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## Ag preservation principles for Amador County

- Preserve agricultural lands for their economic, social, scenic, wildlife, watershed, and other values.
- Promote policies and programs that help keep land in agricultural use, both now and in the future.
- Avoid land use planning policies and practices that encourage or facilitate conversion of agricultural lands to other uses.
- Avoid infrastructure extensions or improvements that encourage or facilitate conversion of agricultural lands to other uses.
- Adopt mitigation policies for conversion of agricultural land to other uses to ensure no net loss of agricultural land.
- Ensure that increased commercial uses allowed on agricultural lands serve the preservation of agriculture rather than allowing or encouraging the conversion of agricultural lands or areas to other uses.
- Ensure that increased commercial uses allowed on agricultural lands do not require urban levels of service and infrastructure.