



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6241**

LCO No. 5387



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY IN  
CONNECTICUT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Agricultural production" means commercial aquaculture,  
4 algaculture, apiculture, animal husbandry, poultry husbandry, the  
5 production, for a commercial purpose, of timber, field crops, tobacco,  
6 fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, ornamental shrubs, ornamental trees,  
7 flowers or sod, the growth of timber for a noncommercial purpose if the  
8 land on which the timber is grown is contiguous to or part of a parcel of  
9 land under common ownership that is otherwise devoted exclusively to  
10 agricultural use and any combination of such husbandry, production or  
11 growth, including the processing, drying, storage and marketing of  
12 agricultural products, when such activities are conducted in conjunction  
13 with such husbandry, production or growth;

14 (2) "Agritourism" means any agriculturally related educational,  
15 entertainment, historical, cultural or recreational activity, including

16 you-pick operations or farm markets that are conducted on a farm that  
17 allows or invites members of the general public to observe, participate  
18 in or enjoy such activity;

19 (3) "Agritourism provider" means any person who owns, operates,  
20 provides or sponsors an agritourism activity or an employee of such a  
21 person who engages in or provides agritourism activities, whether or  
22 not for a fee;

23 (4) "Farm" means land that is composed of tracts, lots or parcels  
24 totaling not less than ten acres that are devoted to agricultural  
25 production, or totaling less than ten acres that are devoted to  
26 agricultural production if the land produces an average yearly gross  
27 income of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars from such  
28 agricultural production;

29 (5) "Participant" means any individual, other than an agritourism  
30 provider, who observes or participates in an agritourism activity; and

31 (6) "Risk inherent in an agritourism activity" means any danger or  
32 condition that is an integral part of an agritourism activity, including  
33 each of the following:

34 (A) The surface and subsurface conditions of land;

35 (B) The behavior or actions of wild animals not kept by or under the  
36 control of an agritourism provider;

37 (C) The behavior or actions of domestic animals, other than damage  
38 by dogs, as described in section 22-357 of the general statutes;

39 (D) The ordinary dangers associated with structures or equipment  
40 ordinarily used in farming or ranching operations;

41 (E) The possibility of contracting illness resulting from physical  
42 contact with animals, animal feed, animal waste or surfaces  
43 contaminated by animal waste; or

44 (F) The possibility that a participant may act in a negligent manner,  
45 including by failing to follow instructions given by the agritourism  
46 provider or by failing to exercise reasonable caution while engaging in  
47 the agritourism activity that may contribute to injury to such participant  
48 or another participant.

49 (b) In any civil action, an agritourism provider shall be immune from  
50 liability for any harm a participant sustains during an agritourism  
51 activity if the participant is harmed as a result of a risk inherent in an  
52 agritourism activity. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
53 require an agritourism provider to eliminate risks inherent in  
54 agritourism activities.

55 (c) An agritourism provider shall not be immune from civil liability  
56 for harm sustained by a participant if any of the following applies:

57 (1) The agritourism provider acts negligently or with a wilful or  
58 wanton disregard for the safety of the participant;

59 (2) The agritourism provider purposefully causes harm to the  
60 participant;

61 (3) The agritourism provider's actions or inactions constitute criminal  
62 conduct and cause harm to the participant;

63 (4) The agritourism provider fails to post and maintain signs as  
64 required by subdivision (5) of this subsection; or

65 (5) The agritourism provider has actual knowledge or should have  
66 had actual knowledge of an existing dangerous condition on the land or  
67 regarding facilities or equipment on the land that is not an inherent risk  
68 and does not make the dangerous condition known to the participant  
69 through the posting and maintaining of warning signs, and the  
70 dangerous condition proximately causes injury, damage or death to the  
71 participant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement measures designed to assist farmers financially and enable the state's agricultural industry to sustain.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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