

# Willamette Valley Ag Expo: 17 years of growth

The Willamette Valley Ag Expo opens its 17th year with the most exhibitors ever.

Some 180 exhibitors — up from 168 last year — will offer their services,

wares and equipment when the Expo opens its doors on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Road, Albany.

Expo hours are Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Expo features more than 250,000 square feet of exhibitors, equipment, seminars, classes and food.

The sponsoring Willamette Valley Agriculture Association is a nonprofit educational and trade organization whose members are either exhibitors, sponsors of the WVAE, or both.

Proceeds from the Expo go toward the association's college scholarships, said the association's manager, Jill Ingalls. She and her husband, Scott Ingalls, the Expo producer, have coordinated the Expo since its inception. Along with exhibits,

seminars, classes and other presentations, attendees can enjoy events such as the popular Dine Around Oregon — a buffet-style progressive dinner now in its sixth year — an antique farm equipment display and an educational area hosted by the Oregon Women for Agriculture.

Dine Around Oregon is 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15. This year, 850 tickets are available. As before, once the sponsors have all

received their allotment the tickets will be sold online only at [www.wvaexpo.com](http://www.wvaexpo.com).

The Antique Farm Equipment Display is in Cascade Hall, and vendors will occupy the rest of the space.

The Willamette Valley Ag Expo is open to visitors of all ages. Current FFA and 4-H participants are encouraged to attend. Admission is \$4 per person and parking is free.

*Geoff Parks,  
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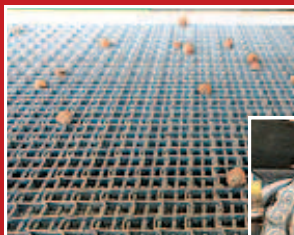
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