

## **Small Agriculture Employers' Advisory Committee**

In 1995, the legislature passed the following law instructing Oregon OSHA to establish the Small Agriculture Employers' Advisory Committee.

654.154 (2) In order to promote communication and understanding between the director and agricultural interests, the director shall appoint an agricultural advisory committee of seven agricultural employers, each with 10 or fewer agricultural employees, to review and consult with the director on the administration of the Oregon Safe Employment Act with regard to agricultural activities. [1995 c.163 §2]

Since then, Oregon OSHA has used this committee as the link to the negotiated rule-making process for agriculture. While the foundation of the committee remains as dictated by the law, the committee's meetings are public and the process allows Oregon OSHA to include all people and organizations with an interest in Agricultural Safety and Health.

There is no set schedule for meetings and no formal process for membership. The committee meets as needed and people are free to volunteer to serve as members and may resign at will. Oregon OSHA tries to keep the membership representative of as many parts of the agriculture industry and as many geographic areas as possible.

The committee chair is a member of the Oregon OSHA Standards and Technical Resources Section. For more information contact the Technical Section at 503-378-3272 or 800-922-2689.