

Agricultural Enterprise Declaration

I am acknowledging that this building project or earth moving activity is for the intent of performing agricultural business or activities. This is an increasing issue with what is and is not agricultural use, so please read and understand thoroughly. In the event the construction is in fact discovered not to be an agricultural use, a permit will need to be issued at that time and all subsequent fees are required.

I understand that agriculture as defined in Ohio Revised Code 303.01; 303.02 to 303.25 includes farming; ranching, aquaculture; apiculture; horticulture; viticulture; animal husbandry, including, but not limited to, the care and raising of livestock, equine, and fur-bearing animals; poultry husbandry and the production of poultry and poultry products; dairy production; the production of field crops, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, ornamental shrubs, ornamental trees, flowers, sod, or mushroom; timber; pasturage; and combination of the foregoing; the processing, drying, storage, and marketing of agricultural products when those activities are conducted in conjunction with, but are not secondary to, such husbandry or production.

Livestock and Horticulture Structures

House Bill 632, effective July 22, 1994, gave definition in the Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) to various terms used in agriculture. A separate statutory definition is given for "Livestock", "Livestock structure", "Horticulture" and "Horticulture structure". R. C. 5739.01 reads at:

(OO) "Livestock" means farm animals commonly raised for food or food production, and includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and poultry. "Livestock" does not include invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, horses, domestic pets, animals for use in laboratories or for exhibition, or other animals not commonly raised for food or food production.(PP) "Livestock structure" means a building or structure used exclusively for the housing, raising, feeding, or sheltering of livestock, and includes feed storage or handling structures and structures for livestock handling."(QQ) "Horticulture" means the growing, cultivation, and production of flowers, fruits, herbs, vegetables, sod, mushrooms, and nursery stock. As used in this division, "nursery stock" has the same meaning as in section 927.51 of the Revised Code.(RR) "Horticulture structure" means a building or structure used exclusively for the commercial growing, raising, or overwintering of horticultural products, and includes the area used for stocking, storing, and packing horticultural products when done in conjunction with the production of those products.

This building project or earthmoving activity is for the purpose of animal husbandry and/or crop production.

This exemption has no bearing on any prior exemption by township zoning statute.

*** Tax Documents may be requested to verify Agricultural/Business Classification ***

Landowner, please circle all that applies to this project.

- Farming
- Ranching
- Aquaculture
- Apiculture
- Horticulture
- Viticulture
- Animal husbandry
- Swine Production
- Equine
- Fur-bearing animals
- Poultry husbandry
- Production of poultry and poultry products
- Dairy production
- Production of field crops
- Tobacco
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Nursery stock
- Ornamental shrubs, ornamental trees, flowers
- Sod
- Mushroom
- Timber
- Pasturage

Landowner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____

Site Address: _____

Township; Section: _____

Parcel #: _____