

# Ag pleased administration recognizes its role in conservation

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The Biden administration has released a report outlining its vision to conserve and restore land, water and wild-life with recommendations for locally led, voluntary efforts to conserve 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030.

The 24-page report outlining the administration's "America the Beautiful" initiative recognizes the contributions of farmers, ranchers, forest owners, private landowners and fishers and commits to supporting those efforts.

Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation pres-

ident, said he appreciates the report's acknowledgement of his organization's concerns and recognition of farmers' and ranchers' contributions to conservation.

"That recognition must carry through implementation," he said.

"The report is a philosophical document that emphasizes important principles such as incentive-based voluntary conservation, protecting personal and property rights and continued ranching on public lands, but it lacks specifics," he said.

Farm Bureau will work with USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and his colleagues



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**A new conservation proposal by the Biden administration relies on voluntary, locally led efforts.**

to ensure the details live up to promises made to protect American agriculture, he said.

Rob Larew, president of National Farmers Union, said farmers and ranchers initially

had a lot of questions about what the plan might mean for agriculture.

"After sharing those concerns with the administration, we are heartened that our feedback was taken seriously and incorporated into the final principles," he said.

"Today's report understands the valuable work that family farmers are already doing to improve soil, water and air quality and commits to advancing that work in the future. We are glad to have clarity on the matter and look forward to continued collaboration with the administration to ensure these principles are followed," he said.

Michael Crawford, president of the National Association of Conservation Districts, said the association appreciates the report's focus on support for locally led and designed conservation efforts and the opportunities that are championed by conservation districts.

"Conservation districts were created to work directly with landowners and local communities to implement conservation, and the goals of adding additional conservation across the country represents a significant opportunity to advance conservation on both private and public lands," he said.

# Most places warmed in past decade, but not all

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Some Northwest and California cities bucked the warming trend and became cooler in the past decade, according to new climate normals from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The new averages are based on temperatures over the past 30 years. The average year-round temperature increased in most places in the U.S., according to NOAA.

A sampling of 40 cities in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California found the average temperature increased in 27 of them, decreased in 12 and was unchanged in one, Idaho Falls.

Washington State Climatologist Nick Bond said Thursday he wasn't surprised some places cooled.

## Annual average temperatures

Here are the annual average temperatures for 40 places in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. Temperatures are based on the climate from 1991-2020. The plus or minus represents the change in degrees Fahrenheit from average temperatures from 1981-2010. Most places warmed, though some cooled.

City	Average temp	Change	City	Average temp	Change	City	Average temp	Change
Burley, ID	49	+1.8	Klamath Falls, OR	47.1	+0.7	Wenatchee, WA	52.5	+0.1
Walla Walla, WA	54.3	+1.8	Fresno, CA	65	+0.6	Idaho Falls, ID	44.2	0.0
Arcata-Eureka, CA	52.5	+1.4	Pocatello, ID	47	+0.6	Moscow, ID	46.4	-1.5
Hermiston, OR	53.9	+1.4	Bandon, OR	53.2	+0.5	Centralia, WA	51.5	-1.4
Bellingham, WA	51.2	+1.3	La Grande, OR	49.4	+0.5	Twin Falls, ID	49.1	-0.8
Yreka, CA	53.5	+1.2	Red Bluff, CA	63.3	+0.5	Chelan, WA	50.1	-0.7
Redding, CA	63.4	+1.1	Quincy, WA	51.1	+0.5	Colville, WA	48.9	-0.3
Salem, OR	54.1	+1.1	Coeur d' Alene, ID	48.8	+0.4	Long Beach, WA	49.8	-0.3
Yakima, WA	50.8	+1.1	Prineville, OR	49.4	+0.4	McMinnville, OR	52.9	-0.3
Bend, OR	47.6	+1.0	Roseburg, OR	55.9	+0.4	Ellensburg, WA	47.7	-0.2
Rexburg, ID	44.8	+0.9	Corvallis, OR	52.9	+0.3	Elma, WA	52.3	-0.2
Grants Pass, OR	55.6	+0.8	Moses Lake, WA	50.9	+0.3	Sedro Woolley, WA	51.3	-0.2
Boise, ID	53.2	+0.7	Astoria, OR	51.4	+0.1	Susanville, CA	50.2	-0.2
						The Dalles, OR	53.5	-0.1

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Short-term weather patterns and the varied effects of climate change influence temperatures, he said.

