

# **Land Use Districts** in Hawaii County

State Land Use District	Administered By:
Conservation	State
Agricultural	County
Urban	County
Rural	County



### HRS 205-2: Permitted Uses in Agriculture District

- "Agricultural tourism conducted on a working farm, or a farming operation as defined in Section 165-2 for the enjoyment, education, or involvement of visitors; provided that the agricultural tourism activity is accessory and secondary farm operations;
- and provided further that this paragraph shall apply only to a county that has adopted ordinances regulating agricultural tourism under section 205-2"



### HRS 205-2: Permitted Uses in Agriculture District

- Overnight accommodations of 21 days or less, for any one stay within a county;
  - Applies only to a county that includes at least 3 islands and;
  - Applies only to a county that has adopted ordinances regulating agricultural tourism activities
- Agricultural-based commercial operations



### **Ag-Based Commercial Operations**

Includes:	Description  *Permitted by State Law
1. Road-Side Stand*+	<ul><li>Unenclosed structure</li><li>Ag &amp; value-added products</li></ul>
2. Retail Activities*+	<ul><li>Enclosed structure</li><li>Ag, value-added, logo items &amp; other food items</li></ul>
3. Retail Food Establishment*+	<ul> <li>Prepares &amp; serves food at retail &amp; value-added</li> <li>Does NOT include serving of meals (restaurant)</li> </ul>
4. Farmer's Market*	Outdoor market selling only products from HI
5. Food Hub*	• A facility containing a commercial kitchen, for storage, processing, distribution & sale of ag products



# Hawai`i County's Existing Definition (Section 25-1-5. Definitions)

 "Agricultural tourism" means visitor-related commercial activities or periodic special events designed to promote agricultural activities conducted on a working farm, ranch, or agricultural products processing facility.



## Agricultural Tourism - County

(Existing)

Permitted as an accessory use to agricultural processing facilities in commercial, industrial & mixed-use areas (CG, CDH, CV, CN, ML, MG, and MCX districts).

Permitted as an accessory use to agricultural activities and agricultural processing facilities in agricultural & rural districts

Plan approval is required for the establishment of any agricultural tourism activity

All agritourism activities must conform to Section 25-4-15(d)

Special permit (Ag/Rural District) or Use permit (Urban District) mut be obtained for activities not listed in Section 25-4-15(d)

### Permitted Agri-Tourism Uses (Section 25-4-15 (d))

Activity	Existing Regulation	Notes
1. Number of Visitors	• Max of 30,000 visitors/yr	<ul> <li>Unless allowed by Special Permit/Use Permit</li> </ul>
2. Hours of Operation	• 8AM-6PM	
3. Vehicular Access	<ul> <li>Legal access to highway (private road/easement)</li> <li>Parking/loading/turn-around area, on-site</li> </ul>	Unless approved by director
4. Size of Ag-Based Commercial Area	• Shall NOT > 1,000 sq ft.	<ul> <li>Doesn't include parking or vehicular access</li> </ul>

### Permitted Agri-Tourism Uses

Activity	Regulation	Notes
5. Revenues from Agri-Tourism	• Agri-Tourism \$\$ <= Farm \$\$	<ul> <li>Waived in unforeseen events</li> </ul>
6. Product Origin	<ul> <li>Sale of Ag products from Big Is</li> <li>Processed products- main ingredient must be from Big Is</li> </ul>	
7. Promotional sale of non-Ag items	<ul> <li>Allowed if promoting farm products/Ag</li> </ul>	
8. Events: Weddings, parties, restaurants, schools, catered events, or overnight housing	<ul> <li>Not allowed in A, FA, IA, and RA Districts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unless allowed by Special Permit or Use Permit</li> </ul>



### Permitted Agri-Tourism Uses

Activity	Regulation	Notes
9. Annual Events	•Non-profit events to promote industry or area allowed in A, FA, IA, RA, & APD districts	
10. Gross sales from Ag activities	<ul> <li>Minimum of \$10,000 in year prior to agritourism</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New farms must show Ag effort</li> </ul>



### Agri-Tourism Ordinance: Bill 227 – 3

- Section I Defines Agricultural Tourism
- Section II Defines Agricultural-Based Commercial Operations
- Section III Plan Approval for New Structures/ Developments
- Section IV Repealed (Plan Approval Requirements)
- Section V Permitted Agricultural Tourism Uses
- Section VI Instructions for amended portions of bill
- Section VII Severability
- Section VIII States that Ordinance takes place upon approval



### Hawai`i County's Revised Definition

"Agricultural tourism" means visitor-related commercial activities that includes agricultural-based commercial operations, tours and [or] periodic special events designed to promote agricultural activities conducted on a working farm, ranch, or agricultural products processing facility.