Carbon Pricing and Working Lands
Source: Data from USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Cropland Data Layer.
Why are we here today?

• Policy making is not a spectator sport, but an exercise in participatory governance, and an essential component of our democracy.

• People and places we love will be impacted by climate change, but these people and places can take action. Policy can help.

• Goals for today: (1) An honest exchange of differing ideas and values; (2) Listen to and learn from each other; (3) help build policy that yields the best outcomes for people and the land.
What's your Affiliation?

- Conservation: 30%
- Energy Industry: 1%
- Government: 14%
- Climate Advocacy: 3%
- Academia: 10%
- Environmental Justice: 6%
- Agriculture Industry: 10%
- Forest Industry: 7%
- Forestry: 5%
- Family Forest: 4%
- Philanthropy/Investment: 7%
- Tribal: 3%
What are your Concerns?

- Environmental Justice Concerns
- Economic impacts to rural Oregon
- Opportunities for agriculture
- Mitigating costs to ag. and forestry producers
- Forest Carbon Accounting
- Financial Projections to State

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What outcomes would you most like to see from carbon pricing legislation in Oregon?

“A robust program that reduces carbon footprint with economic benefits for rural Oregon.”

“A functional, rational market for carbon that reduces emissions from all significant sources.”

“A plan for reducing GHG emissions while avoiding deforestation.”

“Maximizing use of revenue for conservation of working forests.”

“What offsets program that minimizes identified issues, e.g., as with the California program.”

“Avoided Conversion of Grassland Offset Protocol, less statistical rigor for small-forest owners (<5,000 acres), forest protocol aggregation allowing cooperatives with different project start dates.”

“Reinvestment that actually reaches rural people, places, and businesses and the flexibility for rural places to adapt and apply resources appropriately to their local setting.”

“A strong policy: enforceable cap, a stringent permitting process, and investments made in communities most vulnerable.”
Our Agenda

• **Morning**: Policy & Science; rapid fire review of issues related to working lands and carbon pricing; lessons from California.

• **Afternoon**: Hear from stakeholder representatives; breakouts.