Oregon Law: Farm Stands

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Farm stands are defined by ORS 215.213 (1)(r)/ORS 215.283 (1)(o). This statute defines farm stands as structures designed and used for the sale of farm crops or livestock grown on the farm operation or grown on other farm operations in the local agricultural area, including the sale of retail incidental items and fee-based activity to promote the sale of farm crops or livestock sold the farm stand.

Types of allowable uses:

- Direct sales of farm crops and livestock produced on the farm or other farms in Oregon.
- Direct sale of processed farm crops and livestock grown on the farm, for example jams, syrups and pickles. The sale of prepared food items is not allowed.
- Sale of incidental retail items that promote farm crops and livestock being sold at the farm stand. For example, bumper stickers advertising the farm, pumpkin carving kits or baskets to carry produce.
- Fee-based activities intended to promote the sale of crops or livestock being sold at the farm stand which might include things like: corn mazes, tours, pumpkin patches, hay rides, farm animal exhibits, food preparation demonstrations and outdoor farm-to-table dinners.

Limitations and requirements:

- This statute does not allow structures designed for occupancy as a residence or for activities other than the sale of farm crops and livestock. It also explicitly does not allow permanent or temporary structures for banquets, public gatherings or public entertainment.
- The total annual sales of incidental retail items and fees from promotional activities are limited to 25 percent of total annual farm-stand sales.
- Farm stands may not be used to sell or promote marijuana products or extracts.

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