



## Farm Dwelling (Acreage Test)

A farm dwelling may be permitted in the Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zone, subject to the applicable requirements from Section 7.50(A)(3) of the Hood River County Zoning Ordinance and applicable portions of Oregon Administrative Rule 660-033-0135(1). For a complete application, a written narrative with supporting documentation should be provided explaining how your proposal complies with all of the following applicable criteria:

1. The parcel on which the dwelling will be located is at least **160 acres**.

▶ *Size of the parcel:* \_\_\_\_\_

2. The subject tract is currently employed for farm use, as defined in ORS 215.203 (*see below*).

▶ *Describe the farm use and the acreage dedicated to each use:*

Use	Acreage Employed
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. The dwelling will be occupied by a person or persons who will be principally engaged in the commercial “farm use.”

▶ Who will be the farm operator(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Except for seasonal farm worker housing, there is no other dwelling on the tract.

▶ *Please provide a listing of all dwellings located on the subject parcel or other contiguous property in your ownership. Please include addresses, the parcel # where located, and the use of each dwelling:*

## **Definitions**

**Contiguous** means connected in such a manner as to form a single block of land, but does not include parcels that meet only at a single point.

**Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 215.203(2)(a) defines Farm Use** as “the current employment of land for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by raising, harvesting and selling crops or the feeding, breeding, management and sale of, or the produce of, livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals or honeybees or for dairying and the sale of dairy products or any other agricultural or horticultural use or animal husbandry or any combination thereof. “Farm use” includes the preparation, storage and disposal by marketing or otherwise of the products or by-products raised on such land for human or animal use. “Farm use” also includes the current employment of land for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by stabling or training equines including but not limited to providing riding lessons, training clinics and schooling shows. “Farm use” also includes the propagation, cultivation, maintenance and harvesting of aquatic, bird and animal species that are under the jurisdiction of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, to the extent allowed by the rules adopted by the commission. “Farm use” includes the on-site construction and maintenance of equipment and facilities used for the activities described in this subsection. “Farm use” does not include the use of land subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 321, except land used exclusively for growing cultured Christmas trees as defined in subsection (3) of this section or land described in ORS 321.267 (3) or 321.824 (3).”

**Tract** is defined as one or more contiguous lots or parcels in the same ownership.