

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1379

S.P. 424

In Senate, March 5, 2001

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**An Act to Define "Agriculture" in the Laws Establishing the Department  
of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.**

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Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne and  
Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: CARR of  
Lincoln, HAWES of Standish, JODREY of Bethel, LANDRY of Patten, LUNDEEN of Mars  
Hill, PINEAU of Jay.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 693, §3, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

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As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "agriculture" means all types of farming and includes, but is not limited to, the cultivation and tillage of the soil; dairying; the production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural or horticultural commodities, including cultivated Christmas trees; the raising of livestock, bees, horses, deer and elk, poultry or furbearing animals; and any practices performed by a farmer or on a farm as incident to or in conjunction with farming operations, including preparation for market and delivery to storage, to market or to carriers for transportation to market.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill defines "agriculture" in the laws establishing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to mean all types of farming including the production of horticultural commodities.