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Farm stores are NOT appropriate in Exclusive Farm Use areas. These areas are needed for farming and the retail/commercial use is not compatible with farming and it also burdens roads that don't have the capacity or safety of urban levels of commercial traffic (e.g. the roads are often lacking shoulders, are not up to roadway standards, are not safe routes to schools for school children, and have slow-moving tractors or even livestock on them). This attempt to degrade EFU protects for farm lands harms Oregon's availability of farm lands, pushes up farm land costs which are already prohibitive for farmers and hinders actual farming practice. It also represents an attempt to gain a windfall on land purchased for farm prices. In my area people are already trying to build residential through a farm stand decept. Please take protection of farm lands seriously.