



Living in Adams County

Farming Is What Feeds Us



Farming and ranching are integral to Adams County's history, culture and economy.

Idahoans care about protecting agricultural land and production. The Idaho Legislature passed Right to Farm legislation in 1981. The intent of the legislation is fundamental:

“...to reduce the loss to the state of its agricultural resources by limiting the circumstances under which agricultural operations may be deemed to be a nuisance. The legislature also finds that the right to farm is a natural right and is recognized as a permitted use throughout the state of Idaho” [Idaho Code 22-45](#).

In other words, if you choose to live in our rural county, learn to tolerate the day-to-day operations of your agri-business neighbors.

The activities associated with growing crops and raising livestock can produce noise, dust and odors that you may find objectionable.

Livestock produces manure. And, yes, it smells like manure. Welcome to life in the country.

If you encounter livestock being herded on county roads, remember that they have the right-of-way. Please be patient and courteous.



Agricultural producers don't have 9-to-5 jobs. They work early and late, especially during planting and harvest time. Hay is often baled late at night. Your neighbor isn't driving his tractor in the wee hours to annoy you. He's working to put food on his table—and yours.

Tilling the soil may raise dust, especially during dry, windy weather. Farmers occasionally burn ditches and fields to keep them free of debris and weeds, and you may find the resulting smoke unpleasant.

You may be sensitive to chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides used in agriculture. Some people even experience allergic reactions.

Farm animals are not always docile. Bulls, stallions, rams and cows may attack people. Please teach your children that it may not be safe to enter pens or pastures where farm animals are kept. It is not okay to enter someone else's field or pasture without permission.

Dairies and some other animal operations are regulated by rule and Idaho Code through the Idaho Department of Agriculture. If you have questions or concerns, call 208-435-0490.

We know you love your dogs; we love our dogs, too. But [Idaho Code 25-2805](#) says dogs running at large that chase, wound or kill livestock can be put down. Be responsible for your pets and considerate of your neighbors, and keep your dogs safe at home.

Idaho is an open range state. If you don't want your neighbors' cows in your yard, it's up to you to fence them out. It is not the livestock owner's responsibility to fence them off of your property.

We hope you live long and prosper in Adams County. Help our farmers and ranchers do the same by respecting their property and livelihood.