

# Agricultural Buildings Information

Certain agricultural buildings (barns) are specifically excluded from the permit requirements of the Pa. Uniform Construction Code.



Under the Code, an agricultural building is defined as a structure used to store farm equipment, hay, seed, grain, or other agricultural or horticultural products. Or, any building used to house poultry, livestock, horses, or other farm animals.

Persons proposing to construct a permit-exempt agricultural building (or barn) must complete an "Exemption Form" and file the completed form with Oakland Township. There is no fee for filing this form; however the form must be notarized.

This form is required to be submitted to the municipality prior to the construction of any agricultural building. There is no fee to submit this form.

**!** It is important to note that buildings containing areas that agricultural products are processed, packaged, or treated are NOT exempt from the Code.

**!** Also any space that is used to conduct business, such as an office, or places of occupancy that could be open to the general public must be permitted and meet all Code requirements.

Even though these agricultural buildings, recreational cabins, small sheds and garages are exempt from the UCC, they may still require an assessment permit.

Assessment permits typically regulate where a certain type of building may be built, in relation to set back requirements. A building permit on the other hand regulates how the building is actually constructed or built.

The [Agricultural Exemption Form](#) must be completed prior to construction and returned to:

Oakland Township  
Building Code Official  
565 Chicora Road  
Butler, PA 16001

