Timeline

1862 Congress passed the Morrill Act granting 30,000 acres to Oregon to establish a land grant college.

1887 Passage of the Hatch Act provided funds to the nation’s land grant colleges to create agricultural experiment stations.

1911 The Oregon State Legislature, under House Bill 185, Chapter 176, established a Branch Agricultural Experiment Station of Oregon State College in southern Oregon on Highway 99 north of Talent.

1914 The United States Congress’ Smith-Lever Act provided funding to the states to establish county extension offices. The first Jackson County Extension office was located in the basement of the Jackson County Courthouse.

1932 The Tree Fruit Experiment Station was established off of King’s Highway, south of Medford.

1958 The Southern Oregon Experiment Station was moved from Talent to the Hanley Farm, where the county purchased 81 acres from the Hanley family.

1959 The OSU Jackson County Extension office moved out of the Jackson County Courthouse to 1301 Maple Drive.

1993 The Southern Oregon Experiment Station was enlarged and improved, made possible with donations from the local agricultural industry and Jackson County, along with funds from the Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences.

1994 The OSU-Jackson County Extension Office was moved to Hanley Farm and combined with the Southern Oregon Experiment Station to create the Oregon State University Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center.