

Oregon Slow Pay/No Pay Laws



The Oregon Department of Agriculture administers a program to assist growers in obtaining timely payments for their crops as described in ORS 576.700 to ORS 576.747 and OAR 603-047-0010 to 0500.

Under this program, a producer or grower may notify the department of an alleged failure by a seed dealer to make payment as determined under a contract or by purchase order. The department will review this information and may investigate to determine if payment has not been made as required.

Process for Submitting a Slow Pay/No Pay Complaint

- Prior to filing a complaint with the department:
 - A producer or grower must send notice to the dealer of the amount owed as required by OAR 603-047-200(1).
 - Contact the department to discuss the details of the complaint. The department will make an initial determination about the merits of the complaint and determine if a formal complaint should be submitted.
- Filing a complaint:
 - Fill out the Slow Pay/No Pay complaint form completely.
 - Provide any additional relevant documentation – this may include contracts, purchase orders, bills of lading, test reports, invoices, payments received, etc.
 - A payment of \$50 is due at the time the complaint form is submitted, as required by OAR 603-047-0200.

What Seed Kinds Are Covered?

- Grass seed kinds commonly sold for turf lawns or as forage seed.
- Other agricultural seeds, vegetable, and flower seeds.

More information and the complaint form are available at www.oda.direct/SlowPayNoPay

Questions? Please Contact Us!

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