

Oregon's Grass Seed



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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Grass Seed

Oregon leads the U.S. in grass seed production. Linn is the top U.S. county in grass seed acreage. It ranked #3 for Oregon commodities in 2008 valuing \$510 million.

Blueberries

Blueberries ranked #16 for Oregon agricultural commodities in 2008, valuing over \$49 million.

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Nat'l. Blueberry Month

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Nat'l. Baked Bean Month

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Oregon grows two thirds of the entire world's cool season grass seed.

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Independence Day

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The July flowers of the month are the larkspur and the water lily.

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July was named after Julius Caesar, who was born in this month.

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Blueberries are low in calories, low fat, and a good source of fiber.

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Blueberries are very high in antioxidants.

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Blueberry muffins are the most popular muffin in the U.S.

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A single blueberry bush can produce as many as 6,000 blueberries a year.

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Most ice cream is sold on Sunday.

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Blueberries are native to North America.

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Blueberries can help improve your memory.

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Blueberries are called star berries as their blossom ends form 5-pointed stars.

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Oregon has about 1,500 grass seed farmers.

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Oregon grass seed farms employ about 10,000 Oregonians.

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Grass seed is the third largest agricultural crop in Oregon.

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The filtering qualities of grass reduces nitrates from waterways.

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Grass helps reduce erosion.

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Linn County is called "The Grass Seed Capital of the World."

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Grass plants are 70-80% water while the clippings are 90% water.

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Eight lawns have a cooling effect equal to 24 central air conditioners.

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Oregon is 96,000 square miles.

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One bale of cotton can produce 1,217 men's t-shirts.

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Oregon is #2 in the U.S. for peppermint and spearmint.

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90% of the weight of grass is in its roots.

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An average lawn contains about 6 grass plants per square inch.

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Nearly all the grass seed produced in Oregon is sold out of state.

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Blueberries are one of the few truly blue foods.

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A 50 X 50 foot lawn releases enough oxygen for a family of four.

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The grass and trees along the U.S. interstate releases enough oxygen for 22 million people.