"We don't expect a uni-

form warming," he said. "An important message is most places show that the last 30 years were warmer than the previous 30-year

bloc, and that's a sign of overall warming occurring."

NOAA updates what's considered "normal" weather in the U.S. every 10

years. The new norms are based on temperatures and rainfall recorded at thousands of weather stations between 1991 and 2020.

The previous climate normals were based on readings between 1981 and 2010, so two decades overlap.

Climate normals date back to 1900. U.S. temperatures have increased an average of 0.16 degrees Fahrenheit per decade since then, according to NOAA.

The longer view gives a better picture of global warming, Bond said.

"This is a sign that there is a real problem," he said. "It's not that the Northwest is going to be uninhabitable. It's going to be a different place, and we have to mitigate for that and adapt to that."

The cities with a warmer year-round average temperature include Moses Lake, Klamath Falls, Pocatello and Redding. Cities with a cooler average temperature include Ellensburg, McMinnville, Twin Falls and Susanville.

# Angela Bailey takes reins as Oregon Farm Bureau president

Barb Iverson steps down after recent health issue

By GEORGE PLAVEN  
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Barb Iverson



Angela "Angi" Bailey

SALEM — Angela "Angi" Bailey, a fourth-generation family farmer and nursery owner in Gresham, Ore., has taken over as president of the Oregon Farm Bureau.

Bailey stepped into the role effective April 15 after health issues forced former OFB president Barb Iverson to resign.

"I am ready to serve as OFB president alongside an amazing team of state officers, board and staff," Bailey said in a statement released by the Farm Bureau. "All are engaged, dedicated and give 100% to this organization."

Bailey and her husband, Larry, own and operate Verna Jean Nursery in Gresham, about 15 miles east of Portland. The 17-acre nursery specializes in growing ornamental and flowering trees including Japanese maple, Euro-

pean beech, dogwood and magnolia.

Bailey is a member of the Multnomah County Farm Bureau, and served as first vice president of the state organization under Iverson's leadership.

"While nobody can ever 'replace' Barb, Farm Bureau members should know that we have a strong team in place to carry Oregon Farm Bureau forward," Bailey said.

Iverson, who owns the famous Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm near Woodburn, Ore., was elected OFB president in 2019. As first vice president, Bailey will finish Iverson's two-year term which continues through December.

Brian Glaser, of Linn County, moves up to first vice president, and Shane Otley, of Harney County, moves up to second vice

president. The position of third vice president will be filled during a special election at the OFB board meeting in May.

Iverson said her decision to step down was difficult but necessary, given a recent health scare that left her in and out of the hospital for the better part of a month earlier this year.

On Feb. 21, Iverson said she was taken to Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, where doctors found she had a subdural hematoma — a type of brain bleed. Though she has since returned home, a full recovery could take 8-9 months.

"I thought it was probably best for the Farm Bureau to just step aside,"

Iverson told the Capital Press. "There is just so much going on."

Bailey's credentials include graduating from the American Farm Bureau Federation's Partners in Advocacy Leadership Program in 2019. She was the first member from the Oregon Farm Bureau invited

to participate in the professional development course.

Looking forward, Bailey said producers in Oregon continue to face new challenges to their livelihoods. She cited a bill in the state legislature that would require agriculture to pay higher overtime

wages, and an initiative petition for the November 2022 ballot that would remove exemptions for livestock producers under the state's animal cruelty laws.

"I'm proud to be part of an organization that fights for the rights of our farmers and ranchers," she said.

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