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Photo exhibit celebrates Oregon food and agriculture

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NORTH BEND, Ore. – Oregon's food and agriculture are celebrated in a traveling exhibit of award-winning photos on display from July 13 to Aug. 11 at the Pony Village Mall, 1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend.

The photos are images from the pages of Oregon's Agricultural Progress magazine and showcase the bounty of Oregon agriculture.

"The exhibit is a reflection of the role Oregon State University's research and people play in sustaining our state's rich agricultural heritage," said Sonny Ramaswamy, dean of the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences.

Magazine editor Peg Herring said, "Food is the handshake between urban and rural communities. Our hope is that the exhibit, along with the special food issue of the magazine, will prompt conversations across Oregon about food as a necessary – and delightful – part of life."

The show at Pony Village Mall is the last stop in a year-long tour across the state.

The exhibit is presented by OSU's Extension and Experiment Station Communications and the College of Agricultural Sciences. Photos are by Lynn Ketchum, award-winning EESC photographer. Exhibit photos are online at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/eesc/savoryimages/>

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Note to Editors: Cutlines follow for five of the Savory Images photos. High-resolution photos can be found at: <http://eescphotos.extension.oregonstate.edu/SavoryImages/> (Credit Lynn Ketchum).

- Ag24s: **Until the organic cows come home.** Dairy farmer Jon Banson moves his 200 cows to a different part of his Monmouth-area farm every 12 hours so that their forage stays nutritious.
- Ag10s: **A bog full of cranberries.** With about 2,500 acres under cultivation, Oregon growers harvest about 40 million pounds of cranberries each year.
- Ag8s: **Having a hay day.** Oregon State University Extension workshops have helped ranch owners plan transitions to help keep the farm in the family.
- Ag3s: **Just a happy guy!** Students in agricultural sciences get hands-on training at six campus-based farms: dairy, beef, horse, chicken, sheep and vegetable.
- Ag37s: **High-desert dominator.** Western juniper covers 10 times more land than it did in the 1880s. OSU researchers are helping eastern Oregon ranchers develop effective strategies for large-scale restoration projects.

About the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences: The college contributes in many ways to the economic and environmental sustainability of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. The college's faculty are leaders in agriculture and food systems, natural resources management, life sciences and rural economic development research.