

# 2026

## OREGON SEED LEAGUE

### Annual Meeting & Trade Show

DECEMBER 7-8, 2026

SALEM CONVENTION CENTER

- Industry Speakers
- Educational Sessions
- Trade Show
- Two Pesticide Recertification Credits
- Two Pesticide Recertification CORE Credits  
(Sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions)
- Reception  
(Included with admission)

Program Sponsor:



#### FEATURED PRESENTATION:

**Kevin Bearley,**  
Partner, Estate & Succession Planning  
Strategist at Pinion

Kevin Bearley, J.D., works with farm family operations on sophisticated tax solutions and complex family dynamics involved in estate and succession planning. His passion to help family agribusinesses survive and thrive both inspires and motivates families to act.



For more information visit:

**SEEDLEAGUE.ORG**



**The largest gathering  
of seed growers in Oregon**

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Program Sponsor **Nutrien Ag Solutions**

## PRINGLE ROOM - ALL DAY

### LEAGUE LOUNGE

Sponsored by N & S Tractor



## CROISAN CREEK ROOM

7:00-9:00 a.m.

### 2-HR CORE PESTICIDE BLOCK

**Must pre-register to attend**

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## WILLAMETTE B, C & FOYER

8:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION**

8:00 a.m. **EXHIBITS & COFFEE**

## WILLAMETTE A & D

8:55 a.m. **CONFERENCE**

*John Peters, Moderating*

### Opening Remarks

*Alex Duerst, OSL President*

9:00 a.m. **Domestic and International Market Update**

*Aaron Kuenzi, Seed Division Manager,  
Pratum Seed Companies*

9:30 a.m. **Overtime Pay and Immigration Compliance  
in Agriculture**

*Roberta Gruber, FEELDS Program Manager,  
Oregon Farm Bureau*

## WILLAMETTE B, C & FOYER

10:00 a.m. **BREAK AND COFFEE**

## WILLAMETTE A & D

10:30 a.m. **CONFERENCE**

*John Peters, Moderating*

10:30 a.m. **Southern Forages: Past, Present and Future**

*Dennis Hancock, Executive Director,  
UK Research & Education Center at Princeton, KY  
University of Kentucky*

Break Sponsor



11:00 a.m.

### Navigating the Complex Oregon and Federal Estate Tax System to Your Benefit

*Kevin Bearley, Partner,  
Estate & Succession  
Planning Strategist, Pinion*

Speaker Sponsor



## CROISAN CREEK ROOM

12:00 p.m.

### LUNCHEON

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### Sophisticated Estate and Succession Planning Q&A

*Kevin Bearley, Partner,  
Estate & Succession  
Planning Strategist, Pinion*

## WILLAMETTE A & D

1:45 p.m. **CONFERENCE**

*Donnie Blades, Moderating*

1:45 p.m. **USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service  
(NRCS) Programs and Initiatives**

*Theresa Brehm, NRCS District Conservationist*

2:15 p.m. **Golf Design, Construction and Maintenance  
with Lewis Sharp**

*Lewis Sharp, Agronomist and Golf Course  
Consultant, Tee-2-Green*

3:00 p.m. **Legislative Update**

*Megan Chuinard Graser, Executive Director,  
Oregon Seed Council*

3:30 p.m. **Seed Council Update**

*Megan Chuinard Graser, Executive Director*

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn to Reception**

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Hors d'oeuvres and No-Host Bar

An Opportunity to Meet with Sponsors  
and Exhibitors (included with registration)



# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

## PRINGLE ROOM - ALL DAY

### LEAGUE LOUNGE

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## WILLAMETTE B, C & FOYER

7:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION**

7:30 a.m. **EXHIBITS & COFFEE**

## WILLAMETTE A & D

8:00 a.m. **CONFERENCE**

*Lucas Rue, Moderating*

8:00 a.m. **Regulatory and Chemical Registration Update**

*Steve Salisbury, Research and Regulatory Coordinator, Grass Seed Industry*

9:00 a.m. **Voice of the Industry and Scholarship Recipients**

9:30 a.m. **Growing the Story: How Marketing & Social Media Connect the Grass Seed Industry**

*Kristie Klavinger, Founder & CEO of K2 Creative*

## WILLAMETTE B, C & FOYER

10:00 a.m. **BREAK AND COFFEE**

## WILLAMETTE A & D

10:30 a.m. **CONFERENCE**

*Lucas Rue, Moderating*

10:30 a.m. **Spot Spraying Panel**

*Moderator - Pete Berry, Oregon State University, Corvallis*  
*Chris Kaiser, Division Manager, Apex Ag Innovations*

