

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

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

