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SAWP and Agriculture Stream – Horse as a Commodity

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There are three determinants for assessing positions under the SAWP and Agriculture Stream:

- the activities must meet the definition of on-farm primary agriculture,
- the agricultural product is for market and is on the National Commodities List (<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/foreign-workers/agricultural/agricultural.html>), and
- the occupation falls under one of the following NOC: 0821, 0822, 8252, 8255, 8431, 8432 and 8611.

Under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, section 315.2(4), primary agriculture is defined as work that is performed within the boundaries of a farm, nursery or greenhouse and involves:

- the operation of agricultural machinery;
- the boarding, care, breeding, sanitation or other handling of animals, other than fish, for the purpose of obtaining animal products for market, or activities relating to the collection, handling and assessment of those products; or
- the planting, care, harvesting or preparation of crops, trees, sod or other plants for market.

“Products for market” refers to a physical product, not a service. The sale of a horse or any horse by-products would constitute a product for market; however, the sale of services such as horse-back riding or show-jumping lessons would not.

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