

APPLICABLE CRITERIA:

18.04 General Provisions

Process for site plan and conditional use application

18.08.060 “Farm Use” definition

18.16 Exclusive Farm Use

1.6	A facility for the processing of farm crops, biofuel or poultry.	STS	Notice and Opportunity for Hearing	18.16.015(1)
3.10	Commercial activities in conjunction with farm use, including the processing of farm crops into biofuel not permitted under Use 1.6, but excluding activities in conjunction with a marijuana crop.	C	Planning Commission Hearing	18.16.015(7)

18.16.015 Use standards (1) and (7)

18.16.020 Conditional Use Review Criteria

18.16.075 Development Standards

18.160 Conditional Use Standards

18.160.020 General Criteria

18.160.030 General Conditions

18.180.010 Transportation Impact Analysis

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FINDINGS

7. As defined in the afore-referenced guidelines, “Agricultural Lands” involve a large part of the total county area, but only a relatively small portion, approximately 5% are classified as agricultural cropland of which only 60% are under irrigation, the remaining cropland being dry land farming. Agricultural cropland in the county is restricted generally by soil capabilities, a short growing season, and limited sources and supplies of water for irrigation. Despite these general limitations, however, agriculture is an important and substantial part of the county’s total economy.

10. The provisions of ORS 215 also recognize and set forth certain non-farm uses which may be conditionally carried out with little or no conflict with area agricultural uses. Such uses may be established separately or in conjunction with farm use, are primarily commercially, industrially, or recreationally oriented, and in many cases may provide a means for secondary economic benefits to an agricultural enterprise. ORS 215.213.

OBJECTIVES

To maintain a viable agricultural base, preserve agricultural lands for agriculture, and to protect agriculture as a commercial enterprise.

To provide maximum opportunity for optimum management and operational practices, and provide adequately efficient supportive resources and services.

AGRICULTURAL POLICIES

It shall be the policy of Crook County, Oregon, to preserve agricultural lands, to protect agriculture as an economic enterprise, to balance economic and environmental considerations, to limit non-agricultural development, to maintain a “low” population density, and to maintain a high level of livability in the county.