

Secretary of State
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING*
A Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact accompanies this form.

Department of Agriculture, Oregon Strawberry Commission	668
Agency and Division	Administrative Rules Chapter Number

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RULE CAPTION

Change the assessment on strawberries from 1.25 percent to 1 percent.

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

January 25, 2016	2:00 pm	4845 B. SW Dresden Ave., Corvallis, OR 97333	Philip Gütt
Hearing Date	Time	Location	Hearings Officer

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RULEMAKING ACTION

Secure approval of new rule numbers (Adopted or Renumbered rules) with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

ADOPT:

AMEND:

OAR 668-010-0010

REPEAL:

RENUMBER:

AMEND & RENUMBER:

Stat. Auth. : ORS 576.304

Other Auth.:

Stats. Implemented: ORS 576.325, ORS 576.335

RULE SUMMARY

Amend OAR 668-010-0010 (1) to decrease the assessment by .25%. The assessment was increased in 2013 in order to fund an endowment dedicated to a berry professorship at Oregon State University. Due to reductions in state funds to Oregon State University, continuance of a dedicated berry professorship is only guaranteed through industry support of an endowed professorship. The berry industry benefits from the research and education provided by a professor dedicated to berries.

This proposed rule change will allow the commodity commission to collect assessments of 1 percent of the gross value of the raw product, rather than 1.25 percent of the gross value of the raw product.

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing the negative economic impact of the rule on business.

January 25, 2016 5:00 p.m.

Last Day for Public Comment (Last day to submit written comments to the Rules Coordinator)

	Connie Gütt	
Signature	Printed name	Date

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