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Kent Howe, Planning Director
C/O Land County Land Management Division
125 East 8th Ave.
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Re: Proposed Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan General Plan Policies, GOAL 3: AGRICULTURAL LANDS, Policy 16

Dear Kent,

Mike Reeder and I are submitting the attached proposed amendment to the Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan General Plan Policies, GOAL 3: AGRICULTURAL LANDS Goal 3 Policies. This is an appropriate amendment for inclusion in the revisions to Lane Code that are to be considered. The policy recognizes that farming operations in Lane County are continuously evolving in order to be competitive in local, national and international markets and emphasizes that Lane County will support the evolving farming operations by broadly interpreting the RCP policies and definition of "Farm Use" in LC 16.

The definition of "Farm Use" in LC 16.090 includes, "The current employment of land for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by raisings, harvesting and selling crop" and by "the preparation, storage and disposal by marketing or otherwise of the products or by products raised on such land for human use and animal use". These terms are broad and address unspecified activities that farming operations are doing. For instance, a farmer who grows strawberries and wants to market the strawberries by serving strawberry shortcake on the farm would be allowed to do that activity as part of the farm use. The policy emphasizes that Lane County support farm operations by being proactive and broadly interpreting "Farm Use".

Thanks for the opportunity to submit this proposed amendment.

Sincerely,



James A. Mann LLC
Copy to Mike Reeder
Attachment

**Proposed Amendment to the
Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan
General Plan Policies, GOAL 3: AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

New language is underlined.

17. Lane County recognizes the dynamic nature and perpetual evolution of farming practices and operations in Lane County and the State of Oregon. In order for farm operations to successfully compete in the state, national and international markets, Lane County shall broadly construe the policies of the Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan and the definition of "Farm Use" in LC 16.090."