

Produce Safety Program

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Produce Safety Program at ODA



- Non-regulatory program funded by grant from the Food and Drug Administration
- FDA conducts Produce Safety Rule inspections in Oregon
- Partnership with Oregon State University
- 4 program staff
- Current budget: \$630,000

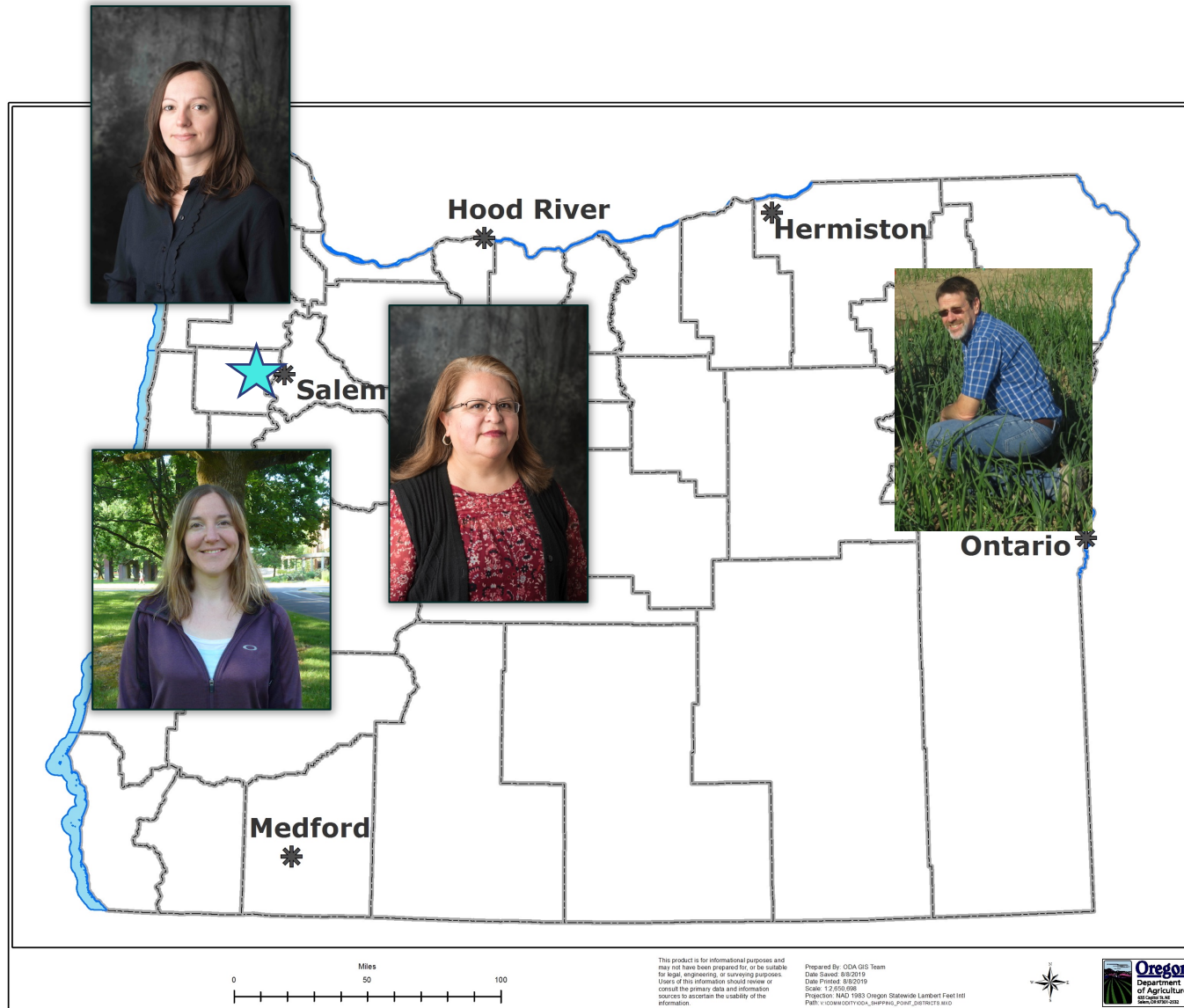


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Oregon State University Partnership



Education & Outreach



- Attendance at a recognized training is a requirement for covered farms
- Free, online during COVID-19

Technical Assistance



- Voluntary, free, confidential and non-regulatory
- Assess specifics of your farm with the Produce Safety Rule

Farm Inventory



- Identify farms subject to the rule
- Provided to FDA for inspection planning

Why Is ODA Not Doing Inspections?

- **Funding**

- Unclear at the time who the monetary burden would fall to if FDA funding went away
- When states were first approached to take on funding, Cooperative Agreement with FDA was for five years (2016 – 2021). Currently in second five-year funding cycle (2021-2026).

