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It's a bad idea to restrict sales and commercial activities of small farmers as proposed in HB 4153. There are many reasons for this:

1. Excessive added burden on small operations to follow and comply with rules and regulations. These people grow food and keep bees and such activities. They are NOT lawyers or bureaucrats and also don't have the extra bandwidth for managing additional behaviors beyond their basic farming.
2. Excessive government interference -- default should be stay out rather than meddling.
3. Such restrictions will reduce the availability of good local food and social activities - it's fun to chit chat with the growers, and they generally have better quality food than big Agriculture operations.

I could go on, but this is the basic thing -- don't interfere with small farmers