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TO: Columbia County Planning and Zoning Committee

FROM: Columbia County Planning and Zoning Department

RE: Proposed Text Amendment

DATE: August 2026

Based on feedback the Department received regarding the ordinance revisions authorized for public hearing in July 2026, Department staff is providing the Committee with an alternate text amendment, attached. Concerns with the language as proposed in July included potential for business expansion above and beyond what the County may desire without appropriate review.

The alternate amendment language clarifies this by defining the use strictly as a business, requiring it to be both integral *and* incidental to the operating farm, and lastly, requiring a Conditional Use Permit, allowing site and proposal specific conditions to be placed on the use. You will see these specific amendments noted with an asterisk (*) in the alternate amendment attachment.