KLAMATH BASIN RESEARCH & EXTENSION CENTER (KBREC)

The Klamath Basin Research and Extension Center (KBREC) is one of 14 Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) research locations across the state. These stations research agricultural and natural resource issues related to food and fiber production, processing and marketing, responsible use of natural resources, human nutrition, commercial fishing, and other topics important to the social, economic and environmental health of the communities they serve and vital to the sustainability of agricultural production. The Oregon AES extends the research arm of Oregon State University’s College of Agricultural Sciences, embedded in the communities they serve with focus areas as varied as Oregon’s climates and landscapes.

Crops
- Potatoes
- Small grains
- Alternative Crops
  (Camelina, Euphorbia, Grindelia, Teff)

Forages
- Hemp

Economic Impact
Klamath County is ranked 5th in total agricultural farm gate value of the 36 counties in Oregon and is first in total organic agricultural revenue for the state. Klamath County voters approved a service district in 2015 which has stabilized local financial support for research and extension activities after several years of serious budgetary shortfalls made the danger of zero financial support a real possibility.

KBREC Location
86.5 acres of farm land
65 additional acres of land located 25 miles west of Klamath Falls are leased

KBREC is home to AgriMet (a Cooperative Agricultural Weather Network) and 8 faculty and staff.

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Ag Experiment Station History

Oregon is unmatched in the diversity of its agricultural and environmental landscape—from rugged coastlines through lush valleys across high deserts—and the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University is OUT THERE, connecting scientific discovery to communities and industries that rely on those insights. In addition to dozens of research labs and institutes on campus, the College has 14 agricultural experiment station locations across the state.

This statewide system of research stations has a rich history. It began in 1887, when President Grover Cleveland signed the Hatch Act, which provided annual funds for agricultural research stations at land-grant colleges in each state and territory. The first Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station was built in Union, Oregon in 1888. Since then, the system has grown with strategic locations around the state that support industry and communities while addressing environmental issues specific to each region. Together, a network of over 400 scientists in 28 academic disciplines strive to improve quality of life, environmental sustainability, and economic development in rural and urban communities across Oregon and beyond. These stations are the engine of science working every day to make tomorrow better.

The Klamath Basin Research and Extension Center (KBREC) began in 1937 following the 1914 Smith-Lever Act which established the Cooperative Extension Service. The Klamath County Court provided additional funds in 1944 to support research on a wider range of soils and crops.

Advisory Committee

The OSU Klamath Basin Research Station Advisory Committee is made up of a group of people who represent a variety of sectors in the local agricultural community. Factors include growers who represent diversity of crops, a diversity of geographic cropping zones within the Klamath project, and a diversity in age and experience.

The committee meets once per year and helps establish programmatic directives for the Research Station.

Corresponding Partnerships

AES facilities at KBREC are owned by Klamath County and are leased to OSU at minimal-to-no cost.

Partnerships include various local advisory committees representing individual commodities, OSU scientists from other campus departments and branch research stations, University of California scientists at the Intermountain Research & Extension Center, scientists from Washington State University, University of Idaho, Commodity Commissions (potatoes and wheat), and the USDA-ARS facilities in Prosser, WA and Aberdeen, ID.

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