

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY FARM BUILDING & STRUCTURE AFFIDAVIT
BUCKINGHAM COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTIONS

Farm buildings and structures are exempt from the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC). In order to qualify for this exemption, the structure must be used for a specific purpose which is directly related to operating a farm. The USBC defines a farm building or structure as follows:

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 on the farm.
2. Sheltering, raising, handling, processing or sale of agricultural animals or agricultural animal products.
3. Business or office uses related 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.

Print Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Property Address _____ Tax Map # _____

1. Is the property currently being used for the production of agriculture? YES or NO
If yes, type of product: _____
2. Is the property currently being used for the raising or processing of farm animals or farm animal products for sale? YES or NO
If yes, type of animals/products: _____

If you answered NO to both questions #1 and #2 above, the proposed structure IS NOT a farm building or structure exempt from the requirements of the USBC. If you answered YES to at least one of the questions, please continue.

3. Is the proposed structure to be used for the storage, handling or production of products listed in #1 above? YES or NO
Type of products: _____
4. Is the proposed structure to be used for sheltering, raising or processing of animals in #2 above? YES or NO
Type of animals/products: _____
5. Is the proposed structure to be used for the maintenance, storage or use of equipment related to the activities listed in #1 and #2 above? YES or NO
Type of equipment: _____

If you answered YES TO #3, #4 OR #5, please complete the affidavit below.

By completing the following affidavit, you are swearing that the proposed structure meets the farm structure exemption of the USBC. A building permit will be issued for the structure as a Farm Use Agriculture Exempt Structure. No building permit fees and no building inspections will be required. Building a structure without a building permit that is not legally exempt would constitute a violation of Code of Virginia 36-106 which is deemed a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$2,500. Each day a violation continues after conviction or court-ordered abatement period has expired shall constitute a separate offense. Presentation of a false affidavit may also constitute a violation of other state laws which may be punishable separately. The structure is not exempt from other laws, regulations and ordinances, including the Buckingham County Zoning Ordinance and the Buckingham County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

If in the future this farm use agriculture building or structure as defined in #1 through #6 of this document changes use, the building or structure shall be subject to the USBC. The building official may require inspections and reports of which may include but not limited to engineering, architectural and environmental to ensure compliance with any and all local, state and federal codes and ordinances prior to occupancy.

State of Virginia

County of Buckingham, to-witt:

COMES NOW _____ (name), and after having been sworn, state that I have read and understand the above, have truthfully answered the above questions and affirm that the structure proposed to be built qualifies as a "farm building or structure" as defined by the USBC.

Owner Signature; _____ Date; _____
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____

My commission expires; _____ Notary Public _____

Building Official _____ Date _____