

Oregon's Natural and Working Lands Goal:

Targeted survey questions

Open: December 11th 2020 – January 4th 2021

The survey was targeted to Oregon's landowners and the organizations that support them.

Participants self-selected into one of the following categories:

- **Agricultural landowner/land manager**
- **Timber landowner/land manager**
- **Technical assistance provider**
- **Conservation/environmental organization**
- **Timber/Ag interest group**

Questions were modified slightly depending on the organizational affiliation the participant selected.

This document lists the questions that were asked in the survey according to the following color scheme:

<p>Black = Questions for all participants Blue = Questions for Ag and Timber Land owners/land managers Red = Technical assistance provider Green = Ag, conservation/environmental, or timber organization</p>

In what part of Oregon are the natural and working lands that you work with located in? Select all that apply.

- North Coast Basin: Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook counties
- Central Coast/Upper Willamette Basin: Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Lane counties
- Lower Willamette Basin: Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion counties
- Southwest Basin: Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson counties
- Deschutes Basin: Hood river, Wasco, Sherman, Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes counties
- High Desert Basin: Klamath, Lake, Harney counties
- John Day Umatilla Basin: Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler, Grant counties
- Snake River Basin: Wallowa, Union, Baker, Malheur counties
- Statewide

While you may fall into several categories, select the group that most adequately describes you. This selection will determine the lens from which you answer the rest of the survey:

- Agricultural land owner/land manager
- Timber land owner/land manager
- Technical assistance provider

- Conservation or Environmental organization
- Agriculture or Timber organization

What type of land do you manage?

- Public land
- Private Farmland
- Private Woodland/timberland
- Private Pastureland
- Not applicable

On what types of land do you typically provide assistance?

- Public land
- Private Farmland
- Private Woodland/timberland
- Private Pastureland
- Not applicable

What types of land does your organization work with?

- Public land
- Private Farmland
- Private Woodland/timberland
- Private Pastureland
- Not applicable

How many acres do you own and/or manage?

- Less than 25 acres
- 25-100 acres
- 100-1,000 acres
- 1,000-5,000 acres
- 5,000 acres or more

Which of the following conservation practices are you currently implementing on your land? Check all that apply.

- Shelterbelts or other vegetation barriers
- Streamside/riparian restoration or maintenance
- Wetland conservation/restoration
- Forest management for conservation or restoration purposes
- Rangeland management for conservation or restoration purposes
- Pasture management for conservation or restoration purposes
- Land application of compost
- Animal waste management

- Cover cropping
- No till/reduced tillage
- Precision Nutrient application
- Integrated pest management
- Farm practices that reduce fuel or energy use
- Farm practices that reduce water use or increase water use efficiency
- Urban forest management
- Other (insert text box option)

Which of the following conservation practices do you help landowners implement on their land? Check all that apply; same list from question above

Which of the following conservation practices are important for landowners to implement on natural and working lands? Check all that apply; same list from question above

What incentives are you utilizing to implement the selected practices on your land?

- None
- Information from experts (OSU extension, federal, state or local agency technical support)
- Technical assistance specific to a farm, ranch or forestland
- Financial assistance – payments for specific conservation practices
- Financial assistance – payments by acre for conservation work
- Market incentives – formal certification (ex. Sustainable, organic, etc.)
- Permanent land protection through a conservation easement
- Tax incentives
- Other, please specify:

What incentives do you currently provide to implement the selected practices that your organization is providing technical assistance for? See list in question above

What incentives do you think landowners could utilize to implement the selected land practices? See list in question above

Which of the following land use practices are you currently NOT implementing on your land, but are interested in utilizing in the future? Select all that apply.

- Shelterbelts or other vegetation barriers
- Streamside/riparian restoration or maintenance
- Wetland conservation/restoration
- Forest management for conservation or restoration purposes
- Rangeland management for conservation or restoration purposes
- Pasture management for conservation or restoration purposes
- Land application of compost
- Animal waste management
- Cover cropping
- No till/reduced tillage
- Precision Nutrient application
- Integrated pest management

- Farm practices that reduce fuel or energy use
- Farm practices that reduce water use or increase water use efficiency
- Urban forest management
- Other (insert text box option)

Which of the following incentives, if provided, would motivate you to implement the above land use practices that you are interested in utilizing in the future? Select all that apply.

- None
- Information from experts (OSU extension, federal, state or local agency technical support)
- Technical assistance specific to a farm, ranch or forestland
- Financial assistance – payments for specific conservation practices
- Financial assistance – payments by acre for conservation work
- Market incentives – formal certification (ex. Sustainable, organic, etc.)
- Permanent land protection through a conservation easement
- Tax incentives
- Other, please specify:

To what degree are the following factors a barrier for you to enroll in an incentive programs to increase conservation on your land? (check all that apply)

- I am not aware of any incentive programs that I would be eligible for
- I am concerned about what would be required of me to participate in an incentive program
- Conservation practices cost more to implement than the funding or other incentives I might receive
- A long time commitment is required by some conservation programs
- I do not have full management control of my land – others need to approve before I can make long-term management decisions
- I am concerned about future regulations that might apply to my land
- Incentive programs and their requirements are confusing
- I am not clear about the benefits I would get from implementing these practices compared to the costs
- I do not agree with the goal of these programs
- Other (please describe)

What barriers do you hear from landowners regarding participation in incentive programs to increase conservation on their land? (check all that apply/see list from question above)

What barriers do you believe landowners face to participate in incentive programs to increase conservation on their land? Check all that apply/see list from question above

How important are the following information sources when you are making decisions about how to manage your land? (RANK)

- Family members/ relatives

- Close friends or neighbors
- Professional land management consultants
- OSU Extension Service
- Forest collaborative groups
- Local non-profit or agency staff (Soil & Water Conservation District, watershed council, other local groups)
- State Agency Staff (Department of Forestry, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture)
- Federal Agency Staff (Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, US Fish & Wildlife Service, etc.)
- Farm or timber organizations
- Conservation organizations
- Environmental advocacy groups

Please list any farm, timber, conservation or agricultural interest groups that you are a member of.

What type of agency would you prefer to work with when considering enrolling in a cost-share or incentive program for your natural working land? Check all that apply.

- Local (county/city agencies)
- State agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Private Businesses
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Soil and water Conservation District
- Other

In addition to the incentives and practices identified in previous questions, what other actions should the state consider for reducing emissions and increasing sequestration on Natural and Working Lands? [open ended response; write in]

What other considerations should the state use in designing policies and programs for reducing emissions and increasing sequestration on Natural and Working Lands? [open ended response; write in]

Is there any other information that you would like us to know regarding incentives for natural and working lands? Comments or suggestions? [open ended response; write in]

The state will be hosting a series of regional focus groups for a more in-depth conversation around climate and land use. If you would like to be considered as a participant for these focus groups, please provide the following contact information: