

AN ACT

relating to the definition of agricultural operations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 251.002(1), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Agricultural operation" includes the following activities:

(A) cultivating the soil;

(B) producing crops for human food, animal feed, planting seed, or fiber;

(C) floriculture;

(D) viticulture;

(E) horticulture;

(F) silviculture;

(G) wildlife management;

(H) raising or keeping livestock or poultry;

~~and~~

(I) planting cover crops or leaving land idle for the purpose of participating in any governmental program or normal crop or livestock rotation procedure; and

(J) the commercial sale of animals, as defined by Section 252.001 of this code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2947 was passed by the House on May 12, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2947 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor