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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sheep and Goats Included as Large Farm Animals

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Until such time that the Yuma County Zoning Ordinance is amended to define how sheep and goats are classified within a range of farm animal sizes, this interpretation serves to establish that these animals fall under the definition of *Farm Animal, Large*. For the purposes of providing a time-specific textual reference to the definitions of *Farm Animal, Large* and *Farm Animal, Small*, the definitions in Section 202.00 as of the date of this interpretation are included below.

Farm Animal, Large: Animals, including, but not limited to, horses, donkeys, burros, llamas, bovines, swine, bison, camels, ostriches, emu, and other animals or livestock of similar size and type, except inherently dangerous mammals and inherently dangerous reptiles. (Also see: livestock, or domestic farm type animals)

Farm Animal, Small: Animals or fowl, other than a household pet, large animal, inherently dangerous mammals or inherently dangerous reptiles, but not limited to, chickens, guinea hens, geese, ducks, turkeys, pigeons not otherwise defined, rabbits, mink, chinchilla, and other animals or fowl of similar size and type. Young or miniature large animals are not included in this definition and are considered large animals. (also see: livestock, or domestic farm type animals)

The rationale for this determination is that sheep and goats are most like those animals included in the *Farm Animal, Large* definition in terms of size and weight. Specifically, the average mature sheep or goat will reach a height and weight that matches or exceeds that of llamas, emus, and ostriches, which comprise the smallest of the animals in terms of size and weight in the definition's range, but will far exceed that of a turkey, which represents the largest animal included in the *Farm Animal, Small* definition.