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Good day, Mary,

Thank you for your feedback related to the Agricultural Lands Study for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

I have forwarded your comments to Staff and will enter these into the Index of Record.



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As a citizen of Clark County, I would like to make a formal comment regarding this study. We support the preservation of ag lands, and small family farms in our County. I cannot express the happiness and gratitude we have for our small farmers and their products - particularly produce. One only has to attend any of our local Farmer's Markets to appreciate this. Reducing agricultural land in our unincorporated areas is a direct threat to the ability to grow food, in enough quantities to serve these already active markets. Recently, there was an article in the Columbian about Bizzee Farms not being able to grow enough corn to supply its customers, meaning they had to purchase it from another farmer.

We have a changing climate - and it is likely that in the coming years we will be able to grow more food than previously thought because it's getting warmer in our area. Many of our local wineries purchase their grapes from the Yakima area - when they should be able to do so right here in Clark County. This would enhance the beauty of the area, provide produce for various kinds of farming, and enhance the financial benefits for those who work hard to provide local, fresh food for the rest of us.

As we enter I-5 from the Battle Ground area we face some of the richest soils the area has - and see McMansions on them, because they have been turned into 5 acre residential zones representing a complete waste of rich soil and growing areas. There has to be a way of preserving this farm land and still provide areas for the wealthy to have such beautiful homes. Please hold firm on the current zoning areas, do not extend the UGB, and take note of these rich soils for the future of our County's residents and financial health.

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