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A photograph showing three children sitting in a green hay wagon filled with straw. They are looking out over a field where a green tractor is visible in the distance. The background consists of a dense line of trees under a bright sky.

The Role of Michigan's Right to Farm Act and Farm Market GAAMPs in Agritourism

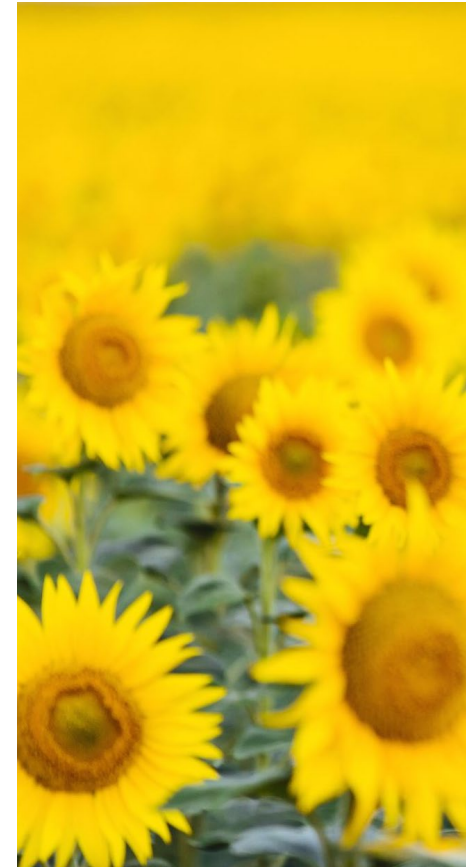
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Right To Farm Act

Act 93 of 1981

An ACT to define certain farm uses, operations, practices, and products; to provide certain disclosures; to provide for circumstances under which a farm shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance.



RTF Act




A farm or farm operation shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance if the farm or farm operation alleged to be a nuisance conforms to generally accepted agricultural and management practices according to policy determined by the Michigan commission of agriculture.



1999 Amendments

Beginning June 1, 2000, except as otherwise provided in this section, it is the express legislative intent that this act preempt any local ordinance, regulation, or resolution that purports to extend or revise in any manner the provisions of this act or generally accepted agricultural and management practices developed under this act. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a local unit of government shall not enact, maintain, or enforce an ordinance, regulation, or resolution that conflicts in any manner with this act or generally accepted agricultural and management practices developed under this act.



GAAMPs

Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices

- Standards
- Committees
- Reviews/Changes



2024 GAAMPs

Care of Farm Animals

Farm Markets

Manure Management/Utilization

Pesticide Utilization-Pest Control

Cranberry Production

Irrigation Water Use

Nutrient Utilization

Site Selection

Greenhouses – Coming Soon!



RTF/GAAMPs Process

- Conformance
 - Reviews
 - Complaint
 - Proactive
- Courts



Agritourism

- Legal Definition?
- Case-by-Case (very nuanced)
- Intentionality
- Permits
 - Building
 - Zoning

Should I get a permit even if I qualify for RTF protection?



Agritourism & Zoning



- Thriving (not just surviving)
- Get Involved!
 - Attend Meetings
 - Share
 - Become an

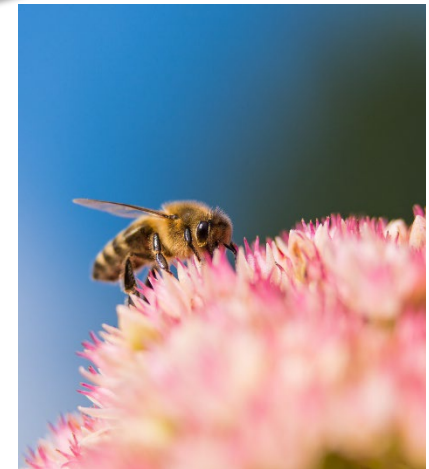
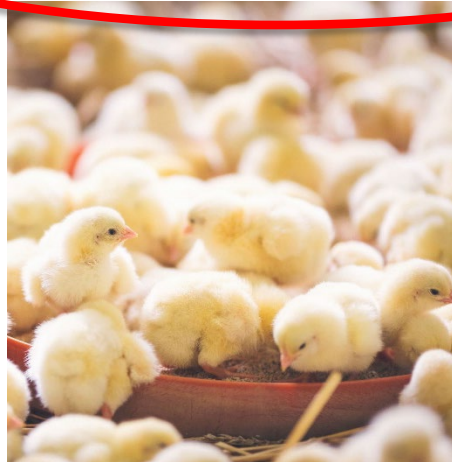
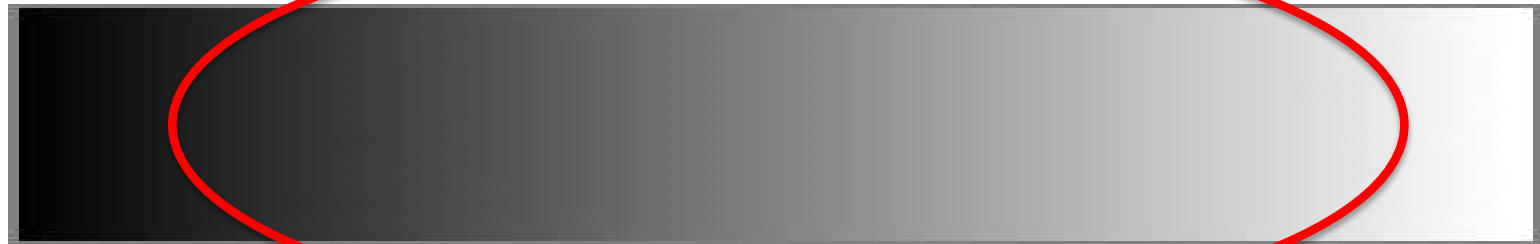
Guide the future prosperity of your community by engaging in the local decision-making process!



Nuances

RTF Protection

Other Regulatory Entities



Resources



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Experience Our Local Farm Fun



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Questions





Thank You!

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