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**Farm, Ranch, and Forest Succession Planning Workshop**  
**At the Mid-Valley Winter Ag Fest**  
Experts and grower panel will explain how to pass on the farm

With the average age of farmers and ranchers in Oregon edging towards 60 and small woodland owners even older on average, up to 10.45 million acres (or 64%) of Oregon agricultural land is expected to change hands in the next 20 years. It is uncertain who will farm this land into the future, since [recent research from OSU, PSU, and Rogue Farm Corps](#) has found that up to 84% of Oregon farmers and ranchers do not have a plan for passing on their farm business and assets.

The lack of succession plans can have a dramatic effect on a working land owner's family, the future of the business they've built, and their legacy of land. Having a comprehensive succession plan in place can reduce the stress and cost of dividing the estate for the family when the owner passes. And a well-planned estate can help with passing a viable farm business to the next generation of owner operators – whether or not they're family members.

To help growers take the next step in planning, Douglas County Farm Bureau, OSU Extension, and Rogue Farm Corps are coordinating a farm and ranch succession workshop.

**Event:** Mid-Valley Winter Ag Fest

**Where:** the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall, OR 97371

**When:** Sunday, February 25, 11am – 1pm

Presenters will include:

- Attorney Joe Hobson of Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt,
- A panel of local producers who have been through the process,
- Greenbelt Land Trust to explain how a working lands easement can be part of a succession plan, and
- Nellie McAdams, [Farm Preservation Program](#) Director at Rogue Farm Corps and Coordinator of OWEB's new [Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program](#).

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