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1. Please describe what you think are the most important WAC criteria to support agriculture that is sustainable and commercially viable for the long-term in Clark County. For reference, here is a summary of the criteria:

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| <p><i>yes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The availability of public facilities, including roads used in transporting agricultural products;<i>yes</i> • Tax status, including whether lands are enrolled under the current use tax assessment under chapter 84.34 RCW;• The availability of public services;• Relationship or proximity to urban growth areas;<i>yes</i> • Land use settlement patterns and their compatibility with agricultural practices; | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Predominant parcel size, which may include smaller parcels if contiguous with other agricultural resource lands; <i>yes</i>• Intensity of nearby land uses; <i>yes</i>• History of land development permits issued nearby; <i>yes</i>• Land values under alternative uses; and <i>yes</i>• Proximity to markets. |
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2. Do the maps shown at the open house this evening align with on-the-ground conditions, and are there additional indicators of agricultural production capability or agricultural commercial significance that should be included?

Most of my parcels are in current use Forest Lands, but the map lists them as severe & very severe designations. Not sure if that is intended

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(Response 2 continued)

3. How should food security be evaluated in our analysis?

I view food security as being able to produce enough food to feed ourselves and barter for what we as a county cannot produce.

4. Is there anything missing that we should consider?

Yes consider land for livestock. We need land for that as well.

Also, ~~the~~ water rights are critical to Ag land. Bizi Farms is a good example. That is a large acreage, long term farm. Without water, that Ag land is worthless. Are we planning on creating worthwhile Ag land in this Comp Plan update?

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