-2700                                     | Umatilla                    | Orchardgrass   |
| Hoffman Farms                  | (503) 628-0772                                   | Washington                  | Wheat straw  |
| J&K Farms                      | 503-931-2553;<br>josephf@smt-net.com             | Linn                        | Wheat  |
| Joe Denig                      | 541.742.5172; jm_denig@yahoo.com                 | Baker                       | Grass  |
| K-C Ranch, LLC                 | 541.771.4970;<br><u>connie@aspenlakes.com</u>    | Deschutes                   | Alfalfa, Grass,<br>Grass/Orchard mix                     |
| Kevin Kostman                  | 541.951.9089;<br><u>kdk7575@Hotmail.com</u>      | Jackson                     | Alfalfa, Grass/Alfalfa Mix,<br>Orchardgrass, Orchard hay |
| Kyle Frias                     | 503.970.9343;<br>mopardodgemopar@gmail.com       | Clackamas                   | Wheat  |
| Liberty Farms                  | 541.580.9623;<br><u>hyrumlaney@gmail.com</u>     | Douglas                     | Annual rye, Orchardgrass                                 |
| Lillesve Ranch LLC             | 541.419.5942<br>sarah.lillesve@gmail.com         | Deschutes                   | Нау  |
| Lone Oak Livestock,<br>LLC     | 541.979.8726;<br>joescheler@gmail.com            | Linn                        | Wheat  |
| Lutzenberger Farm              | 541.460.1432                                     | Jefferson                   | Orchardgrass   |

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| Matt Delapp                     | 503.269.0519;<br><u>Matthew.delapp@gmail.com</u>       | Marion      | Oats, Wheat                 |
| Nowak Family Farm               | 541.409.4103;<br>michellernowak@msn.com                | Linn        | Нау                         |
| Orton Hay Farm                  | 503.580.4110   | Polk        | Grass                       |
| Pineridge Ranch Hay &<br>Cattle | 541.815.7847;<br>johnnlyleason1@gmail.com              | Deschutes   | Alfalfa, Orchardgrass       |
| Robert & Karen Friend           | 541.815.2119   | Deschutes   | Orchardgrass                |
| Rohner Farms, Inc.              | 541.403.0186;<br>jkrohner@thegeo.net                   | Baker       | Barley, DNS Wheat,<br>Wheat |
| Seiders Farms LLC               | 541.881.7909   | Malheur     | Grass                       |
| Sisters View Farms              | 541.520.3954   | Deschutes   | Orchardgrass                |
| Smith Farms                     | 541.908.1571;<br>smithfarms7475@gmail.com              | Sherman     | Wheat                       |
| Soggy Feet Enterprises          | 503.730.2517;<br><u>soggyfeetenterprises@gmail.com</u> | Columbia    | Wheat                       |
| Triple C Farms LLC              | 541.771.4980;<br><u>matt@aspenlakes.com</u>            | Deschutes   | Grass, Orchardgrass         |
| Unger Family Farms Inc          | 971.506.2518;<br><u>mj@ungerfamilyfarms.com</u>        | Washington  | Wheat                       |



## Why Weed Free Forage?

Using weed free forage is a proactive method of preventing our natural and working lands from invasion by noxious weeds. Our natural and working lands are especially vulnerable following catastrophic events like wildfire and flooding and using weed free forage can help mitigate the risk of invasion during recovery.

Using weed free forage also ensures that you are providing the most nutritious and palatable version of a product to your livestock, free of undesirable and sometimes toxic weeds. For producers, ODA's Weed Free Forage and Gravel Program provides an opportunity to add value to your products while contributing to overall ecosystem resilience.

