ACRC
AG CONTAINER RECYCLING COUNCIL

Oregon

10.5M + lbs.	470,626 lbs.	268M+ lbs.	10M+ lbs.
Oregon Collected Since 1993	Oregon 5-Year Average	National Collected Since 1992	National 5-Year Average

ACRC Program

ACRC is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) trade association representing the agricultural chemicals industry. Founded in February 1992, ACRC funds, operates, and promotes a nationwide producer-responsibility program for the collection and recycling of triple- or pressure-rinsed, empty, one-way HDPE plastic agricultural chemical containers (all types, up to 55 gallons) — including crop protection, animal health, specialty pest control, micronutrient, biologicals, fertilizer, and adjuvant/surfactant containers. With over 70 Regular (manufacturers and formulators of agricultural products) and Affiliate (manufacturers of HDPE plastic containers or container components) Members, the program is entirely funded through member dues — a true producer-responsibility model that has operated successfully for over three decades.

Oregon Program

In Oregon, ***Agri-Plas Inc.*** serves as ACRC's designated contractor, collecting containers statewide. Since the Oregon program began in 1993, ACRC has collected and recycled more than 10,544,925 lbs. of agricultural container plastic in Oregon, averaging 470,626 lbs. annually in recent years — including 415,426 lbs. recycled in 2025. Collection occurs at farms, ag retailers, professional applicators (ground and aerial), municipal landfills, golf courses, nurseries, and greenhouses, with no collection fee to growers or commercial applicators in most cases.

Stewardship Plan

Core Principles	ACRC's Existing Practices
Producer-funded statewide program	ACRC has operated a fully member-funded, statewide Oregon collection program since 1993 — at no cost to the state or Oregon taxpayers.
Convenient, statewide collection coverage	Statewide Oregon collection network operated through contractor Agri-Plas Inc., with permanent drop-off sites and seasonal collection events at farms, ag retailers, and applicator locations; over 2,500 collection sites nationwide.
Reduce environmental and human health impacts through waste reduction, reuse, recycling	Mandatory triple-/pressure-rinse protocol (ANSI/ASABE S596, developed with ACRC's involvement) achieves 99.99%[1] active-ingredient removal before containers are chipped and recycled. Reuse-first practices are an option for larger containers designed as returnable/refillable under EPA regulations.
Responsible end markets	Collected containers are triple rinsed, chipped, and then recycled into approved productive end uses, such as agricultural drainpipe, landscape edging, nursery pots, industrial pallets, and other durable products, all rigorously vetted by the ACRC Technical Committee.
No burden on commingled recycling systems	Containers are collected through a dedicated agricultural channel as opposed to residential curbside or commingled recycling. ACRC's program adds no cost, contamination, or processing burden to the commingled recycling processing facilities.
Public education, outreach, and communication	Bilingual (English/Spanish) triple-rinsing videos, free brochures, posters, and checklists; multilingual “Clean Means Clean” visual aids; presentations to universities, extension agencies, ag chemical trade associations, and aerial applicators; and promotions at major agricultural events.
Measurable performance and annual reporting	Annual member sales surveys are compared against pounds collected; ACRC has tracked Oregon program tonnage continuously since 1993.

[1] EPA 40 CFR 156.146; 165.25; 2006 Container and Containment Rule