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td {text-align:center; }.component { margin-left: 20px; margin-right: 20px;}

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#000000;text-align: center;font-size: 24px;font-weight: bold; }.survey-content

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massive. For years I have led the charge to reform the Farm Bill. Our
current system pays too much to the wrong people to grow the wrong
things in the wrong places. This happens at the expense of our health, the
environment, animal welfare and the small and medium sized farmers trying to
make a living. All of this matters to Oregonians. I have traveled the
state meeting with farmers and ranchers and listening to what a Farm Bill would
look like if we wrote it just for them. Oregon scarcely benefits from the lavish
commodity subsidies title. We grow "specialty crops," better known as "food."
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markets that are anchors in their communities. Doctors are writing
prescriptions to their patients for fruits and vegetables because healthy
eating leads to better health outcomes. Our ranchers need more small,
diversified meat processors. There are so many common-sense changes that would
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