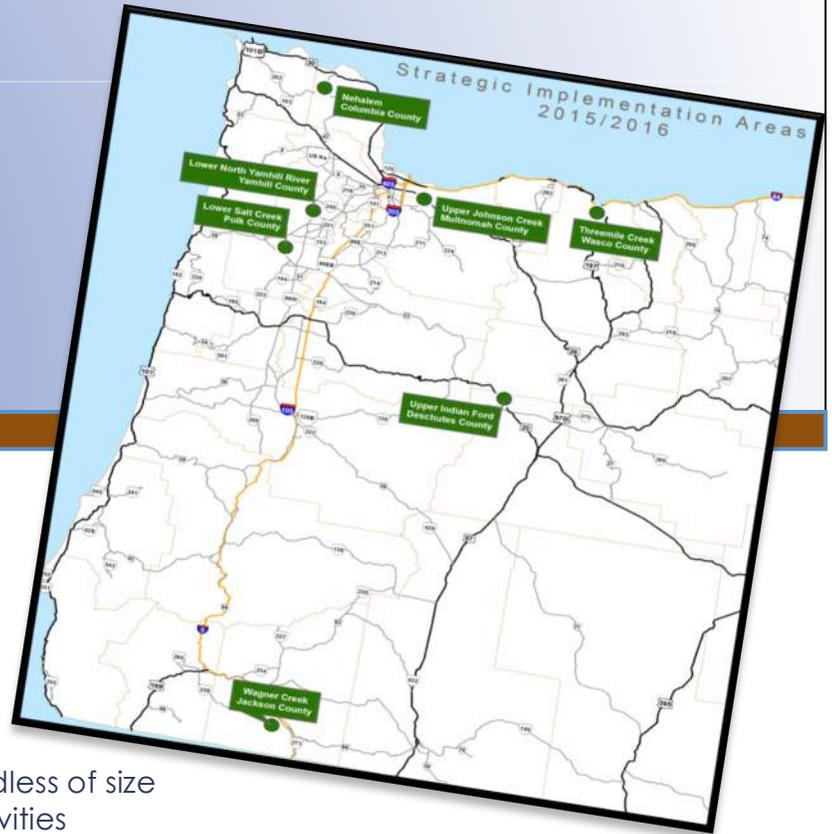


Strategic Implementation Areas

ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS



The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) works with partners to develop agricultural water quality management plans and regulations to prevent and control water pollution from agricultural activities. These regulations (Area Rules), tailored for 38 water quality areas in Oregon, apply to agricultural lands regardless of size or use. They also apply to agricultural activities on forest land and within cities and urban growth boundaries.

Water quality goals can be reached by promoting voluntary cooperation among landowners and natural resource partners to address management concerns, and by ODA enforcing water quality regulations.

ODA will be leading "Strategic Implementation," where select areas around the state will receive focused outreach and education to address priority water quality concerns. ODA and natural resource partners will work together with agricultural landowners to concentrate technical and financial assistance as needed. ODA will enforce water quality regulations where problems persist.

Strategic Implementation Areas are chosen by ODA after discussions with partners and review of local information and water quality data when available.



What are the Area Rules (Regulations) for my Area?

Visit oregon.gov/ODA/programs/NaturalResources/Pages/AgWaterQuality.aspx.

Questions? Call ODA's Ag Water Quality Management Program at (503) 986-4700



STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION AREAS

What's next?

- 1) ODA will conduct a Compliance Evaluation to identify potential sources of pollution from agricultural activities.
- 2) ODA will contact landowners who might need assistance. The sooner landowners contact our partners, the more likely they will receive help because partners have limited resources.
- 3) After landowners have been given a chance to make changes, ODA will track progress toward reducing agricultural sources of pollution.
- 4) Properties that do not meet the requirements established in the local Area Rules (regulations) may be subject to a compliance investigation and further action by ODA.

What should I do?

Agricultural pollution can come from many sources. The Ag Water Quality Program focuses on land conditions and management that supports clean water and healthy watersheds. You should evaluate your agricultural activities and try to determine whether they might:

- 1) Pollute streams, canals, and/or groundwater, or
- 2) Prevent growth of appropriate vegetation along streams to stabilize stream banks, provide shade, and filter potential pollutants.



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