

Farm Building and Structure Building Code Exemption Worksheet

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Project Name: _____

Property Owner: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Project Address: _____ **Email:** _____

The purpose of this worksheet is to determine if a proposed project is a farm building and structure that is exempt from the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (VUSBC):

FARM BUILDING OR STRUCTURE. A building or structure not used for residential purposes, located on property where farming operations take place, and used primarily for any of the following uses or combination thereof:

1. Storage, handling, production, display, sampling, or sale of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural, or silvicultural products produced in the farm.
2. Sheltering, raising, handling, processing or sale of agricultural animals or agricultural animal products.
3. Business or office uses relating to the farm operations.
4. Use of farm machinery or equipment or maintenance or storage of vehicles, machinery, or equipment on the farm.
5. Storage or use of supplies and materials used on the farm.
6. Implementation of best management practices associated with farm operations.

The proposed building or structure:

1. Is located on a property where farming operations take place? ¹ List farming operations: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Is used for residential purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Is operated as a restaurant as defined in Section 35.1-1 of the Code of Virginia?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Is located within a flood plain or in a mudslide-prone area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Is primarily used for any of the uses or combination of uses specified by the VUSBC definition of Farm Building and Structure (see above). ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

¹ All buildings, to include farm buildings, are required to have a County Zoning Approval. For purposes of applying the VUSBC, the County Zoning Approval will serve as evidence that the property is an agricultural use operating as a farm.

² The farm building and structure must be used for farming operations ninety-five percent (95%) of the year. The farm building and structure may be used for non-agricultural uses up to eighteen (18) days per year.

Property Owner's Signature _____ **Date** _____

By checking this box, I agree to digitally signing this document.

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Is the proposed project a farm building and structure that is exempt from the VUSBC? Yes No

Reviewed/Approved by Signature _____ **Date** _____