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#### **§ 570.96. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Agritourism**

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may provide marketing advice, technical expertise, promotional support, and product development related to agritourism to assist the following in their agritourism initiatives: the Florida Commission on Tourism; convention and visitor bureaus; tourist development councils; economic development organizations; and local governments. In carrying out this responsibility, the department shall focus its agritourism efforts on rural and urban communities.

#### **§ 570.961. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Definitions**

As used in §§ 570.96-570.962, the term:

- (1) "Agritourism activity" means any activity carried out on a farm or ranch or in a forest that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities, including farming, ranching, historical, cultural, harvest-your-own, or nature-based activities and attractions. An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant paid to participate in the activity.
- (2) "Agritourism professional" means any person who is engaged in the business of providing one or more agritourism activities, whether or not for compensation
- (3) "Farm" means the land, buildings, support facilities, machinery, and other appurtenances used in the production of farm or aquaculture products, including land used to display plants, animals, farm products, or farm equipment to the public
- (4) "Farm operation" has the same meaning as defined in § 823.14.

#### **§ 570.962. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Agritourism participation impact on land classification**

- (1) In order to promote and perpetuate agriculture throughout the state, farm operations are encouraged to engage in agritourism. The conduct of agritourism activity on a bona fide farm or on agricultural lands classified as such pursuant to § 193.461 shall not limit, restrict, or divest the land of that classification.
- (2) Local governments and agricultural representatives shall meet for the purpose of discussing the benefits of agritourism to local economies and opportunities for cooperation, conflict resolution, regulatory streamlining, and incentives.