

FAQ: Agri-Tourism Accommodation

Do I qualify as an agri-tourism accommodation operator?

To qualify to run an agri-tourism accommodation on your property, there are a few criteria that must be met. These criteria include:

- Must be located on land zoned either A1 Small Acreage Agriculture, or A2 Large Acreage Agriculture
- Must have an agri-tourism activity occurring on-site (ex. cherry picking, wine tasting, bee keeping)
 - This should be for visitor participation while staying on the property
- Must have proof of additional insurance

What regulations apply to agri-tourism accommodation operators?

There are certain restrictions on agri-tourism accommodation facilities. These are as follows:

- No permanent infrastructure can be built
- A maximum of three (3) camping stalls can be on site
- A maximum of 4 bedrooms can be an Agri-Tourism Accommodation building
 - These must all be contained in one structure
- Agri-Tourism Accommodation can take up to a maximum of 5% of the total parcel area
- Must be sited within the Farm Home Plate

How do I apply for this program?

If you own property zoned A1 or A2 that is over 2.0 hectares, you may qualify for this temporary camping/bed-and-breakfast style accommodation. To proceed, you must also apply for the program-specific Agri-Tourism Accommodation Business License, sign a business operation agreement, and carry additional insurance.

What are the steps for approval?

1. Compile an application, which must include: proof of insurance, ownership, current zoning.
 - a. Adjacent landowners must also be notified of your application
2. Once approval is granted, a business operating agreement must be signed between the District of Summerland and the business operator
3. Apply for a program-specific business license
4. Once the license is paid and approved, you can begin your agri-tourism accommodation