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Hello, I am a resident of Corvallis concerned about rules being made for water use on small farms. I have learned that some small farmers have been restricted from irrigating their very small farms due to not having water rights. While I understand that we must safeguard our water, I believe this needs to be looked at carefully and that rules need to be made that allow small farmers to keep farming. We really need local foods. These small farms are in general the more healthy farms for the land and water overall. They keep local food growing. So important for our resilience in communities . They are the bulk of the farmers at our farmers markets. They need the security of knowing they can keep farming. They don't have lobbyists like the big businesses who usually get all the protections. They don't have extra money to jump through hoops that you create. Give them exemptions. Give them a break, and give them support, and healthy ways to use water.

Thank you. Berthe Palmrose

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