

# **AGRITOURISM RULES**

**Louisiana  
Department of Agriculture and Forestry  
Office of the Commissioner**

**La R.S. 9:2795.5**

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### **Title 7**

#### **Agriculture and animals**

#### **Department of Agriculture and Forestry**

#### **Office of the Commissioner**

#### **Agritourism Activities**

#### **(LAC 7:**

### **§101. Definitions**

A. The words and terms defined in R.S. 9:2795.5 are applicable to this Chapter.

B. The following words and terms are defined for the purposes of this Chapter.

*Agricultural operation* – a working farm, ranch, or other commercial agricultural, aquacultural, horticultural, or forestry operation.

*Agritourism plan of operation* – a planning document that will assist agritourism professionals in identifying and addressing possible inherent risks on their operations through recommended best management practices. Components of the plan will include listing of activities, their risks, suggestions for minimizing those risks, and a plan for the location of warning signs.

*Commissioner* – the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry for Louisiana.

*Department* – the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

### **§103. Agritourism activities**

A. Agritourism activities are activities engaged in by a participant for one or more of the purposes of enjoyment of, education about, or participation in, the activities of an agricultural operation.

B. The commissioner has defined certain activities as agritourism activities when such activities are conducted in relation to an agricultural operation. The defining of an activity as an agritourism activity also includes the enjoyment of, education about or participation in closely related activities even though such closely related activities may not be specifically listed in the definition. For example, an agricultural craft tour or visit includes such things as attending on-site lectures, hands on participation in the making of an art or craft article, and purchase of an article.

1. The commissioner may add or remove activities to or from the list of agritourism activities from time to time by publishing a supplemental list of agritourism activities in the potpourri section of the State Register and by updating the list of activities on the department's website.

2. Interested persons may request activities to be added or deleted from the list of agritourism activities.

a. All such requests shall be submitted in writing to the department by letter or e-mail. Each request shall provide the name, address, and contact information for the person making the request, a description of the activity, and how it is related to an agricultural operation.

b. The commissioner shall make the determination as to whether the activity will be added or deleted from the list of agritourism activities. The requesting party shall be notified of the commissioner's decision.

C. A list of the agritourism activities shall be published annually in the potpourri section of the February issue of the State Register and on the department's website.

D. The initial annual listing of agritourism activities established by the commissioner is:

### **ANNUAL LISTING OF AGRITOURISM ACTIVITIES**

**NOTICE: THE ACTIVITIES LISTED ARE AGRITOURISM ACTIVITIES ONLY WHEN CONDUCTED IN RELATION TO AN AGRICULTURAL OPERATION**

Agricultural crafts tours and visits  
Agricultural exhibits tours and visits  
Agricultural fairs and festivals visits and participation  
Agricultural operations planting, harvesting and working activities  
Agricultural operations tours and visits  
Bed and breakfasts tours, visits, and stays  
Bird watching  
Boating/swamp tours  
Camping/picnicking  
Christmas tree farms visits and tree cutting  
Corn/hay bale/other mazes visits and participation  
Crop harvesting at U-pick operations  
Educational tours and visits  
Equine activity [as defined in R.S. 9:2795.3(A)(3)] attendance and participation  
Farm animal activity [as defined in R.S. 9:2795.1(A)(3)] attendance and participation  
Farm/ranch vacations  
Farmers markets/on farm sales/roadside stands visits and participation  
Fishing  
Game/ exotic farm animal tours and visits  
Garden/nursery tours and visits  
Guided crop tours and visits  
Hiking/packing trips  
Historical tours of or visits to former agricultural operations  
Horseback/pony riding

Hunting  
Hunting/working dog trials/training  
Petting zoos tours, visits, and interaction with animals  
Pumpkin patch visits and participation  
Skeet shooting  
Wagon rides attendance and participation  
Winery tours and visits  
Youth camp stays and participation

### **§103. Procedure for submission of plan of operation**

A. Any agritourism professional who conducts an agritourism activity and seeks to avail himself of R.S. 9:2795.5 shall submit a written and completed agritourism plan of operation for each such activity to the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center for approval. Multiple activities may be included in the plan. The agritourism plan of operation may be sent to LSU AgCenter, 11959 Highway 9, Homer, LA 71040.

1. An agritourism professional who adds an agritourism activity after his agritourism plan of operation has been approved shall submit an agritourism plan of operation for the new activity to the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center for approval.

2. An agritourism plan of operation shall be submitted for each separate agricultural operation where agritourism activities are to be conducted.

B. The agritourism plan of operation shall include:

1. The name, physical address, mailing address, and telephone number of the agritourism professional.

2. The name under which the agritourism professional will operate, the physical address, mailing address and telephone number of the agricultural operation, if different than the information provided for the agritourism professional.

3. The business structure, (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, joint venture, or other structure).

4. The physical location of the agricultural operation.

5. The nature of the agritourism activities to be conducted at the location.

6. The known inherent risks to participants in the agritourism activities.

7. The best management practices, including the placement of warning signs, to be used by the agritourism professional for reducing these risks and for warning participants of the risks.

8. Any other information requested by the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center.

C. An agritourism professional, upon approval and implementation of his agritourism plan of operation, shall be presumed to be conducting an agritourism activity for each activity listed on an approved agritourism plan of operation.

**END OF REGULATIONS**