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### STATE OF WYOMING

Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 11-44-101 to 11-44-104

*Current through the 2016 Budget Session*

#### **§ 11-44-101. Short title**

This chapter is known and may be cited as the “Wyoming Right to Farm and Ranch Act”.

#### **§ 11-44-102. Definitions**

(a) As used in this act:

(i) “Farm and ranch” means the land, buildings, livestock and machinery used in the commercial production and sale of farm and ranch products;

(ii) “Farm or ranch operation” means the science and art of production of plants and animals useful to man except those listed under W.S. 23-1-101, including, but not limited to, the preparation of these products for man's use and their disposal by marketing or otherwise, and includes horticulture, floriculture, viticulture, silviculture, dairy, livestock, poultry, bee and any and all forms of farm and ranch products and farm and ranch production;

(iii) “This act” means W.S. 11-44-101 through 11-44-104.

#### **§ 11-44-103. Farm or ranch operations not considered a nuisance; conditions**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a farm or ranch operation shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance by reason of that operation if that farm or ranch operation:

(i) Conforms to generally accepted agricultural management practices; and

(ii) Existed before a change in the land use adjacent to the farm or ranch land and the farm or ranch operation would not have been a nuisance before the change in land use or occupancy occurred.

#### **§ 11-44-104. Right to farm**

(a) To protect agriculture as a vital part of the economy of Wyoming, the rights of

farmers and ranchers to engage in farm or ranch operations shall be forever guaranteed in this state.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify any provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass, eminent domain, existing or previously enacted laws or rules or any other property rights.

(c) As used in this section "farm and ranch operations" includes any farm or ranch practice recognized as generally accepted under the provisions of W.S. 11-44-103 and any agricultural or livestock management practice recognized as generally accepted under the provisions of W.S. 11-29-115.