

Conclusion

If you have thought through the issues outlined in this guide and talked with the appropriate government contacts or other resources, you should know whether your proposed enterprise can be a viable part of your farm or ranch operation.

In some instances, current laws or regulations may prohibit or limit what you desire to do. You are invited to write down such situations—and how you would propose to correct it—and mail the proposal to the Oregon Department of Agriculture Information Office at the address in the front of the guide. While immediate remedies are unlikely, the agency will keep a list of these concerns and try to work with other state, federal, or local agencies to resolve these situations, if possible.

Demand for farm or ranch tourism/recreational experiences will only continue to grow with increased populations and pressure on state and federal recreation resources. Those operators who venture into this arena may find it useful to join an existing association, such as those listed on the preceding pages, that can help with networking, marketing, and insurance or legislative issues. Additionally, if enough interest exists among operators, the formation of a new association specific to farm/ranch recreation in Oregon may be worth exploring.

Please keep the Oregon Department of Agriculture apprised of your efforts in farm/ranch recreation. If you have any suggestions on ways this guide might be improved, please send them to:

Agri-Business Council of Oregon
1200 NW Naito Parkway, Suite #290
Portland, OR 97209
(503) 241-1487
fax: (503) 274-5405
www.aglink.org
e-mail: info@aglink.org