

Feed programs can opt for state water-quality permits

Livestock operations can opt out of federal permit system

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SALEM — Confined animal feeding operations in Oregon can now work under state-issued water quality permits instead of the federal Clean Water Act permitting system.

As of Oct. 21, the Oregon Department of Agriculture has made available “water pollution control facilities” permits to livestock operations that don’t discharge runoff into surface waters.

These state permits won’t require animal feeding operations to file annual reports to farm regulators, thus reducing paperwork, and they won’t be subjected to public notice-and-comment requirements if they expand, said Wym Matthews, manager of the state’s

confined animal feeding operation program.

“We don’t have to inform the public of changes on the farm,” he said.

Vegan and environmental opposition

Expansion plans at several Oregon dairies recently met with opposition from vegan and environmental groups, which used the public comment procedures to object to the feeding operations as inhumane and unhealthy.

Livestock groups were concerned by the backlash because the public disclosures include maps and other data about the feeding operations, which they fear will be exploited by animal rights activists.

State permits may be preferable for livestock operators who don’t want to be part of the federal Clean Water Act permitting system, but roughly 80 percent of the 522 feeding operations in Oregon are expected to remain federally permitted, Matthews said.

These feeding operations generally prefer to stick with the



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A worker at the Threemile Canyon Farms’ dairy in Boardman milks cows on a rotating carousel system. Oregon has recently adopted new state permits for dairies and other confined animal feeding operations.

federal permits for legal reasons, he said.

Operating under a federal “national pollutant discharge elimination system” permit protects feeding operations from citizen lawsuits for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act, he said. “You can’t get that with a state permit.”

Oregon began requiring all feeding operations to operate under the federal system in 2002 due to regulatory changes at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, he said.

Federal court decisions have since held that EPA can’t require pollution discharge permits for operations that don’t actually discharge, which

is why Oregon is making the state permits available, Matthews said.

However, once a feeding operation is found to discharge into surface water, it must switch over to the federal permit system, he said.

Annual soil samples
Another major change

that will affect both state and federal feeding operation permits is that operations will be required to test soil samples every year to ensure the ground isn’t being overloaded with nutrients, Matthews said. Previously, such tests were required once every five years.

“The sampling basically validates the nutrient management system,” he said.

Dairies and other feeding operations are allowed to broadcast manure on fields as long as nitrogen and other nutrients are applied at rates that are taken up by crops and don’t enter the water.

Under the new testing requirement, operators must test at least 20 percent of their fields a year, and they must test different fields each year, Matthews said.

The state also has the option of requiring annual tests of all their fields, if it’s seen as necessary, he said.

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Warming center to hold open house

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The Astoria Warming Center is holding an open house from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday and from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The location of the center for this winter is the First

United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin St., in the low-level of the church.

The public is welcome to visit the center to see how it will function, and what services it hopes to offer. Those who would like to volunteer to help with operating the

warming center this winter will have an opportunity at the open house to sign up for training sessions, which are being held in early November.

For information, email drewherzig@gmail.com or call 503-325-1895.

CHIP-in looking for volunteers for cleanup

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Astoria Parks and Recreation has announced that Citizens Helping Improve Parks (CHIP-in) is cleaning up Pioneer Cemetery Park from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday and volunteers are needed.

The event — at 14th Street and Madison Avenue — also provides participants of any

age with an opportunity to trade in their Halloween candy for prizes and sugar-free alternatives.

Volunteers, who will be provided with T-shirts, snacks, beverages, and all tools necessary to complete the tasks, will be sprucing up the park with improvements such as hedging, mowing, trimming and removing trees, and picking up trash.

To volunteer, sponsor a cleanup, or join the CHIP-in e-mail list, contact Melissa Keyser at chip-in@astoria.or.us or 503-741-5965.

CHIP-in has other volunteer opportunities available, with monthly park clean ups as well as park adoption. Information is available on the Astoria Parks and Recreation Facebook page and at www.astoriaparks.com

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Mostly cloudy with brief showers late
52°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

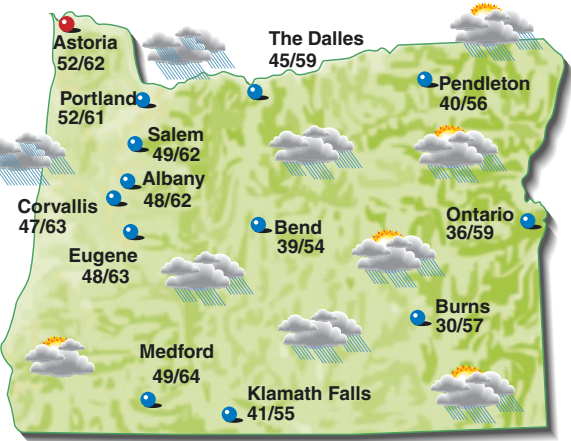
Wednesday
Occasional rain
62° 52°

Thursday
Mainly cloudy with a shower
61° 52°

Friday
Cloudy, a little rain, breezy in the p.m.
62° 55°

Saturday
Periods of rain, some heavy
62° 50°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	
High	62°
Low	46°
Normal high	58°
Normal low	43°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.24"
Month to date	2.54"
Normal month to date	4.64"
Year to date	33.78"
Normal year to date	44.88"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	6:09 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	7:50 a.m.
Moonrise today	6:42 p.m.
Moonset today	7:51 a.m.



Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Wednesday morning, a rare, three planet conjunction of Venus, Mars and Jupiter will all form a triangle in the early morning sky.

Tomorrow's Tides

Time	High	Time	Low
2:32 a.m.	8.6 ft.	8:21 a.m.	1.0 ft.
2:19 p.m.	9.9 ft.	9:09 p.m.	-1.6 ft.

Regional Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	58 28 s	56 32 pc
Bend	59 39 pc	54 38 c
Brookings	61 53 c	60 50 c
Eugene	64 48 pc	63 50 r
Ilwaco	61 55 pc	61 55 r
Klamath Falls	63 41 pc	55 33 sh
Medford	67 49 pc	64 46 c
Newport	60 52 pc	59 52 r
North Bend	65 53 pc	63 52 r

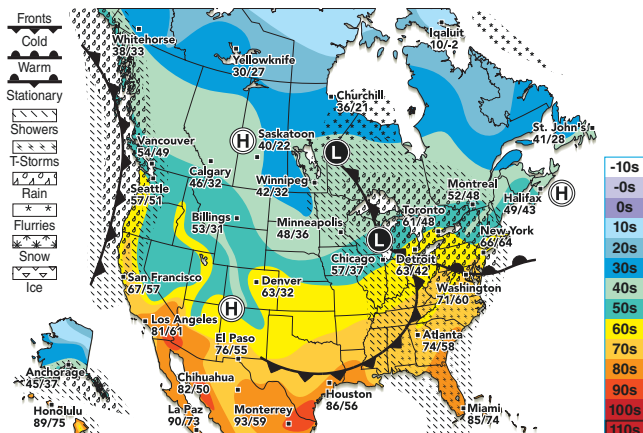
Regional Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Olympia	60 46 pc	58 49 r
Pendleton	62 40 s	56 47 pc
Portland	65 52 pc	61 53 r
Roseburg	68 53 pc	66 50 r
Salem	63 49 pc	62 52 r
Seaside	63 55 pc	61 55 r
Spokane	55 36 pc	56 43 r
Vancouver	63 50 pc	60 53 r
Yakima	63 42 pc	59 41 sh

National Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	59 57 r	74 58 c
Boston	55 44 s	57 56 r
Chicago	59 51 r	57 37 r
Denver	62 31 pc	63 32 s
Des Moines	56 46 r	54 36 c
Detroit	62 50 c	63 42 r
El Paso	80 53 s	76 55 s
Fairbanks	35 25 c	33 25 c
Honolulu	87 76 s	89 75 pc
Indianapolis	59 52 r	63 40 sh
Kansas City	56 48 sh	60 34 pc
Las Vegas	81 60 pc	80 60 pc
Los Angeles	84 65 pc	81 61 pc
Memphis	66 59 r	75 50 pc
Miami	86 76 pc	85 74 sh
Nashville	62 58 r	71 51 c
New Orleans	78 64 c	79 65 pc
New York	59 53 c	66 64 r
Oklahoma City	74 49 pc	68 44 s
Philadelphia	63 55 pc	70 61 r
St. Louis	62 55 r	63 43 c
Salt Lake City	61 39 s	62 45 pc
San Francisco	68 60 c	67 57 sh
Seattle	63 51 pc	67 51 sh
Washington, DC	59 55 r	71 60 r

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. **Weather (W):** s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

CORRECTION

Bill status incorrect — Senate Joint Resolution 5, which would have put to a vote in 2016 whether the Or-

egon Legislature or voters can limit individual campaign contributions, did not make it out of the Senate Committee

on Rules during the Legislature's most recent session. A story on 1A Monday was incorrect.

Birth

Oct. 18, 2015
NUNNEMAKER, Deana and Jared, of Astoria, a

boy, Hudson Lee Nunne-

ria. Grandparents are Dean and Donna Nunnemaker of Astoria.

Deaths

Oct. 25, 2015
JACOBSON, Florence E., 104, of Astoria, in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

RICHARDS, Lawrence Charles, 79, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Oct. 26, 2015
HERLIN, Nancy E., 64, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Public meetings

TUESDAY
Clatsop Care Health District Board, noon, Clatsop Care Retirement Village, 947 Olney Ave.
Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., Astoria Public Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., 225 S. Main Ave.

Astoria Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Astoria Planning Commission, immediately following traffic safety committee, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

ation Board, 6:45 a.m., ARC, 1555 W. Marine Dr.
Clatsop County Housing Authority Board, 5 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

Lotteries

OREGON
Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 0-9-7-7
4 p.m.: 3-7-3-3
7 p.m.: 6-2-6-4
10 p.m.: 7-7-3-9
Monday's Megabucks: 2-15-17-36-37-44
Estimated jackpot: \$5.9 million.

WASHINGTON
Monday's Daily Game: 9-8-8
Monday's Hit 5: 07-11-18-33-37
Estimated jackpot: \$200,000.
Monday's Keno: 02-03-04-12-15-17-24-30-32-33-36-39-42-45-46-51-55-63-73-77
Monday's Lotto: 09-12-37-44-46-49
Estimated jackpot: \$5.9 million.
Monday's Match 4: 07-08-19-24

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