



# FARM STRUCTURE AFFIDAVIT

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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 an operating 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 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.

Print Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fauquier County Property Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Land Disturbance: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is the property currently being used for the production of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural or silvicultural products for sale?  YES or  NO  
Type of products: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is the property currently being used for the raising or processing of farm animals or farm animal products for sale?  YES or  NO  
Type of animals/products: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you answered NO to both question #1 and #2, the proposed structure IS NOT a farm structure exempt from the requirements of the USBC. If you answered yes to 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 the sheltering, raising or processing of animals in #2 above?  YES or  NO  
Type of animals: \_\_\_\_\_

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. No building permit or 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 the violation continues after conviction or court-ordered abatement period has expired shall constitute a separate offense. Presentation of a false affidavit may also constitute violation of other state laws which may be punishable separately. The structure is not exempt from other laws, regulations and ordinances, including the Fauquier County Zoning Ordinance and the Fauquier County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

STATE OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF FAUQUIER, to-wit:

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 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