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**From:** A Longley <alongley\_2000@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** Comp Plan Update  
**Subject:** Suggested addition to the Comprehensive Plan regarding agriculture in San Juan County

To the Planning Commission:

I am a long-time islander (well, since 1980, anyway), working to fulfill my dream of building a home on my 5 acres on San Juan Island and farming in a small way (thus far). I am writing to urge you to add language to the comprehensive plan that makes clear the importance of agriculture in our county. In our ferry-dependent islands, climate change and "the Big One", for example, are looming disasters that robust local sustainable farming can potentially mitigate. The following statement mentions additional factors that clarify the importance of agriculture here, and I recommend you add this statement to the Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you very much,  
Alison Longley  
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### AGRICULTURE

The San Juan Islands have a rich agricultural heritage that remains culturally and economically significant. We invest resources to ensure that agricultural lands are preserved and to maintain and enhance agricultural viability. We encourage regenerative practices and recognize the integral role that agriculture plays in the stewardship of our soils and water resources. Agricultural activities are essential to the health and well-being of our community, contributing to the social, economic and environmental fabric of our islands.