

1-1 By: Cain (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 2947
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2023;
1-3 May 16, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Perry	X		
1-9	Hancock	X		
1-10	Blanco	X		
1-11	Flores	X		
1-12	Gutierrez	X		
1-13	Johnson	X		
1-14	Kolkhorst	X		
1-15	Sparks	X		
1-16	Springer	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the definition of agricultural operations.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 251.002(1), Agriculture Code, is amended
1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 (1) "Agricultural operation" includes the following
1-24 activities:

- 1-25 (A) cultivating the soil;
- 1-26 (B) producing crops for human food, animal feed,
1-27 planting seed, or fiber;
- 1-28 (C) floriculture;
- 1-29 (D) viticulture;
- 1-30 (E) horticulture;
- 1-31 (F) silviculture;
- 1-32 (G) wildlife management;
- 1-33 (H) raising or keeping livestock or poultry;

1-34 [~~and~~]

1-35 (I) planting cover crops or leaving land idle for
1-36 the purpose of participating in any governmental program or normal
1-37 crop or livestock rotation procedure; and

1-38 (J) the commercial sale of animals, as defined by
1-39 Section 252.001 of this code.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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