

Policy Position Re: Agritourism

1. Agritourism activities must be accessory to the primary use of agriculture on the site as evidenced by providing proof of farm income (Schedule F or other).

2. Any proposed tourism-related activity must be evaluated on the following criteria:

- a) Must relate to and support the primary use of agriculture on the site,
- b) Must not interfere with surrounding farming operations and practices,
- c) Will provide experiences to visitors that promote and enhance Skagit agriculture overall, and
- d) Will not result in the permanent conversion of farmland.

3. Agritourism permits should be required and issued on the basis of level of impact to the long-term viability of agriculture, agricultural soils, the environment, and adjacent farming operations. Activities that have the potential to be large in scale and impact should be required to obtain permits subject to review and renewal every three years.