

SB 354 – AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL        **354**

AN ACT            relative to the definition of “agritourism.”

SPONSORS:        Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Woodburn,  
Dist 1

COMMITTEE:      Energy and Natural Resources

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ANALYSIS

This bill further defines “agritourism.”

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Explanation:     Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1   New Subparagraph; Agritourism; Definition. Amend RSA 21:34-a, II by inserting after  
2 subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph:

3                   (c) Engagement by a farm in agritourism, meaning attracting members of the general  
4 public to a working farm for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, and to view or  
5 enjoy activities and attractions in the farm’s rural environment. An activity is an agritourism  
6 activity whether or not the participant paid to participate in the activity. For purposes of this  
7 statute, a “working farm” means any parcel or parcels of land totaling at least 10 acres that can  
8 demonstrate a minimum of \$5,000 in agricultural-related gross income in at least 3 of the 5 prior  
9 years. No fixed amount of acreage of such parcel or parcels of land is required to be in active  
10 agricultural use. Agritourism uses include:

- 11                   (1) Wineries and wine tastings;
- 12                   (2) Farm and educational tours and classes including native ecology exhibits and  
13 opportunities for bird watching and astronomy;
- 14                   (3) Community gardens or community supported agriculture (CSAs);
- 15                   (4) On-farm historical reenactments, including on-farm collections of old farm  
16 machinery;
- 17                   (5) Farm-based schools;
- 18                   (6) Farm stores including roadside stands selling on-farm other local products and  
19 wares;
- 20                   (7) Agricultural processing demonstrations;
- 21                   (8) Agricultural, harvest, and holiday festivals hosted by the working farm including  
22 holiday activities, hayrides, sleigh rides, mazes, or crop art;
- 23                   (9) On-farm themed playgrounds for children;
- 24                   (10) On-farm petting zoos or farm animal exhibits;
- 25                   (11) On-farm fee-for fishing, hunting or trapping;
- 26                   (12) Temporary camping sites;
- 27                   (13) Pick-your-own operations;
- 28                   (14) On-farm entertainment including barn dances, theatrical, or musical  
29 performances and concerts;
- 30                   (15) Horseback events including riding opportunities, riding sporting events, and  
31 training for horseback sporting events;

