

Annual precipitation is almost 43 inches.

### Area Events

Linn County is home to the annual Linn County Fair and the 4-H and FFA Fair in July. Both are held at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center in Albany.



Linn County communities host a variety of annual events including the summer River Rhythms concert series in Albany, the Scio Lamb and Wool Fair, Sweet Home's Sportsman's Holiday and Oregon Jamboree music festival and Lebanon Strawberry Festival and Brownsville's Pioneer Picnic. You don't want to miss the BBQ chicken dinners at Harrisburg's Old Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

The county offers a diverse terrain from river bottom farmland to mountain peaks; fishing, boating, hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, water and snow skiing and exploring everything from numerous covered bridges to museums and parks.

There is a recreational opportunity around every corner, from the lush McDowell Creek Falls between Lebanon and Sweet Home to the snow capped Hoo Doo Ski area at the top of the Santiam Pass.

And yet, Linn County residents can be in Portland, the Oregon coast and Central Oregon in less than 90 minutes.

**Above:** Boaters flock to Foster and Green Peter Reservoirs in eastern Linn County ever summer. **Below:** Boats and cabins are available year-round at Clear Lake Resort,



**Founded:** 1847

**Courthouse address:** 303 SW 4th, Albany, OR 97386 Call 541-967-3825 [www.co.linn.or.us](http://www.co.linn.or.us)

**Annual budget:** \$221 million

**Population:** 128,610

**Size:** 2,309 square miles

**Major farm crops:** timber, grass seed, hazel nuts, vegetables, hay/straw, cattle, sheep

**Major industries:** specialty metals, wood products, food products

**Higher Education:** Linn-Bednton Community College; College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Northwest in Lebanon

# Welcome to Linn County

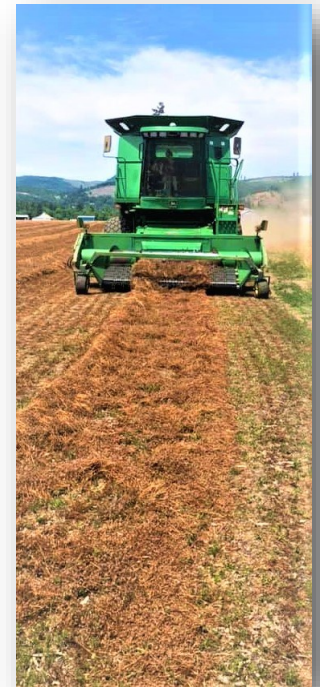
**The Grass Seed Capital of the World!**

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Linn County is the Grass Seed Capital of the World, with about 127,000 acres devoted to grass seed production.

Grass seed harvested in Linn County is planted around the world to feed livestock, create lush lawns and provide recreational opportunities on golf courses near and far.

Linn County farmers also produce a wide variety of other crops from blueberries to sweet corn and green



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*A welder plies his trade at Radiator Supply House in Sweet Home. Linn County is business friendly.*

beans, and raise beef cattle and sheep. The number of acres devoted to hazel nut production increases annually, currently topping more than 10,000 acres.

Timber growing and lumber production remain key components of the local economy and there are numerous manufacturing companies, some of which focus on rare metals used in aerospace applications.

### Linn County History



*Linn County Courthouse*

Linn County was created in 1847 — 12 years before statehood — and is named after U.S. Senator Lewis F. Linn of Missouri, who authored the Donation Lane Claim Act. The county encompasses almost

2,300 square miles and runs from the Willamette River on the west to the crest of the Cascades on the east.

Its elevation ranges from just 210 feet at the county seat of Albany to 4,816 feet at the Santiam Pass.

### Board of Commissioners

The Linn County Courthouse is in Albany. A three-member Board of Commissioners and an administrative officer manage county business. The board meets every Tuesday morning and if needed on Wednesday mornings as well.

Current commissioners — who are elected and serve four-year terms — are chairman Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker.

The County Administrative Officer is Darrin Lane.

They can be contacted by calling 541-967-3825.

Linn County employs approximately 700 peo-



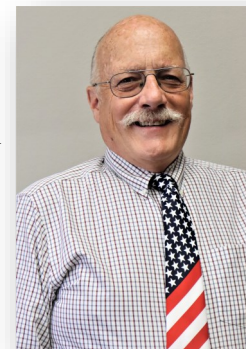
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In addition to the commissioners, other elected officials are Clerk Steve Druckenmiller, Sheriff Jim Yon, Assessor Andy Stevens, District Attorney Doug Marteeny, Justice of the Peace Jessica Meyer, Surveyor Tom Casey and Treasurer Michelle Hawkins.

### Our Communities

Incorporated cities are Albany, 53,521; Brownsville, 1,871; Halsey, 1,009; Harrisburg, 3,799; Idanha, 162; Lebanon, 16,870; Lyons, 1,059; Mill City, 1,839; Millersburg, 1,998; Scio, 927; Soudaville, 386; Sweet Home, 9,619; Tangent, 1,414; Waterloo, 267.

The average temperature in January is 39 degrees and in July it is 65.6 degrees.

The total assessed value of property in Linn County is \$11.1 billion with a real property value of more than \$21 billion.



*A hot air balloon in flight during the annual Northwest Art & Air Festival held every August in Albany.*



*Sportsman's Holiday is held every July in Sweet Home.*