

BUTTE COUNTY RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE

The County of Butte permits the operation of properly conducted agricultural operations on agricultural land within the unincorporated area of Butte County and has declared this County policy in the Butte County Right to Farm Ordinance (Butte County Code, Chapter 35) to conserve, protect, enhance, and encourage such operations. Residents or users of property located near an agricultural operation on agricultural land may at times be subject to inconvenience or discomfort arising from that operation, including, without limitation, noise, odors, fumes, dust, smoke, insects, operation of machinery during any time of day or night, storage and disposal of manure, and ground or aerial application of fertilizers, soil amendments, seeds, and pesticides. One (1) or more of these inconveniences or discomforts may occur as result of any properly conducted agricultural operation on agricultural land. The County of Butte has determined in the Butte County Right to Farm Ordinance that inconvenience or discomfort arising from a properly conducted agricultural operation on agricultural land will not be considered a nuisance for purposes of the Butte County Code or County regulations, and that residents or users of nearby property should be prepared to accept such inconvenience or discomfort as a normal and necessary aspect of living in a county with a strong rural character and an active agricultural sector.

For more information about the Butte County Right to Farm Ordinance, please contact the Butte County Agricultural Commissioner's office at 316 Nelson Ave., Oroville, CA 95965 or the Department of Development Services at 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965.