



## Adding Agritourism to the Farm Zone

### What:



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Public feedback has largely requested agritourism be added as a use to the A-1 Zone. Agritourism was created as an optional use for farm zones by the legislature in 2012.

Recent feedback has requested additional considerations with this use that are optional. Those additional criteria focus on water, wildfire, traffic, and neighbor notification.

### Why:

Wasco County is undertaking these updates because Citizens have indicated an interest in agritourism uses being allowed in Wasco County farm zones.

### Who:

Citizens during Comprehensive Plan Update and 2021 LUDO Update.

### Where & When:

Drafts go live on the project website (<https://wasco2040.com>) along with a virtual open house on April 27th. There you can comment or ask questions in the draft or using the comment/ask a planner functions. The first virtual Ask a Planner event is scheduled for May 18th at 5pm. In-person open houses are tentatively scheduled for May 24th and June 8th.

Citizens can submit comments or questions via mail, email, or the website any time between April and September 12th. The first hearing is on September 13th.

### Potential Impacts

Agritourism was explored as an economic development tool during the Wasco County 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update. Citizens, by in large, were in favor of new uses that could support diversifying farm operations. Agritourism includes activities and events like u-pick, farm to table dinners, educational workshops or tours, and festivals.

In 2021, staff heard from citizens that they would like to see additional regulations to ensure reduced impacts from things like noise and traffic and to safeguard against wildfire or excessive water usage. Staff has prepared some additional criteria for use during permitting to address these concerns

Agritourism uses are optional in the farm zone. It is important staff hear input from citizens as they may be impacted by things like traffic and noise.

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