

Agricultural Lands Policies
Lincoln County,
Oregon

1.0070 Agricultural Lands Goals

Agricultural lands goals:

- (1) To preserve and maintain agricultural lands.
- (2) To conserve and improve the existing commercial agricultural enterprise within the area.

1.0075 Agricultural Lands Policies

- (1) Lincoln County shall designate, preserve and maintain agricultural land for farm use consistent with existing and future needs for agricultural products, forest and open space.
- (2) Lincoln County shall convert agricultural land to urbanizable land only after considering all of the following factors:
 - (a) Environmental, social, economic and energy consequences.
 - (b) Demonstrated need consistent with LCDC Goals.
 - (c) Unavailability of an alternative suitable location for the requested use.
 - (d) Compatibility of the proposed use with related agricultural land.
 - (e) The retention of Class I-IV soil in farm use.
 - (f) The requirement for an exception to the Statewide Goals.
- (3) Lincoln County shall ensure that designated agricultural lands are protected from encroachment of incompatible land use.
- (4) Where rural residences can be accommodated on land within agricultural areas not suited for agriculture or commercial timber production, such residences shall be allowed if they pose no threat of conflict with prevailing farm and forest practices.
- (5) Lincoln County shall allow one residence for farm purposes outright on lands designated for agricultural use when the parcel is found to be appropriate for the continuation of the existing commercial agricultural enterprises in the area.
- (6) Lincoln County shall review the location of additional residences for farm helpers or family members assisting in farm operations on lands designated for agricultural use.
- (7) Lincoln County shall adopt an agricultural conservation zone that shall conform to ORS chapter 215.
- (8) Lincoln County shall establish lot sizes appropriate for the continuation of the existing commercial agriculture.
- (9) Lincoln County shall define farm use as set out in ORS chapter 215.
- (10) Lincoln County shall define agricultural lands as set out in the State-Wide Planning Goal on Agricultural Lands.

1.0080 Estuarine Resource Goals

- (1) To recognize and protect the unique environmental, economic and social values of each estuary and associated wetlands.
- (2) To protect, maintain, and where appropriate develop and where appropriate, restore the long term environmental, economic and social values, diversity and benefits of Lincoln County's estuaries.