



Agritourism in Douglas County: Zoning Updates

Douglas County is considering zoning updates to better define, allow, and streamline agritourism activities. The goal is to support agricultural opportunities while ensuring appropriate oversight based on the size and impact of each activity.

New agritourism definitions

Agritourism: Activities that allow the public to experience agriculture, culinary pursuits, natural resources, and rural heritage.

Agritourism Activities: Occasional, public-facing events held on agricultural properties.

Agritourism Centers: Ongoing agritourism operations that may include buildings and limited overnight accommodations.

Where agritourism would be allowed

Agricultural One (A-1) Zone:

- Agritourism activities allowed as an accessory use
- Agritourism centers allowed on parcels 35 acres or larger with site plan approval

Large Rural Residential (LRR) Zone:

- Agritourism activities allowed as an accessory use
- Agritourism centers allowed on parcels 9 acres or larger through a public review process

How activities would be reviewed

The level of County review depends on the size of the activity:

Up to 100 participants per day

- No County review required

Major agritourism activities (anything larger than minor activities)

- Formal application and site plan
- Public notice and Board approval
- Opportunity for public comment

Minor agritourism activities

- 1-day activity with up to 500 participants or activity occurring over 7 days with up to 300 participants per day
- Simplified certification process
- No public hearing required

Why these changes?

- Support working farms and rural landowners
- Encourage tourism and economic activity in rural areas

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