- **Industry**

- Majority of industry had not been in favor of ODA taking on this role

- **Rule not finalized**

- Parts of the rule were put on hold soon after it came out and have not been finalized

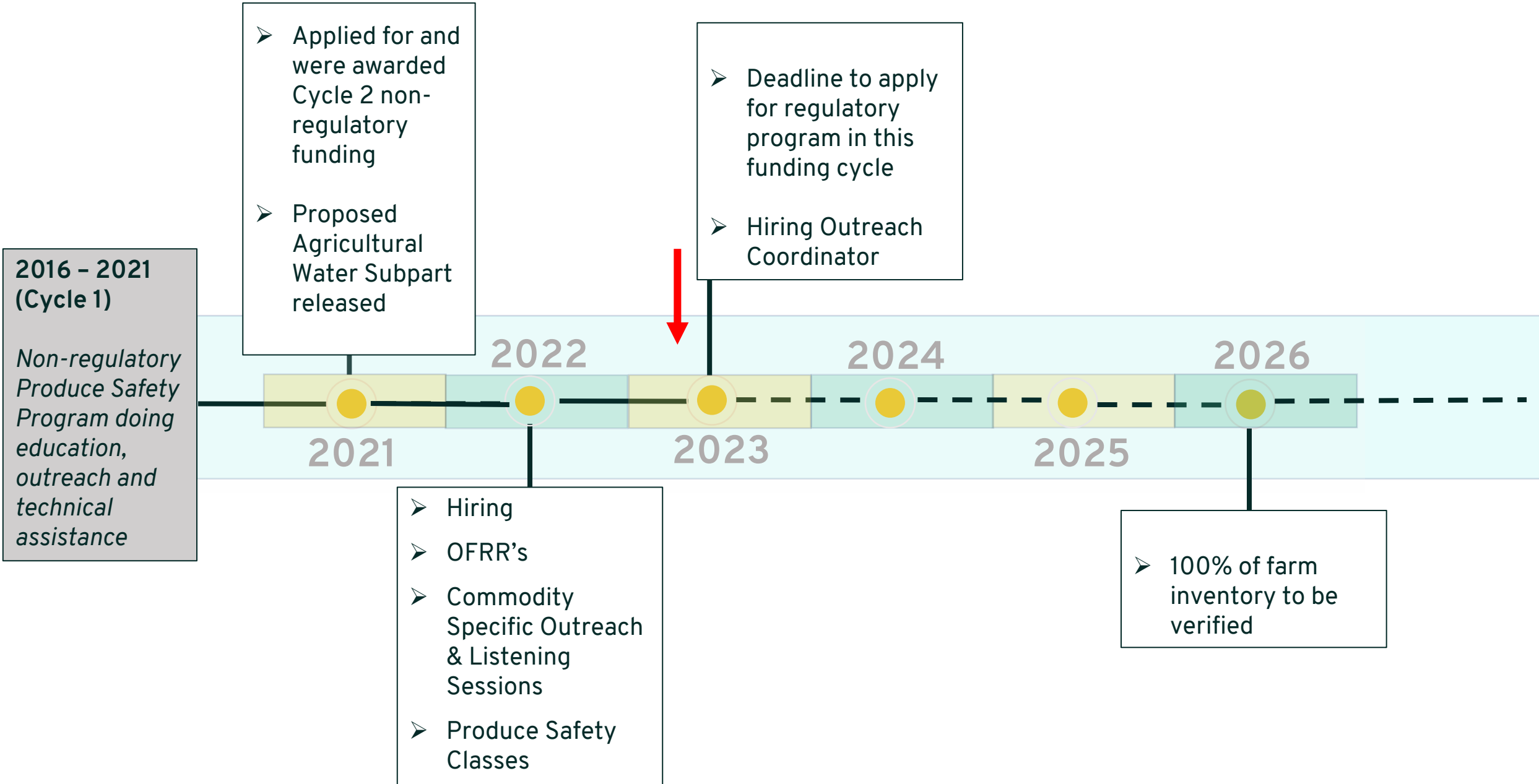


Inspection Related Industry Outreach

Location	Date	Commodity
Private farm Lebanon, Willamette Valley	April 25, 2022	Blueberries
Mid-Columbia Agricultural Research and Extension Center Hood River	June 8, 2022	Tree Fruit
Malheur Experiment Station Ontario / Treasure Valley	August 24, 2022	Onions
Southern Oregon University Medford	October 19, 2022	Mixed Vegetables



Current Cooperative Agreement



If ODA Took On A Regulatory Program

- Regulatory (Path B), under FDA authority
 - **Total Award: \$1,130,000 (+\$500,000)**
 - Same duties as Path A
 - Inspection Program
- 5 year funding cycle (2021 – 2026)
 - Current Non-regulatory (Path A)
 - **Total Award: \$630,000**
 - Assessment & Planning, Program Administration, Farm Inventory, Outreach & Education, Technical Assistance



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- Conduct inspections under FDA Authority (Senate Bill 18)
- Required to inspect 165 operations / year
 - FDA requires states to inspect 20% of farms in inventory
- ODA would not conduct inspections until 2024, overlap with FDA

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ODA Produce Safety Staffing

Path B, full time staff would be added
 + Three NRS3,
 + One NRS 2 and
 + One AS1

Current Staffing – Non-Regulatory Path A		Anticipated Staffing – Regulatory Path B	
Position	Number of people	Position	Number of people
Compliance & Regulatory Manager 1	1	Compliance & Regulatory Manager 1	1
NRS2 (hiring)	1	NRS3 (New)	3
NRS1	2	NRS 2	1
		NRS1	2
		AS1 (New)	1

Salary July – June: \$407,452

64% of total budget (\$630,000)

Estimated salary July – June: \$838,430

74% of total budget (\$1,130,000)

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Thank You

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