



Flag:



The [flag of Oregon](#) is the only state flag with different pictures on each side.

On the reverse appears a beaver the state animal. Both sides have a field of navy blue with design in gold. The front picture includes a heart shaped shield with an eagle on top, surrounded by thirty-three stars. (The number of states in 1859.) The scene on the shield shows the sun setting over the Pacific Ocean, mountains, forests and a covered wagon. A plow, wheat and pickax represent farming and mining. Of the two ships: The one leaving is a British ship and the one arriving is a United States ship representing trade. The eagle represents the United States. On a banner are the words "The Union" representing support for the United States. Finally the flag is emblazoned with the words "State of Oregon" above the picture and the date of statehood "1859" below.

Oregon



Through the years, Oregon has various been called the **Sunshine State** (yes, another one!), **Webfoot State** (derived from the nickname given to residents, because of the high level of rainfall) and **Hard-case State** (named after the evil characters who flocked to the state in its early days, and from their austere descendants). But Oregon's state animal is the beaver (since 1969), and it is a widely recognised symbol for the state - which has led the State University athletic team to be known as "the Beavers", and state to being called the **Beaver State**. Oregon licence plates call the state **Pacific Wonderland**

Economy:

Agriculture: Cattle, vegetables, nursery stock, fruits and nuts, dairy products, wheat.

Industry: Lumber and wood products, tourism, food processing, paper products, machinery, scientific instruments.