



FARM USE STRUCTURE AFFIDAVIT EXEMPTION FORM

Instructions

1. Complete and sign the form below.
2. Attach a site plan showing the proposed location of the structure(s).
3. Present to the Zoning Administrator and Building Official for approval or denial, that the properties use shall conform with the Code of Virginia Section 36-97 and Section 102 of the 2021 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) definition of a "Farm building or structure", for a building permit exemption. The definition of a Farm Building or Structure under the USBC is noted below.

Affidavit

I, _____ of _____, affirm
(Print Name) (Address)
that I am the owner or agent for the owner of the property identified as real estate parcel number _____
in the County of Nelson, Commonwealth of Virginia. I further affirm that said property is used for one of the farming
operations described in the Code of Virginia Section 36-97 and Section 102 of the 2021 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building
Code (USBC) of a "farm building or structure" as listed/defined below:

Specifically, the following farm operation conducted is:

(Describe farm operation)

USDA Farm Program ID number for the farm operation located on this property, if applicable: # _____

"Farm building or structure" means 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 combinations of uses listed below.

I affirm that the structure(s) to be constructed will not be used for residential purposes and will be used for one or a
combination of the six uses for an exempt farm building or structure as listed in Chapter 2 of Part I of the USBC.

Please check all applicable uses:

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

FARM STRUCTURE DETAILS		
** EACH STRUCTURE MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED AND LABELED ON A SITE PLAN/SURVEY **		
DIMENSIONS (LENGTH X WIDTH)	TYPE (POLE BARN, GREENHOUSE, SHED, ETC)	STRUCTURE LABEL (ON SITE PLAN)
		A
		B
		C
		D
		E

I understand that the approval or denial of this exemption request applies to the structure(s) listed on this form only. Any structure(s) not listed will require a separate Farm Use Structure Affidavit Exemption Form to be submitted for review.

I acknowledge that any non-farm use of the structure(s) may require a new building permit, final inspection, and/or a certificate of occupancy, if applicable. I acknowledge that the Zoning Administrator must approve the farm use of the property prior to an exemption to the Uniform Statewide Building Code. I further acknowledge that an inspection of the property may be required before the exemption can be approved. I acknowledge that if the exemption is approved, an approval from the Planning and Zoning Department is still required to ensure that the structure(s) complies with Nelson County's Zoning Ordinance.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Department Use Only: County Signatures:

The farm use for this property, as described is:

Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐

Conditions of approval/Reason for disapproved: _____

Zoning Administrator Signature

Date

The building permit exemption for this proposed structure is:

Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐

Conditions of approval/Reason for disapproved: _____

Building Official Signature

Date