



A Place to Stay

What are the Housing needs for Agricultural Workers and Land Stewards in Alameda County?

We hope to hear from all agricultural producers in Alameda County whether you have workers, housing need or not.

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You may complete this survey online at



Alameda County Agricultural Producers,

Please help the Alameda County Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) learn about **housing needs for agricultural workers and land stewards**. You received this survey because you are involved in agriculture and/or land stewardship within the county and have unique knowledge.

Policies and programs to support for agriculture and land management, include ag worker housing regularly come before the ACC for review. Your thoughts and ideas about agricultural workers' housing needs and opportunities are important to us. Participation in this survey is anonymous.

1. Do you believe there is a need for more housing for agricultural workers and land stewards in Alameda County?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

2. What category describes your ag or land stewardship operation (henceforth "operation")? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/> Targeted Grazing (animals move for grazing service jobs)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vineyard	<input type="checkbox"/> Hemp
<input type="checkbox"/> Winery	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannabis
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Farming	<input type="checkbox"/> Ag Product Processor
<input type="checkbox"/> Hay Farming	<input type="checkbox"/> Land management
<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Ranch	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	

3. Is your ag or land management operation located in an unincorporated area of Alameda County? (please check one)

☐ Yes, my operation is in an **unincorporated area** of the County

☐ No, my operation is **within city limits**; I have access to city services

☐ I **don't know**

4. In general where in Alameda County is your operation located? _____

5. How *many* ag workers/land stewards support your operation in an average year? _____. If your operation doesn't support any workers skip to question 8.

In this section we ask about permanent and seasonal ag and land steward workers in the County, their commutes, and housing opportunities.

Permanent ag and land stewardship workers are employed for **more than 150 days per year**.

6. In an average year, *how many* permanent workers and stewards do you employ and where do they live?

	# of workers living in Alameda County	# of workers living outside of Alameda County	Typical daily commute distance (miles roundtrip)	Typical daily commute time (roundtrip)
Permanent farm/ranch/land steward workers				
Permanent processing workers				
Permanent Other:				

Seasonal *ag and land stewardship workers are employed less than 150 days per year.*

7. In an average year, how many seasonal workers do you employ in your operation (directly or through a labor contractor)?

[illegible]

8. In general, where do your seasonal workers and stewards live?

	# of seasonal workers living within Alameda County	# of seasonal workers living outside Alameda County	Typical daily commute distance (miles roundtrip)	Typical daily commute time (roundtrip)
Seasonal farm/ranch/land steward workers				
Seasonal processing workers				
Other: _____				

Housing Opportunities

Below are a variety of potential solutions aimed at increasing access to affordable housing for ag workers and land stewards. Many of these housing options may also benefit a broader population of permanent and seasonal workers and/or residents.

9. Does your operation currently provide housing to any permanent or seasonal ag workers or land stewards?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes, for 1-10 workers per year
☐ Yes, for 10 or more workers per year

If yes, how would you best describe the housing you provide (check all that apply)?

- ☐ single-family home ☐ trailer ☐ duplex
☐ ADU ☐ room ☐ other
☐ caretaker's unit ☐ tiny home _____
☐ apartment ☐ dorm or beds

10. Would your operation benefit from having access to **on-site housing?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

11. Would your operation benefit from having access to **off-site housing?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

12. Would your operation benefit from having access to temporary on-site housing?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

13. How interested are you in building housing to support your operation on your property?

(Scale 1 to 5: 1 = Not Interested. 5 = Very Interested)_____

14. What considerations affect your ability to build ag worker and/or land steward housing on site? Check all that apply.

☐ Potable water availability ☐ Limited building envelope
☐ Zoning laws/restrictions ☐ Limited Floor Area Ratio
☐ Septic ☐ Permitting
☐ Building Cost ☐ Other_____
☐ Access

15. Several housing options provided below; Would you like us (AAC) to explore and/ or support the development of any of the following affordable housing opportunities? Check any and all that are of interest to you.

	On-site, your operation	Off site, in Alameda County
Caretaker unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single-family housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tiny home(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorms or bed(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trailer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duplex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. If ag workers and stewards associated with your operation get access to affordable housing in Alameda County (on site or off-site); **how do you expect this will affect your operation?**

- ☐ No change in my operation
- ☐ It would have a negative effect on my operation
- ☐ It would have a positive effect on my current operation

17. If ag workers and stewards associated with your operation get access to affordable housing in Alameda County (on site or off-site); **how do you expect this will affect their health and well-being?**

- ☐ No change to health and well-being.
- ☐ It would have a negative effect on health and well-being.
- ☐ It would have a positive effect on health and well-being.

18. Are there **any challenges or solutions** related to affordable housing, ag workers and land stewards that you would like to share?

19. What is the size of your operation in Alameda County?
(check one)

- ☐ 0-10 acres
- ☐ 11-200 acres
- ☐ 201-500 acres
- ☐ 501-1000 acres
- ☐ 1000-2000 acres
- ☐ >2000 acres

20. Is there anything else you would like us to know about?

21. Name (optional)_____

22. Email (optional)_____