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No protection for the simplest form of farm stands, replacing them with farm stores. The farm stand is the simplest form of farm commerce. Farmers should always have the right to sell their own product from their farm property as an outright allowed use. The way this bill is written replaces farm stands in the law with these new laws about farm stores. We want to ensure that we are not outlawing the most simple form of farm commerce available. Someone with an honor system stand where they sell extra produce from their garden at the end of their driveway should not be subject to a permit and should not be prohibited.

When a farm only sells their own product, or has a u-pick, and operates their stand seasonally no permit should be necessary.

We are taking opportunities away from small farms with this bill.

Under these acreage requirements, someone who owns 7 acres would never be able to qualify to have a farm stand through having their land in production.

As an owner of 5 acres I would not be allowed to continue my farm stand which makes me oppose this bill.