Oregonians value our farmland. It’s essential for our economy, rural communities, food systems, and the environment.

Agricultural land makes up 25% of our state...

But in the next 20 years, 64% of these lands will change ownership.

Yet 80% of farmers may not have a succession plan.

Poor succession planning leads to:
- Family strife
- More estate taxes and attorney fees
- Pressure to sell land to pay fees
- Development and fragmentation

As land is fragmented, it becomes more vulnerable to development.

Oregon’s farmlands & their benefits are at risk of being lost forever.

Once farmland is developed, it never returns to farming or open space.

Oregon’s land use system slows the permanent loss of farmland, but doesn’t stop it.

Working lands easements can help.

Instead of selling off pieces of land over generations, farmers can sell development rights that they won’t use anyway.

What can you do?

Farmers
- Start succession planning early
- Find your successor and share your knowledge
- Learn how working lands easements can help with succession

Public
- Support land use to conserve our resources for the future
- Support land trusts & groups that preserve farmland
- Buy from local farmers, and support them with public policy

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