*Nathan Wagenbach, Head Software Engineer, Apex Ag Innovations*

*Katerina Lee, NA Crop Care Manager, Ecorobotix Grower Using Ecorobotix Technology, Invited*  
*Chad Yagow, Director - Agronomy, Industry Relations, and Regulatory Affairs, ASABE Fellow Verdant Robotics*

11:15 a.m. **Super El Niño and the Impact on the Growing Season**

*Phil Volker, Meteorologist, ERF Company, Inc.*

11:45 a.m. **Annual Business Meeting**

*Alex Duerst, OSL President*

- Election of Directors
- A Word From Our Sponsor

## CROISAN CREEK ROOM

12:00 p.m. **LUNCHEON**

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**Super El Niño and this Winter Outlook, and Compared to that of 1982/83!**

*Phil Volker, Meteorologist, ERF Company, Inc.*

## WILLAMETTE A & D

1:30 p.m. **CONFERENCE**

*Zach Halligan, Moderating*

## 2-HR PESTICIDE CREDIT BLOCK

1:30 p.m. **Herbicide Resistance in Downy Brome in Oregon Fine Fescue Seed Production**

*Victor Ribeiro, Oregon State University, Corvallis*

2:00 p.m. **Seed Gall Nematode Biology and Management**

*Hannah Rivedal, USDA/ARS, Corvallis*

2:30 p.m. **Characterizing Fungicide Resistance and Sensitivity in the Ergot Fungus *Claviceps purpurea***

*Jeremiah Dung, Oregon State University, Madras*

3:00 p.m. **Artificial Intelligence-Guided Spot Spraying in Grass Seed Production: Weed Identification, Application Timing, Crop Recovery and Yield Impacts**

*Pete Berry, Oregon State University, Corvallis*

3:30 p.m. **Prizes and Grand Prize Drawing**

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## HOTEL

### THE GRAND HOTEL IN SALEM

201 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97301

Phone: 503.540.7800 or Toll-free 877.540.7800

Please inform reservations you will be attending the Oregon Seed Growers League Meeting. Reservations received after November 13, 2026 may not be available at the convention room rate.

|                            | SINGLE/DOUBLE |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Deluxe King</b>         | \$ 164.00     |
| <b>Deluxe Double Queen</b> | \$ 174.00     |

Extra person charge \$20.00 per night for each additional adult.

### BENTLEY'S WILLAMETTE VALLEY BISTRO

*(Located in The Grand Hotel)*

**OPEN: 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Sunday, December 6 & Monday, December 7



**Register & Pay Online at:**  
**seedleague.org**

## PARKING

### Salem Convention Center & The Grand Hotel Parking Guide:

- 1)** Salem Convention Center/The Grand Hotel in Salem – Access from Liberty Street
- 2)** Pringle Parking Garage – Access off High Street (Top level only)



PRE-REGISTRATION - DEADLINE NOVEMBER 20, 2026 (Registration at the meeting is \$110)

| NAME OF PERSON REGISTERED |                       | MEETING<br>PRE-REGISTRATION<br>\$95 per person<br>(includes spouse) | PRE-MEETING<br>2-HR CORE<br>PESTICIDE BLOCK<br>(Must pre-register to attend) | MONDAY<br>LUNCHEON<br>\$25 per person | TUESDAY<br>LUNCHEON<br>\$25 per person | TOTAL |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------|
| Name:                     |                       | \$                                                                  | Attending: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No          | \$                                    | \$                                     | \$    |
| Email Address:            | Spouse, if attending: |                                                                     |                                                                              | \$                                    | \$                                     | \$    |
| Name:                     |                       | \$                                                                  | Attending: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No          | \$                                    | \$                                     | \$    |
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| Name:                     |                       | \$                                                                  | Attending: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No          | \$                                    | \$                                     | \$    |
| Email Address:            | Spouse, if attending: |                                                                     |                                                                              | \$                                    | \$                                     | \$    |
| Name:                     |                       | \$                                                                  | Attending: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No          | \$                                    | \$                                     | \$    |
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| Name:                     |                       | \$                                                                  | Attending: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No          | \$                                    | \$                                     | \$    |
| Email Address:            | Spouse, if attending: |                                                                     |                                                                              | \$                                    | \$                                     | \$    |
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Make copies of this form for additional registrants



Register & Pay online at: **seedleague.org**

If registering by mail, make check payable to Oregon Seed League

**SAVE BY PRE-REGISTERING** Registration at meeting will be \$110

**NO WAITING!** If Pre-Registered, you may pick up your packet and tickets at the Registration Desk.

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