



**FARM AGRICULTURAL BUILDING / EQUINE FACILITY  
 EXEMPTION TO STATE STRUCTURAL BUILDING CODES  
 [AS SPECIFIED IN ORS 455.315]**

**Farm agricultural buildings and equine facilities located on a farm are exempt from the State of Oregon Structural Specialty Code. The following definitions are relevant to whether or not your project qualifies for this exemption:**

**FARM** is defined as the current employment of land for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by raising, harvesting and selling crops or the feeding, breeding, management and sale of, or the produce of, livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals, or honeybees, or for dairying and the sale of dairy products, or any other agricultural or horticultural use or animal husbandry or any combination thereof.

**FARM AGRICULTURAL BUILDING** is a structure located on a farm and used in the operation of such farm for all the uses listed above and for the storage, maintenance or repair of farm machinery and equipment.

**NON-FARM AGRICULTURAL BUILDING** is a structure which by use or character of its occupancy is similar to a farm agricultural building but is not located on a farm. A non-farm building is required to obtain a building permit.

**EQUINE (HORSE) FACILITY** is a building located on a farm that is used by the farm owner or the public for stabling or training equines, or riding lessons and training clinics.

**To qualify for this exemption the property must be enrolled in the Farm Deferral program with the County Assessor.**

A Farm Agricultural Building must be used in the operation of the farm. The following structures cannot qualify as an exempt farm agricultural building:

- Dwellings, or structures accessory to dwellings including shop buildings or enclosures for storage of non-farm vehicles or goods;
- Structures, other than those used for growing plants, within which more than 10 persons are present at any given time;
- Structures regulated by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to ORS Chapter 476 (e.g. occupied structures where people sleep or congregate);
- Structures used by the public;
- Structures subject to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended.

Equine facilities are subject to the same limitations; however, they need not be used as part of the farm business in order to qualify for the exemption. Also, an equine facility may be occupied by members of the public, provided no more than 10 people are present at any given time. Agricultural buildings cannot be occupied by the general public.

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alt Acct #: R** \_\_\_\_\_ **Map Tax Lot#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Existing Farm Use:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Proposed Use of Structure:** \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to this form, a scaled site plan with accurate dimensions is required showing: the property lines, proposed location and setbacks of the Farm Agricultural Building or Equine Facility, general topographical features of the property, all existing structures, septic system, well, utility lines and the driveway. If you will need to use mechanized equipment to grade the site in order to construct the Farm Agricultural Building or Equine Facility then a Grading and Erosion Control or Hillside Development permit may be required.

I have read the above and declare that the proposed Farm Agricultural Building or Equine Facility conforms to the definitions and limitations listed above and is therefore exempt from structural building codes. Electrical, plumbing, mechanical or driveway permits will be obtained, if applicable. The structure will also satisfy the land use setbacks of the zoning district in which the property is located. I understand that I will need to obtain applicable land use and building permits if I convert the use of the structure to a non-farm use in the future.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*GREEN CARD SHALL BE POSTED ON PROPERTY DURING CONSTRUCTION  
 AND PLACED IN THE STRUCTURE WHEN COMPLETED.**

Staff Use Only	
Zoning District(s): _____	
Approved By: _____	Date: _____