



# Overnight accommodation related to agritourism or bona fide agricultural uses

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# Background

- This presentation is in response to a 2/1/22 BoCC motion:
  - Look at Bed & Breakfast and other rural land uses to allow overnight stays at bona fide ag tourism operations and bring back ideas.
  - Look at Visit Florida best practices for minimizing conflicts.
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# Florida Statutes 570.85, Agritourism

- (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to promote agritourism as a way to support bona fide agricultural production by providing a secondary stream of revenue and by educating the general public about the agricultural industry. It is also the intent of the Legislature to eliminate duplication of regulatory authority over agritourism as expressed in this section. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local government may not adopt or enforce a local ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land under s. [193.461](#). This subsection does not limit the powers and duties of a local government to address substantial offsite impacts of agritourism activities or an emergency as provided in chapter 252.

# Overnight Accommodation

- Overnight accommodation is not an agritourism activity
  - Bed and breakfasts are allowed as a limited use in the Ag district.
  - Staff has considered code language that would:
    - Allow for rooms at a B & B on a bona fide farm to be dispersed throughout the property.
    - Allow for the # of rooms to be increased from the current maximum of 5, with a special exception approval from the BoCC.
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Questions?

