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Topic:

Over the past twenty years we have visited the Plumper Pumpkin patch in Cornelius Oregon. Our kids worked there for years during the fall season. With the urban growth boundary slowly moving out into farmland, it is imperative that we promote the survival of these types of educational and family oriented farm experiences. These types of experiences are critical for our children to learn about farms and farm animals. Without the ability to raise money through their farm stores, many of these agricultural entities will not be able to survive. These small family owned farms are not high profit businesses. They survive by providing a wide variety of products and services. I strongly support this measure to allow counties to allow farm stores as non farm use on lands zoned for farming.