

**AGRICULTURAL OPERATION INTERFERENCE**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: John G. Mathis**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill establishes the crime of agricultural operation interference.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines agricultural operation;
- ▶ provides that a person is guilty of agricultural operation interference if the person, without the consent of the owner of the operation, records an image of, or sound from, an agricultural operation while on the property where the agricultural operation is located; and
- ▶ establishes penalties.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**76-6-112**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

---

---

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **76-6-112** is enacted to read:



28 **76-6-112. Agricultural operation interference -- Penalties.**

29 (1) As used in this section, "agricultural operation" means the commercial production  
30 of crops, orchards, aquaculture, livestock, poultry, livestock products, or poultry products, and  
31 the facilities, equipment, or property used to facilitate the commercial production.

32 (2) A person is guilty of agricultural operation interference if the person, without  
33 consent from the owner of the operation, or the owner's agent, knowingly or intentionally  
34 records an image of, or sound from, the operation:

35 (a) while the person is on the property where the agricultural operation is located; or

36 (b) by leaving a recording device on the property where the agricultural operation is  
37 located.

38 (3) A person who commits agricultural operation interference is guilty of:

39 (a) for a first offense, a class A misdemeanor; or

40 (b) for a subsequent offense, a felony of the third degree.

---

---

**Legislative Review Note**  
as of 2-8-12 6:08 AM

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**