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The system was launched this month and shown to industry representatives. "It looks as simple as ordering something on Amazon," said Danny DeFranco, executive vice president of the Washington Cattlemen's Association.

"It demonstrates important progress toward synchronizing the industry and government with today's technology," he said.

The USDA's position has been that tracking a cow from birth to slaughter by electronic tags would

To use the electronic system, ranchers must obtain a “premises identification number,” pinpointing where they have cows. Each cow must be fitted with a USDA-approved 840 radio frequency identi-

The inspectors must be trained by the department and not have a financial stake in the sales. No one has applied to be certified, a department spokesman said Tuesday.

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Marijuana generally has THC levels of 3% to 15%, according to the USDA. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse



The USDA says 15 days will allow for delays caused by weather or equipment breakdowns, but still give accurate results. The longer hemp stays in the ground, the higher its THC, according to the USDA.

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"The city has to take action to

Declining farmland continues to be an issue in Oregon, especially around the Portland metro area in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. Statewide, Oregon lost 1.7 million acres of farmland between 1997 and 2017, according to figures from the latest USDA Census of Agriculture. That's an average of 85,000 acres, or 132.8 square miles, of farms each year.

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Oregon's water supply development fund currently contains more than \$10 million and another \$15 million

Staff members from the Oregon Water Resources Department then make funding recommendations to the

Conserved water would be dedicated to in-stream flows in Calapooya Creek to benefit federally protected steelhead, trout and salmon, while the property would

- About \$660,000 was approved for a relocation of the City of Chiloquin's water supply well in Klamath County, which aims to boost surface flows in the Williamson River. The funding would also pay for new water meters that better monitor usage and help reduce waste.

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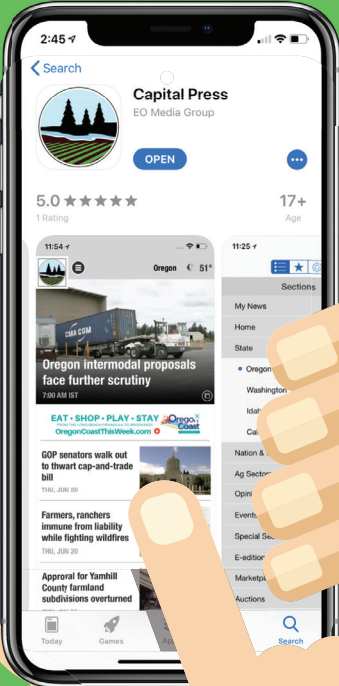
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