

# Fields Farm



**Region** Bend, OR

**Farmer Since** 1989

**Methods** Uses organic practices

**Products** Vegetables, eggs

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## About Fields Farm

Jim Fields is well-known in the farming community as one of the founding fathers of urban farming in Central Oregon. Originally from Oklahoma, Jim planted his roots in Bend after falling in love with Oregon during an extended bike tour. When they first moved here, Jim and his wife Debbie experimented with backyard gardening and raising rabbits but decided to take it to the next level by purchasing 10 acres of land in NE Bend. After 26 years, it is surrounded by houses but has some of the best soil due to Jim building up the land with compost and horse manure. You can see their friendly faces at the Bend Farmers Market every summer.

*“It’s a service job. A service of feeding our neighbors.”*

### Why farm?

“It’s self evident. You experience the hard and the good parts. I farm because I can and this is me. I like being a producer in a world of consumers, plus we eat pretty well!”

### Word of wisdom?

“I was given this advice and it really helped me. Start small, grow slowly and observe a lot.”



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