

## Agricultural Exempt Building Permits

Agricultural Buildings are structures designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural products. An Agricultural building or structure shall not be a place for human habitation or a place of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated, or packaged nor shall it be a place used by the public. Employees not involved in processing, treating or packaging products are permitted.

### Allowable Height and Size

<b>Type of Structure</b>	<b>Allowable Height</b>	<b>Allowable Sq. Ft.</b>	<b>Type of Const.</b>
Pole Barns*	40 feet to Ridge	2,500	*
Storage Structures	Single Story 30 feet to Ridge	2,500	Type II or V
Barns	Single Story 30 feet to Ridge	2,500	Type II or V
Livestock Shelters or Buildings.	Single Story 30 feet to Ridge	2,500	Type II or V
Shade Structure	Single Story 30 feet to Ridge	2,500	Type II or V
Miscellaneous Structures	Single Story 30 feet to Ridge	2,500	Type II or V

\*Pole Barns are open on three sides for a minimum of 75 percent of each of the three sides.

Structures that do not comply with Table A-1 shall be appropriately classified as to their use and type and not be considered Agricultural Exempt structures. Applicable building permits, plan review and fees shall be required.

To obtain an Agricultural exempt building permit the property owner or authorized representative must apply for the permit and submit documentation listed below. **Three sets of building plans are required.** Agricultural Exempt Permits are reviewed before a permit is issued.

Documents required for an Ag Exempt Structure:

- A fully completed Building Permit Application. Use the Residential Application Form.
- Detailed plot/site plan showing the locations of all structures on the site including the distances between structures and property lines. Include the location of utilities, wells and septic systems. The plot plan shall indicate elevations, ground slope and north arrow.
- Wet stamped structural plans signed by a California registered architect or engineer including the foundation drawings if the structure is not conventional light frame construction.

If plumbing, electrical, or mechanical are to be added to an Agricultural Exempt Structure, a separate permit is required. Also, there can be no change in use. For example, a hay storage barn cannot be later used as a commercial riding stable unless a change of use is applied and approved.

For more information regarding Agricultural Exempt Building Permit requirements please contact our office and request information on **General Information Policy GI-22** or call 916-876-6129 for more information.