

Amendment offered by Rep. Vindman of Virginia

Amendment description

The amendment establishes a new Office of Agritourism at USDA.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. VINDMAN OF VIRGINIA

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . OFFICE OF AGRITOURISM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Agriculture
3 Reorganization Act of 1994 is amended by inserting after
4 section 216 (7 U.S.C. 6916) the following:

5 **“SEC. 217. OFFICE OF AGRITOURISM.**

6 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
8 the Director of the Office of Agritourism described
9 in subsection (c).

10 “(2) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means—

11 “(A) each of the several States of the
12 United States;

13 “(B) the District of Columbia; and

14 “(C) any territory of the United States.

15 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
16 lish in the Department an Office of Agritourism.

17 “(c) DIRECTOR.—The Secretary shall appoint a sen-
18 ior official to serve as the Director of the Office of
19 Agritourism.

1 “(d) DUTIES.—The Director shall encourage and
2 promote, in each State, agritourism activities and
3 agritourism businesses, including—

4 “(1) educational experiences;

5 “(2) outdoor recreation;

6 “(3) entertainment and special events;

7 “(4) direct sales;

8 “(5) accommodations; and

9 “(6) any other activity or business relating to
10 agritourism, as determined by the Secretary.

11 “(e) MEANS OF ACHIEVING.—In carrying out sub-
12 section (d), the Director shall—

13 “(1) coordinate with the agencies and officials
14 of the Department;

15 “(2) advise the Secretary on issues relating to
16 agritourism;

17 “(3) ensure that the programs of the Depart-
18 ment are updated to address best agritourism prac-
19 tices;

20 “(4) conduct outreach to stakeholders and co-
21 ordinate external partnerships to share best prac-
22 tices, provide mentorship, and offer technical assist-
23 ance to agritourism businesses;

1 “(5) facilitate interagency program coordination
2 and develop interagency tools for the promotion of
3 agritourism programs and resources;

4 “(6) review and improve farm enterprise devel-
5 opment programs that provide information about fi-
6 nancial literacy, business planning, and marketing
7 for agritourism;

8 “(7) coordinate networks of agritourism busi-
9 nesses; and

10 “(8) collaborate with other Federal agencies, as
11 needed.”.

12 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The Department of
13 Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 is amended by re-
14 designating the first section 225 (7 U.S.C. 6925) (relating
15 to the Food Access Liaison) as section 224A.

16 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 296(b) of
17 the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of
18 1994 (7 U.S.C. 7014(b)) is amended by adding at the end
19 the following:

20 “(11) The authority of the Secretary to carry
21 out section 217.”.

