



BIG IDEAS

- Update the Code to accommodate and support **changing agricultural practices** and trends.
- Recognize **different sizes and types of agriculture** with a tailored approach to zoning districts, use regulations, and development standards.
- “Protection of important farmlands provides many benefits, ranging from protecting the quality of our soil and food supply to maintaining community identity and separation.” (*Larimer County Comprehensive Plan, p. 14*)



WHY DOES THE CODE ADDRESS THIS?

- Agriculture in Larimer County has been a staple of the community since its inception and is an important part of the County’s history.
- The Code allows for and encourages a wide range of agricultural activity across rural and urban zoning districts.
- Use-specific and general development standards prevent and mitigate potential noise, odor, and visual impacts of new agricultural activities.



WHAT IS NOT CHANGING

- ☑ Continuing to allow for a wide range of agricultural uses and activities
- ☑ Current principal and accessory agricultural uses carried forward with minor or no changes
- ☑ Right-to-Farm policy



WHAT IS NEW?

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Conservation & Agricultural Zoning Districts



NR

Natural Resources

Maintain the character of natural areas, public lands, and open lands.



FO

Forestry

Conserve forest resources and protect the natural environment.



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Agriculture

Encourage agricultural cultivation and production activities.



ACE

Agricultural Commercial Enterprise

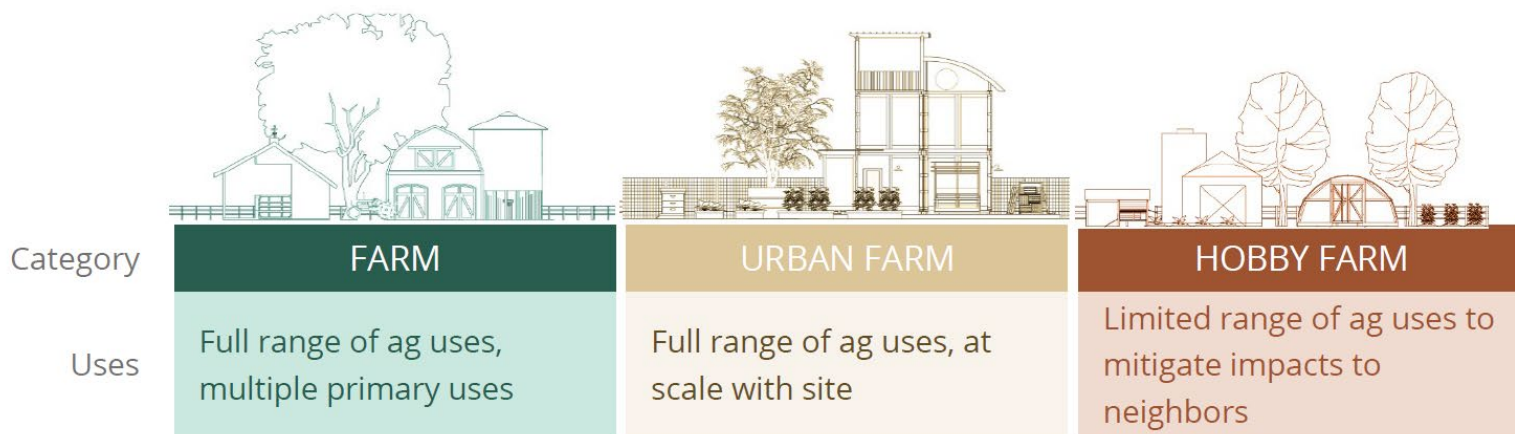
Promote commercial and industrial uses that support agricultural operations.



WHAT IS NEW?

2 Expanding the Definition of “Farm”

- Not limited to three acres
- No industry-specific exceptions



3 Addressing Urban Agriculture

- ☑ Expanded allowances for smaller-scale agricultural activities on properties in the Growth Management Areas (GMA)
- ☑ New uses and/or use definitions for urban agriculture such as:
 - Urban Agricultural Operation
 - Community Garden
 - Apiary and backyard chickens

4 More Flexible Allowances for Uses



Multiple principal uses allowed on a property



Use-specific standards for new development and limited existing uses (e.g., feed lots and equestrian operations) to mitigate impacts on neighboring properties



Specific zoning district allowances for all accessory agricultural uses (e.g., agritourism and value-added agricultural processing)

— New subcategories in Use Tables (e.g., animal agriculture)

For more information, refer to the Use Regulations Fact Sheet.

4 Updated Conservation Development and Rural Land Use Plan Standards

For more information, refer to the Land Division Fact Sheet.

Phase 2 Topics:

- Urban agriculture
- Livestock and poultry classification
- Density transfers
- Agriculture overlay district
- Expanded options for agricultural labor housing