

Policy on Agri-Tourism

Explanatory Note: Background information pertaining to agri-tourism was provided to the CAC at its February 25, 2015 meeting. A more detailed analysis of this topic was given to the Farm, Forest & Rural Economy subcommittee for its March 4, 2015 meeting and was also shared with the CAC for its April 1 meeting.

The following three policy options (B1-B3) addressing agri-tourism were provided to both the subcommittee and CAC for their April 1, 2015 meetings. The subcommittee discussed the options but was equally divided over their preference among the policy choices. The CAC discussed these policy options and indicated a preference for policy B1 on Sauvie Island and in the West Hills, while a combination of B2 and B3 could be applied to the East County area. Staff was directed to refine these policies accordingly for the CAC's review.

Original Policy Options

- B1. Do not adopt the agri-tourism provisions of ORS chapter 215 in order to restrict agri-tourism related uses and activities in the EFU zone to only what is allowed in conjunction with farm stands. OR
- B2. Adopt agri-tourism provisions within the EFU zone as authorized by ORS chapter 215 subject to a tiered review process depending upon the number and/or size of promotional activities held. OR
- B3. Adopt agri-tourism provisions within the EFU zone consistent with ORS chapter 215 subject to approval standards addressing issues including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Number and duration of events
 - Attendance levels and hours of operation
 - Parking and traffic management
 - Noise
 - Signage
 - Sanitation, solid waste and related matters
 - Security
 - Inspection of events

Recommended Policies on Agri-Tourism

- 1. Do not adopt the agri-tourism provisions of ORS chapter 215 for the Sauvie Island/Multnomah Channel and West Hills rural areas. In these areas, restrict agricultural promotional events, activities and related uses in the EFU zone to only what is allowed in conjunction with farm stands and wineries.**

2. Adopt agri-tourism provisions within the EFU zone in the East of Sandy River and West of Sandy River rural areas consistent with ORS chapter 215 subject to approval standards addressing issues including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Number and duration of events**
- **Attendance levels and hours of operation**
- **Parking and traffic management**
- **Noise**
- **Signage**
- **Sanitation, solid waste and related matters**
- **Security**
- **Inspection of events**

3. Agri-tourism activities and events should be subject to a tiered review process depending upon the number and/or size of activities and events held.