Helvetia’s High Value Farms

- Traded Sector (export) crops create wealth for Washington County and Oregon – new $$
- Anchor Helvetia’s landscape
- High-value grass seed crops
- Grass seed: 100% shipped out of OR, 20% exported globally
- Grass straw: 100% exported globally
- Wheat: 100% exported globally
- Clover seed: 96% shipped out of OR
Helvetia’s Premium Seed Crops

- Best quality turf seed in the world
  - Used on premier golf courses
- Best quality grass and clover in the world
  - Best yields per acre in Oregon
- Pacific Rim countries prefer Helvetia wheat
  - Optimum protein content
Helvetia’s Hazelnuts

- 98% of production shipped out of OR
- 65% of production exported globally
- Local production goes to make:
  - Hazelnut milkshakes at Burgerville
  - Hazelnut bread at Franz
  - Retail store in Cornelius

Hazelnut orchard
(Groveland Road, Helvetia)
Helvetia’s Christmas Tree Farms

- Retail U-cut supplies over 5,000 homes annually
- Wholesale trees sold to local nurseries
- 20% of trees are shipped out of Oregon, bringing new $$ into Washington County
- Specific varieties grown for Helvetia’s lower elevations and high soil moisture content

(West Union Road, Helvetia)
Helvetia’s Nurseries & Greenhouses

- 50% of nursery stock exported outside Oregon
- 12% exported globally
- Greenhouses produce cuttings of ornamental plants for local nurseries
- One of the largest producers of Daphne in the U.S.
Helvetia’s Dairy, Camelid, and Beef Ranches

- **Fourth generation Swiss farmers continue dairy tradition**

- The milk produced by Helvetia’s Holsteins is shipped to Darigold in Portland for local consumption

- Helvetia’s camelid ranches (alpaca and llama)
  - Produce breeding stock
  - Sell wool to local processors
  - Host largest auction in U.S.

- Helvetia’s beef are used for breeding stock and local food.
Helvetia’s Soils

- Superb Class I, II, and III soils
- 50% of remaining Class I soils in WaCo are located in Area D and surrounding areas
- Careful stewardship of soils for 150 years
- Crop rotation – long term investment
  - Builds up nutrients
  - Combats disease
  - Controls weeds
  (Enhances purity of crops and sales $$)
Field Drainage (Field Tiling) Optimizes Crop Production

- Farmers installed sub-surface drainage system
- 125 years of continuous capital investment
- Extensive, interdependent, and crosses farms and parcels
- Reduces “wet feet” for crops
- Sustainable, creative management of the soil.
- Severing causes flooding on adjacent land
Preserve

Helvetia’s High Value Farms

Designate Rural Reserves North of Highway 26